



City of Maricopa

Legislation Text

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The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on appointing members to the Parks, Recreation and Library Committee Advisory Committee, Transportation Committee, Heritage District Citizens Advisory Committee, Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Board of Adjustment. Discussion and Action.

On August 7, the City approved Ordinance 12-07 which defines how members are appointed to City boards, committees, and commissions. On September 7, Ordinance 12-07 went into effect. This agenda item gives the City Council the option to nominate and appoint members to the City boards, committees and commissions (BCC) under the new ordinance.

Staff offers the following information for the meeting and the impact of this new ordinance:

Council has received all applications from applicants who wish to be appointed and meet the minimal technical requirements. Applications include current appointees to various BCCs. Any additional applicants that are received will be emailed to Council. Each individual Councilmember has the prerogative to evaluate the qualification of the applicants beyond the minimal qualifications. Council may contact applicants directly if they desire additional information. Applicants are not guaranteed an appointment just because they applied.

Council will be asked to make a nomination for one member of each of the five listed BCCs as they are discussed. Council is requested to bring the name of their primary nomination and any alternate nominations in case their primary is selected by a fellow Councilmember.

If a Councilmember is unable to make a nomination at this meeting, there will be a second opportunity to make nominations at the October 2 meeting.

With the passage of Ordinance 12-07, family members are not eligible for nomination “unless there are not sufficient applicants for the position.”

Heritage District clarification: On August 23, Council approved specific guidelines for nomination of members of the Heritage District Citizens Advisory Committee. Specifically, these guidelines give preference to members who live within the Heritage District or represent businesses physically located within the district. It does not preclude the appointment of applicants if no other prefers applicants are available.

The necessity of Council to appoint seven members to five different BCC within a two week timeframe is a onetime situation. With the adoption of Ordinance 12-07 the appointments made tonight will be co-terminus (the appointee's term runs concurrent with the appointing Councilmember). As a result, in the future, no more than four positions will come up at any one time for any BCC. Following this action, staff will begin implementation of the application bank which will require updates the BCC applications and processes.

Staff recommends that Council appoint members to the Parks, Recreation and Library Committee Advisory Committee, Transportation Committee, Heritage District Citizens Advisory Committee, Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Board of Adjustment.