



Special City Council Meeting

March 31, 2025

5:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

Agenda

Call to Order

New Business

1. Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Parks and Recreation Commission Candidate Interviews

Adjourn

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: March 31, 2025

Meeting Type: Special City Council Meeting

Submitted By: Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk

Title

Housing and Redevelopment Authority and 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 including the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and the Parks and Recreation Commission. For review, these are the commissioners currently serving on the HRA:

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

For review, these are the commissioners currently serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission:

Name	Title	Ward	Term ends
Peter Borman	Chair	3	12/31/2027
Ken Schultz	Commissioner	3	12/31/2027
Don Whalen	Commissioner	3	12/31/2027
EB Graham	Commissioner	2	12/31/2026
Tim Kirk	Commissioner	1	12/31/2025
Melissa Luna	Commissioner	1	12/31/2025

In February, the HRA reported a vacancy. In March, the Parks and Recreation Commission reported a vacancy. In response the City advertised an opening on each body. 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

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meeting to be interviewed by the Council. An application is attached for Jake Karnopp who previously interviewed with the Council, but he was unable to attend this evening's meeting. If the Council determines who they would like to appoint, staff will prepare a resolution to do so at the April 14 Council meeting.

The order of interviews for this evening are as follows:

- 5:20 – Frank Inamagua - HRA
- 5:35 – Emma Carter – Parks and Recreation
- 5:50 – Taylor Stein – Parks and Recreation
- 6:05 – Jodi Rehlander - HRA or Parks and Recreation

For consideration but unable to attend this evening:

Jake Karnopp - Parks and Recreation

Recommendation

Staff recommend the Council interview and review materials for the five applicants and decide who will be appointed to the HRA Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Frank Inamagua Application
- Emma Carter Application
- Taylor Stein Application
- Jodi Rehlander Application
- Jake Karnopp Application

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From: [Jotform](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: City Commission Interest Form - Frank Inamagua
Date: Friday, February 28, 2025 1:09:18 PM



City Commission Interest Form

Name	Frank Inamagua
Email	finamagua@outlook.com
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Number of Years/Months as a Resident of Fridley	7 years
Employer	Drake Bank
Employer Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Employer Address	[REDACTED]
Employer Email	[REDACTED]
Charter Commission	3 / 6
Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA)	1 / 6
Planning Commission	3 / 6
Environmental Quality & Energy Commission	5 / 6
Parks & Recreation Commission	3 / 6
Public Arts Commission	6 / 6
Prior experience on City commissions or other volunteer boards:	I've been a board member of the Lake Street Council, member of Lowry Hill SSD, currently on finance committee of the LSC and on the advancement committee of LEDC

Prior related work experience:

As a commercial lender, I'm involved in all types of projects especially in development and construction.

Why do you want to be on a Fridley commission?

Realistically, to learn and make a difference. I was originally going to apply for the vacant city council role but I do not feel ready. I feel it's my duty for civic engagement

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

Leadership and communication. Also, bring in the financial perspective

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?

Depends on the event I may have a work conflict or vacation.

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

No

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 - Emma Carter
Date: Monday, March 24, 2025 8:38:20 PM



City Commission Interest Form

Name	Emma Carter
Email	emma.carter8764@gmail.com
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Number of Years/Months as a Resident of Fridley	4 years
Employer	Honeywell
Employer Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Employer Address	[REDACTED]
Employer Email	e [REDACTED]
Charter Commission	5 / 6
Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA)	3 / 6
Planning Commission	5 / 6
Environmental Quality & Energy Commission	3 / 6
Parks & Recreation Commission	1 / 6
Public Arts Commission	4 / 6
Prior experience on City commissions or other volunteer boards:	No prior experience with city government. Served on a few previous volunteer boards: CSEIA International Ambassadors (college student group), charity committee board at a previous job, River City Running Club (membership chair).

