



Council Conference Meeting

October 14, 2024

5:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

Agenda

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Items for Discussion

1. Parks and Recreation Commission Candidate Interviews

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October 14, 2024

Meeting Type: City Council Conference Meeting

Submitted By: Melissa Moore, City Clerk/Communications Manager

Title

Parks and Recreation Commission Candidate Interviews

Background

Pursuant to the Commissions chapter of the City Code the Fridley City Council (Council) appoints members to most of the City's advisory commissions. For review, these are the commissioners on each of the City's commissions:

Environmental Quality and Energy Commission

Name	Title	Ward	Term ends
Aaron Klemz	Chair	2	12/31/2025
Justin Foell	Commissioner	1	12/31/2025
Heidi Ferris	Commissioner	3	12/31/2026
Amy Dritz	Commissioner	3	12/31/2024
Mark Hansen	Commissioner	3	12/31/2024
Sam Stoxen	Commissioner	1	12/31/2025
Avonna Starck	Commissioner	1	12/31/2026

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Name	Title	Ward	Term ends
Elizabeth Showalter	Chair	1	12/31/2028
Rachel Schwankl	Commissioner	2	12/31/2025
Gordon Backlund	Commissioner	2	12/31/2026
Troy Brueggemeier	Commissioner	1	12/31/2027
John Buyse	Commissioner	2	12/31/2024

Parks and Recreation Commission

Name	Title	Ward	Term ends
Peter Borman	Chair	3	12/31/2024
Ken Schultz	Commissioner	3	12/31/2024
Don Whalen	Commissioner	3	12/21/2024
Luke Cardona	Commissioner	1	12/31/2025

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.

EB Graham	Commissioner	2	12/31/2026
Tim Kirk	Commissioner	1	12/31/2025

Planning Commission

Name	Title	Ward	Term ends
Mark Hansen	Chair	3	12/31/2024
Pete Borman	Commissioner	3	12/31/2024
Aaron Klemz	Commissioner	2	12/31/2025
Ross Meisner	Commissioner	3	12/31/2024
Mike Heuchert	Commissioner	2	12/31/2025
Aaron Brom	Commissioner	2	12/31/2026
Paul Nealy	Commissioner	2	12/31/2025

Public Arts Commission

Name	Title	Ward	Term ends
Gary Osterbauer	Commissioner	2	12/31/2027
Ryan Fugleberg	Commissioner	2	12/31/2027
Maija Sedzielarz	Commissioner	2	12/31/2027
Frank Sedzielarz	Commissioner	2	12/31/2027
Kara Ruwart	Commissioner	2	12/31/2027
Joshua Collins	Commissioner	3	12/31/2027

Earlier this year the Parks and Recreation Commission reported a vacancy. In response the City advertised an opening on the Commission. The applications the City received are attached. Some of the applicant data is considered private data on individuals and has been redacted pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 13.601 subd. 3. Each candidate was invited to attend this evening's meeting to be interviewed by the Council. If the Council determines who they would like to appoint, staff will prepare a resolution to do so at the October 28 Council meeting.

Recommendation

Staff recommend the Council interview the four applicants and decide who will be appointed to the Commission.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Jake Karnopp application (Ward 1)
- Melissa Luna application (Ward 1)
- Anthony Martineau (Ward 1)
- Taylor Stein (Ward 1)

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From: [Jotform](#)
 To: [City of Fridley Communications Division](#)
 Subject: Re: City Commission Interest Form - Jake Karnopp
 Date: Wednesday, September 04, 2024 10:18:39 AM



City Commission Interest Form

Name	Jake Karnopp
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Number of Years/Months as a Resident of Fridley	18/9
Employer	National Association of Letter Carriers
Employer Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Employer Address	[REDACTED]
Charter Commission	1 / 6
Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA)	5 / 6
Planning Commission	5 / 6
Environmental Quality & Energy Commission	1 / 6
Parks & Recreation Commission	6 / 6
Public Arts Commission	5 / 6
Prior experience on City commissions or other volunteer boards:	Current Fridley ISD 14 School Board Chair 2023-Present Fridley ISD 14 School Board Member 2019-Present Fridley Youth Baseball President 2023-Present Fridley Youth Baseball Board Member 2017-Present Active coach within Fridley Youth Sports (Soccer, Basketball, and Baseball)

Active volunteer within Fridley Public Schools

Prior related work experience:

Between the years of 2000-2014 I worked as a Letter Carrier with the USPS dealing with community members/customers on a daily basis. Working as a Letter Carrier has a way of teaching you to be in tune with the community you serve, as you tend to notice things others may not, and I often use those learned skills while I move about our City.

