



Legislation Text

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Appointments to the Stormwater Advisory Commission

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is for the Town Council to make appointments to the Stormwater Advisory Commission.

DEPARTMENT: Town Clerk

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COUNCIL DIRECTION:

Race/Equity Climate Comprehensive Plan Other

The Town Council follows the Advisory Board Recruitment and Appointment Policy which was adopted on 11-21-2017. Text amendments to this policy were approved by the Town Council on 12-1-2020 and 4-13-2021, respectively, to the section entitled “Composition” which related to expanding the racial and ethnic diversity on advisory boards and commissions. It should be noted that the Advisory Board Recruitment and Appointment Policy is currently being evaluated using the Racial Equity Lens tool.

INFORMATION: At the October 11, 2022 meeting, Town Council made two appointments to this Commission (Gordon Chadwick and Terry Krauss) as the Commission was struggling with meeting a quorum. With those two appointments, the Commission then had a total of five appointed members, with two seats still being vacant.

Terry Krauss resigned from the Commission in January 2023, which put the Commission back into a possible quorum issue as the current number of members is now four.

There have been three applications received for the Commission, Deanna Hardesty, Beth Vollins and Margaret Kurz who have interest in serving and have each attended a Commission meeting.

According to the Town’s Advisory Board Recruitment and Appointment Policy under the Composition section, it states: “If the advisory board must have appointments due to membership numbers resulting in lack of quorum, the Town Clerk shall bring forth applications regardless of the racial and ethnic diversity of applicants and request that Town Council make the appointments.” <

<https://www.carrboronc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5358/Town-of-Carrboro-Advisory-Board-Recruitment-and-Appointment-Policy->>

Further, upon further review there is a diverse applicant in this pool of applicants for the Stormwater Advisory Commission, which meets policy criteria to bring applicants forward for appointment consideration. A resolution for appointments is included as Attachment A.

The applications and completed chair forms for Deanna Hardesty, Beth Vollins and Margaret Kurz are included as Attachment B.

A matrix of the Commission is included as Attachment C.

Pocket questions relating to overall advisory board and commission appointments are included as Attachment D.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: To alleviate quorum issues, it is recommended that Town Council make

appointments to the Stormwater Advisory Commission.