



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Clerk

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Debbie Racca-Sittre

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Board Appointments

SUMMARY:

Approving the following Board appointments to the Municipal Golf Association -San Antonio Board of Directors for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire on May 2, 2023 [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]

- A. Demonte Alexander
- B. Jenny Carnes
- C. Gretchen Garceau-Kragh
- D. Geronimo Guerra
- E. Javier Paredes
- F. Heather Wedige

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Municipal Golf Association-San Antonio (MGA-SA) Board of Directors consists of fifteen members, seven selected by MGA-SA, six appointed by the City Council, and two ex-officio voting members appointed by the City Manager. The ex-officio members are currently filled by Parks and Recreation Director, Homer Garcia III and Finance Assistant Director, Melanie

Keeton. The terms of the six City Council Appointees have expired and are currently serving in holdover status. The announcement for the acceptance of applications for these positions was announced via press release on April 8, 2021. A total of twenty-seven applications were received and at the direction of the Community Health, Environment, & Culture Committee on August 26, 2021, and an Ad-Hoc Review Committee was formed to review all applications to establish a shortlist of candidates for consideration by the full Committee.

The Ad-Hoc Review Committee members included: Councilmember Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, District 2; Councilmember Phyllis Viagran, District 3; Homer Garcia, III, Director, Parks and Recreation; Melanie Keeton, Assistant Director, Finance Department; and Andrew Peterson, President & CEO, Municipal Golf Association – San Antonio. The Ad-Hoc Review Committee convened on October 5, 2021 and shortlisted a total of 11 candidates for consideration by the Community Health, Environment and Culture Council Committee and recommended that the following individuals were to be interviewed: Demonte Alexander, Non-Resident; Jenny Carnes, District 10; Mary Carriker, District 10; Gretchen Garceau-Kragh, District 1; Geronimo Guerrero, District 7; Gregg Hopkins, Non-Resident; Samuel Luna, Jr., District 4; Chris Morales, District 3; Javier Paredes, District 1; Errol Sykes, District 2; and Heather Wedge, District 9.

The Community Health, Environment and Culture Council Committee met on October 28, 2021 and interviewed 8 shortlisted applicants, and read the statements of 3 applicants who could not appear in person for the six available MGA-SA Board vacancies for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire May 2, 2023. After the interview phase was concluded, the Committee Members recessed into Executive Session to deliberate; thereafter, the Committee reconvened in open session to announce their recommendations as follows: Demonte Alexander (Nonresident), New Appointment; Jenny Carnes (District 1), New Appointment; Gretchen Garceau-Kragh (District 1), Reappointment; Geronimo Guerrero (District 7), New Appointment; Javier Paredes (District 1), Reappointment; Heather Wedge (District 9), New Appointment.

The six recommended appointments will be submitted to the full City Council at the next available City Council Meeting for approval on November 18, 2021.

ISSUE:

Board appointments require full City Council approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Office of the City Clerk will continue to promote vacancies.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

In order to proceed with the direction of the City Council, the Office of the City Clerk recommends approval of the Board and Commission Appointments.