Since 2014 I have worked for the Union that represents our Letter Carriers in MN, ND, SD, and WI. This work is a bit different than delivering mail. However, my work as a Union Advocate charged with protecting the rights of Letter Carriers and building relationships with USPS representatives has honed my critical thinking skills and the ability to solve complex problems.

Civic, professional and community activities:

Being a Fridley ISD 14 School Board member gives me the opportunity to engage in several community engagement activities within the City of Fridley. Recently, my self and another Board member planted new flowers and plants at the FCC sign. Last week, I also volunteered at the Fridley Middle/High School block party by grilling and providing free food for those in attendance.

As a member and employee of my Union, the National Association of Letter Carriers, I often take part in fundraising activities for our charity of choice the Muscular Dystrophy Association. For a number of years I had led some of these efforts, raising tens of thousands of dollars for MDA.

Why do you want to be on a Fridley commission?

I am a civic minded person that believes in investing in the community in which I reside. For all of my adult life I have worked and volunteered in areas of serving the community in which I reside or work in, and this is something that gives me a sense of accomplishment.

What strengths, skills and abilities do you believe you will add to the commission?

I have the ability critically think with an open mind. I am a good listener and apply common sense the decisions I make, while asking questions to inform my choices.

I have a strong sense of what our community values and what is important to them. Specifically, when it comes to our parks I have a deep understanding of the usage by our Fridley Youth Sports Association and Public Schools.

Also, as a member of the Fridley School Board, I could be a direct conduit between the City and the largest school district within the City boundaries.

Do you have other commitments that may impact your ability to attend commission meetings (e.g., travel for work, etc.)?

No

Did a current City Council member, advisory commissioner or member

No

of staff recommend/refer
you apply for a City
commission?

Please acknowledge if you
have read the application notice. **Yes, I have read and understand the notice.**

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From: [Jotform](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: City Commission Interest Form - Melissa Luna
Date: Friday, August 30, 2024 10:27:41 AM

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City Commission Interest Form

Name Melissa Luna

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

[REDACTED]

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Number of Years/Months
as a Resident of Fridley

5

Charter Commission

2 / 6

Housing &
Redevelopment Authority
(HRA)

5 / 6

Planning Commission

5 / 6

Environmental Quality &
Energy Commission

3 / 6

Parks & Recreation
Commission

5 / 6

Public Arts Commission

3 / 6

Prior experience on City
commissions or other
volunteer boards:

I have experience being on the Minnesota Social Services Association Scholarship Committee. I have been a member of that board for 4 years.

Prior related work
experience:

I am a licensed social worker with the passion of making the world a more just, equitable, and joyful place. I have been in several leadership positions where I have used my skills of effective communication, organization and passion to support new (and existing programs) thrive. My experience ranges from working with folks living in group homes, struggling with mental health, substance use and folks experiencing homelessness.

Civic, professional and community activities:

I have volunteered for random events throughout the Fridley Community and in southern MN where I am originally from. I take pride in the work that I do to make the world a better place and believe that having a strong and safe community is so important.

Why do you want to be on a Fridley commission?

I am interested in being more active in the community. We have made Fridley our home and have seen changes over the years, some good, some we don't quite understand. Being able to be a part of a committee to help support a strong community is intriguing to me and I would be honored to help create a more joyful and safe city.

What strengths, skills and abilities do you believe you will add to the commission?

I have strong leadership skills as I stated above. I am passionate about being a positive influence and person in others' lives and I enjoy challenging myself with unknowns. As a social worker, I am an advocate for those who may not have their voices heard, and I am an agent of change. I believe that change can be good but only as good as it is communicated/rolled out.

Do you have other commitments that may impact your ability to attend commission meetings (e.g., travel for work, etc.)?

No

If yes, how often?

N/A

Additional comments

Thank you for considering my application to join a committee for the City of Fridley.

Did a current City Council member, advisory commissioner or member of staff recommend/refer you apply for a City commission?

No

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Yes, I have read and understand the notice.

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From: [Jotform](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: City Commission Interest Form - Anthony Martineau
Date: Thursday, September 05, 2024 7:40:45 AM



City Commission Interest Form

Name	Anthony Martineau
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Number of Years/Months as a Resident of Fridley	9 years
Employer	CEVA Logistics
Employer Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Employer Address	[REDACTED]
Employer Email	[REDACTED]
Charter Commission	5 / 6
Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA)	2 / 6
Planning Commission	4 / 6
Environmental Quality & Energy Commission	3 / 6
Parks & Recreation Commission	5 / 6
Public Arts Commission	4 / 6
Prior experience on City commissions or other volunteer boards:	I have held and or worked for several non profits (feed my starving children, Susan G Koman, sisters in scars, party did for a purpose) and volunteering with coworkers or on my own. I am looking to gain exposure and experience to run for office volunteering on the commission. My end goal is to give back to

my community and be elected to a position on the city council.

