



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Appointments to the Community Safety Task Force

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for Town Council to consider making appointments to the Community Safety Task Force due to two vacancies that have occurred.

DEPARTMENT: Town Clerk

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INFORMATION: In a resolution approved on April 20, 2021, the Town Council created the Community Safety Task Force. On November 16, 2021, the Town Council made initial appointments to the Community Safety Task Force. Since these initial appointments were made, there have been 2 resignations from the Task Force, which leaves two vacancies. The Task Force occasionally has difficulty achieving a quorum due to these current two vacancies.

Applications have been received from Lori McLamb, Muhsin Omar, Benjamin Blaisdell and Wamiq Chowdhury. All these applicants have confirmed their interest in serving on this Task Force, if appointed. The applications and applicant matrix are both attached to this agenda item for review as Attachment A and Attachment B, respectively.

Per the resolution that created the Task Force (Attachment C), “the membership of the task force shall consist of 5 to 7 residents of Carrboro, appointed by the Town Council, who have professional expertise and/or lived experience in the criminal legal system, human services delivery, social work, public health and harm reduction, community building in marginalized populations, or related content areas. The membership of the task force shall also include 2 to 3 council members designated by the Town Council. A staff resource team will assist in the work of the task force. This team will consist of staff liaisons, designated by the town manager, from the Housing and Community Development Department, the Police Department, the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Resources Department, and/or other staff as determined by the manager.”

Upon review of applicants, each applicant meets the requirements to serve on this Task Force. Finally, Town Council approved to extend the work of this Task Force until May 1, 2023 at their June 14, 2022 meeting.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Town Council discuss and consider appointments to the vacant seats to the Task Force based on the attached applicant matrix. If appointments are made, Council will approve the attached resolution (Attachment D).