Prior related work experience:	No work experience in areas related to city government. I have been employed as a mechanical engineer for the past 10 years.
Civic, professional and community activities:	As previously mentioned, I am a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Minnesota. I previously spent a summer maintaining trails in the Superior National Forest with the Minnesota Conservation Corps. I'm a regular donor in support of a local food shelf and homeless youth shelter. (SACA food shelf and Avenues for Youth) I volunteer occasionally at local running events, food shelves, and homeless shelters.
Why do you want to be on a Fridley commission?	I'd like to get more involved with city government. I recently applied for the open city council position and during that process heard about the open position on the Parks and Rec Commission. As a runner I am a heavy user of multiple parks and trail systems. I've been really impressed with the city parks in my time in Fridley, and I'd like to help out with the effort to keep them up to date and serving the needs of as many residents as possible.
What strengths, skills and abilities do you believe you will add to the commission?	I am organized, detail-oriented, and I work well in teams.
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 of staff recommend/refer you apply for a City commission?	Yes
If so, who?	Luke Cardona
Member email	lukecardona@gmail.com
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 - Taylor Stein
Date: Monday, September 16, 2024 10:45:52 AM



City Commission Interest Form

Name	Taylor Stein
Email	taylorstein.ne@gmail.com
Address	
Phone Number	
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

Ryan.Evanson@fridley.mn.gov

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From: [Jotform](#)
 To: [City Clerk](#)
 Subject: Re: City Commission Interest Form - Jodi Rehlander
 Date: Wednesday, March 05, 2025 12:08:28 AM



City Commission Interest Form

Name	Jodi Rehlander
Email	copygirl48@gmail.com
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Number of Years/Months as a Resident of Fridley	16
Employer	Charter Solutions
Employer Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Employer Address	[REDACTED]
Employer Email	[REDACTED]
Charter Commission	4 / 6
Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA)	1 / 6
Planning Commission	4 / 6
Environmental Quality & Energy Commission	4 / 6
Parks & Recreation Commission	1 / 6
Public Arts Commission	2 / 6
Prior experience on City commissions or other volunteer boards:	2 years, Rushford Area Society of the Arts (student rep and secretary) 4 years, ELCA SE MN Synod Lutheran Youth Organization (at large member, president) 5 years, Columbia Heights Fine Arts Foundation

6 years, Minnesota Vixen Women's Football, owner
 2 years, Minnesota Minx Women's Football, defensive
 coordinator / head coach / board advisor

Prior related work
 experience:

Technology and business roles with increasing responsibility
 over time
 Project management
 Small and large event planning
 Budgeting
 Logistics
 Newspaper reporter and copy editor at daily and weekly
 publications

Civic, professional and
 community activities:

Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity
 Member, International Information Systems Security
 Certification Consortium
 Member, Women in CyberSecurity
 Coaching sports at the youth, high school and adult level
 Columbia Heights Fine Arts Foundation

Why do you want to be on
 a Fridley commission?

I want to be a part of Fridley's continued success via open,
 positive and transparent work. I love living here, and I would
 love to help the city celebrate its past, present and future with
 thoughtful and impactful projects and development.

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

Collaboration
 Curiosity
 Conflict resolution
 Courage
 Commitment
 Open-mindedness
 Diverse thought perspectives

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

No

Additional comments

As I was growing up in the southeastern corner of Minnesota, I
 watched my parents serve their community in many ways.
 Dedicated individuals can absolutely impact civic progress. I
 would be honored to follow in their footsteps and make my
 chosen community a strong, welcoming and vibrant place to
 live.

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

Yes

If so, who?

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Reference 1 - Email **bmarszalek@yahoo.com**

Reference 1 - Name **Brian Marszalek**

Reference 2 - Name **Sheena Reed**

Reference 2 - Email **sheena.l.j.reed@gmail.com**

Reference 3 - Name **Angela Mannella**

Reference 3 - Email **angela@moorethandance.com**

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application notice. **Yes, I have read and understand the notice.**

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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	jakekarnopp@gmail.com
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

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