Prior related work experience:

Professional Activities:

Oversee one of the largest companies in the state, managing large teams and implementing technology-driven strategies to maintain security and efficiency in operations.

Cybersecurity and Information Technology:

Provided expert advice on securing digital infrastructure for various companies and organizations.

Civic, professional and community activities:

Involvement and volunteering for several Non-profits:

Dedicated time and resources to nonprofit organizations, supporting causes such as homelessness, hunger and several health related causes, demonstrating a commitment to giving back to the community and helping those in need.

Community Activities:

Active remote worker and small business owner that has a focus on giving back part of my proceeds to charity. I have been active in the park planning projects and worked with civic employees on several projects in the past

Organizer/Leader of events and outings: I have a background in digital media and design for non profits in or outside Minnesota. Experience managing a team with a strategic approach to promote teamwork, communication, and strategic thinking, which mirrors real-life leadership and organizational skills.

Support of Local Schools/Youth Programs in Fridley and surrounding areas:

Former Fraternal Order of Eagles of New Brighton where I engaged with programs that promote community involvement including the surrounding cities. Actively follow Fridley youth activities and donate to support our youth.

Why do you want to be on a Fridley commission?

I am looking to join the City of Fridley Commission because I am passionate about contributing to the community's development and ensuring its long-term success. With my background in cybersecurity and information technology, I believe I can offer a unique perspective on how to enhance the city's infrastructure, particularly in areas of digital security, technology implementation, and innovation. My experience managing a large company has also given me strong leadership and decision-making skills, which I can apply to making thoughtful and impactful contributions to the commission. Additionally, I am motivated by a desire to collaborate with fellow community members to create a more inclusive, safe, and forward-thinking environment in Fridley

What strengths, skills and abilities do you believe you will add to the commission?

Critical and outside the box thinker with a strong analytical background and customer service and management positions for several large companies. I am currently the product owner/analyst for my customer Target for their warehouse and order management systems

Do you have other

Yes

commitments that may impact your ability to attend commission meetings (e.g., travel for work, etc.)?

If yes, how often?

With notice there should be no conflicts

Additional comments

I look forward to hearing back and potentially taking my next step into the world of civic duty. Thank you for your time and consideration

Did a current City Council member, advisory commissioner or member of staff recommend/refer you apply for a City commission?

No

Reference 1 - Email

Reference 1 - Name

Trisha Sapa

Reference 2 - Name

Steven Shiek

Reference 2 - Email

Reference 3 - Name

Bret Kasel

Reference 3 - Email

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From: [Jotform](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: City Commission Interest Form - Taylor Stein
Date: Monday, September 16, 2024 10:45:52 AM



City Commission Interest Form

Name	Taylor Stein
Email	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Number of Years/Months as a Resident of Fridley	11
Parks & Recreation Commission	6 / 6
Public Arts Commission	6 / 6
Prior experience on City commissions or other volunteer boards:	FYSA - Fridley Baseball - House Director (2023, 2024), President (2025)
Civic, professional and community activities:	Youth Sports Coach - Fridley Baseball (2020 - Present) - Fridley Soccer (2020 - Present) - Fridley Basketball (2022 - 2024)
Why do you want to be on a Fridley commission?	I believe that parks and recreation provide a strong sense of community for a city. When my family moved to Fridley we didn't know a whole lot about the area, but were impressed by the number of well-maintained parks. Having been a resident for some time now, I want to make sure that the parks continue to be a priority for the city and can work hand-in-hand with the revitalization of youth sports in our community. The parks and recreation department/commission in Fridley is a huge asset and I want to see those resources utilized in a way that makes sense for the community.
What strengths, skills and abilities do you believe you will add to the commission?	I work in a field where communication is key and am often involved in making decisions with a group of people. I enjoy having an open dialogue on topics at hand and like to look at problems from multiple perspectives in order to find the best course of action.

Do you have other commitments that may impact your ability to attend commission meetings (e.g., travel for work, etc.)?

Yes

If yes, how often?

I travel for work at various points during the year. Dates vary.

Did a current City Council member, advisory commissioner or member of staff recommend/refer you apply for a City commission?

Yes

If so, who?

Ryan Evanson

Member email

[REDACTED]

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