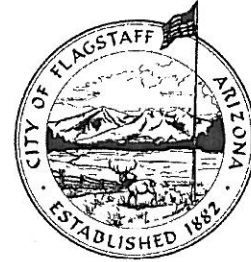


CITY OF FLAGSTAFF STAFF SUMMARY REPORT



To: The Honorable Mayor and Council
From: Heather Ainardi, Acting Director
Flagstaff Convention and Visitors Bureau
928-779-7645
Date: January 27, 2009
Meeting Date: February 17, 2009

Title: Consideration of Appointment: Tourism Commission

Recommended Action:

Discuss in Executive Session and make four appointments as follows:

1. One appointment to a term expiring January, 2012
_____ (hospitality)
 2. One appointment to a partial term expiring January, 2011
_____ (hospitality)
 3. One appointment to a term expiring January, 2012
_____ (at-large)
 4. One appointment to a term expiring January 2012
_____ (at-large)
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ACTION SUMMARY:

By making the above appointments, the Tourism Commission will be returned to full membership.

DISCUSSION:

Background/History:

There are currently four vacant positions on the Tourism Commission (two hospitality industry and two at-large). Three Tourism Commissioner terms expired January 2009, and

one Commissioner resigned due to health reasons. Mary Berg and James "Jamey" Hasapis have each served a partial term. Each is eligible and has expressed interest in being re-appointed to the two at-large positions.

In addition, five applications are on file with the City Clerk's office for Tourism Commission seats: Mark Price, Jeff Saville, Richard Svendsen, Jeff Theiss, and Kristen Whitson.

Key Considerations:

It is important to fill these vacancies as soon as possible since this commission meets each month. Members of this commission serve three-year terms.

The Tourism Commission is recommending re-appointment of Mary Berg and James "Jamey" Hasapis to the two at-large seats in addition to appointment of Mark Price and Richard Svedson for the two hospitality industry seats.

Community Benefits and Considerations:

The Tourism Commission is an independent authority established by state law that supports and advises the Flagstaff Convention and Visitors Bureau. And subsequently, provides an invaluable service to the community and stakeholders alike.

Community Involvement:

These vacancies have been advertised in the media, by word of mouth on the part of the other tourism commissioners and City staff, and have been posted on the City's website.

Financial Implications:


These are voluntary positions and there is no budgetary impact to the City of Flagstaff.

Options and Alternatives:

Defer action to expand the list of candidates.

Attachments/Exhibits:

Membership roster.



Department Head *(Acknowledgment that all reviews have been completed and required approvals initialed below.)*

INITIALS	RESPONSIBILITY	DATE	INITIALS	RESPONSIBILITY	DATE
_____	BIDS/PURCHASES	_____	_____	FINANCE/BUDGET	_____
_____	GRANTS	_____	_____	CONTRACTS	_____
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DATE OF COUNCIL APPROVAL: _____



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TOURISM COMMISSION APPLICANTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>	<u>TRAINING COMPLETED</u>
<u>Price, Mark</u> HOSPITALITY Operations Director/Southwest Hospitality Management 3883 N. Steves Blvd. Flagstaff, AZ 86004 Work Phone: 266-6859 Term: 1st			No
<u>Saville, Jeff</u> AT LARGE President/Align North Media Group 3380 S. Carol Drive Flagstaff, AZ 86001 Cell Phone: 699-5779 Term: 1st			No
<u>Svensden, Richard</u> HOSPITALITY Owner/Starlight Pines Bed and Breakfast 3380 E. Lockett Road Flagstaff, AZ 86004 Cell Phone: 220-0322 Term: 1st			No
<u>Theiss, Jeff</u> HOSPITALITY General Manager/Drury Inn & Suites 1553 W. Daydream Drive Flagstaff, AZ 86001 Work Phone: 773-4900 Term: 1st			No



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Whitson, Kristen

No

AT LARGE

Sales Assistant/Open Road Tours

1942 W. Camelot Dr.

Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Cell Phone: 637-4281

Term: 1st

Council Representative: Al White

Staff Representative: Heather Ainaridi

As Of: February 03, 2009