## STUDY SESSION AGENDA

# CITY COUNCIL CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO

7500 W. 29th Ave. Wheat Ridge CO

February 4, 2019

6:30 p.m.

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## Citizen Comment on Agenda Items

- <u>1.</u> City Treasurer Candidate Presentations
- 2. Art Space Feasibility Study
- <u>3.</u> Discussion of Procedures for Appointments to Boards and Commissions
- 4. Staff Report(s)
- <u>5.</u> Elected Officials' Report(s)

**ADJOURNMENT** 



## Memorandum

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Patrick Goff, City Manager

**DATE:** February 4, 2019

**SUBJECT:** City Treasurer Presentations

#### **ISSUE:**

City Treasurer DiTullio was elected to the office of Jefferson County Treasurer on November 6, 2018. Mr. DiTullio resigned as City Treasurer effective midnight, January 7, 2019. In order to fill the City Treasurer vacancy, prospective candidates were invited to present to City Council during the February 4, 2019 study session.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Wheat Ridge City Charter addresses vacancies of elected officials as stated below:

#### Sec. 3.11. Vacancies in elective offices.

- (a) An elected official shall continue to hold his office until his successor is duly qualified. An elective office shall become vacant whenever any officer is recalled, dies, becomes incapacitated, resigns, refuses to serve, ceases to be a resident of the city, or is convicted of a felony.
- (b) ...
- (c) If a vacancy occurs in the office of the city clerk or city treasurer, no special election shall be called but such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the council for the remainder of the term.

## Sec. 4.4. Qualifications.

(a) No person shall be eligible to hold the office of a councilmember unless, at the time of his election, he is a registered elector, as defined by Colorado Revised Statutes, and is a resident of the district from which he is elected for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election.

*Note: City Treasurer shall have the same qualifications as members of the council.* 

City Charter, Wheat Ridge Code of Laws or Council Rules and Procedures do not address specific procedures for the appointment of elected officials. For this appointment, City Council allowed Wheat Ridge residents to apply for the position.

The application period was open Friday, December 21, 2018 through Friday, January 25, 2019. Staff informed all qualified respondents to prepare a brief presentation to City Council on February

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4, 2019. Two applications were submitted, both of which were eligible for the City Treasurer position. The applications and resume have been included as an attachment for City Council review.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Chris Miller Application and Resume
- 2. Korey Stites Application



# City Treasurer Application

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3581 Ward Road, Wheat Ridge	, CO 80033				
Email Address			Phone		
Chris.Miller@Denvergov.org			720-933-311	10	
Occupation			Employer		
Accountant/Agency Controller			City and Cou	unty of Dei	over-Arts and Venues
Duties:  The duties of the Treasurer can be found in Sec. 3.10 of the Wheat Ridge City Charter. The salary for this position will be \$29,000 annually. City Council will be undergoing a review of the duties and salary of the City Treasurer for the term beginning in November 2019.  Requirements:  The City Treasurer is required to be a registered elector of the city for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding appointment, and must remain a resident of Wheat Ridge throughout his or her entire appointment.					
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## Community Involvement & Experience

If you need more space to respond to the questions, you may include one (1) additional, separate page of responses (total, not per question) and include it as an attachment when you submit your application.
Have you ever, or do you currently serve in any appointed position on a Board, Committee or Commission?
Yes
If yes, please describe:
I currently serve on the board of the Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival as the Treasurer.
Please describe any other community involvement, experience or interests:
In various positions during my career at the City and County of Denver I have advocated for Denver's public art program. Specifically, I've worked in various capacities to secure funding for Denver's "percent for public art" program which funds the procurement of public art with a portion of the budget from qualifying construction projects. Recently, I lead an effort to establish a \$424,000 budget for public art projects supported by Denver's Platte to Park Hill stormwater conveyance program. These projects had been overlooked for public art because traditionally, wastewater projects are not in the public view and therefore do not qualify public art. The effort I lead provided budget for portions of the project which were above ground and met the criteria of Denver's public art ordinance.

Why would you like to serve as City Treasurer?

I would like to serve as City Treasurer because I enjoy giving back to the community by volunteering my time to organizations that make a positive difference in the community. I am a longtime public sector employee and I have found my career public service extremely rewarding because local municipalities are able to provide service to the community without the profitability requirements of organizations in the private sector. The Treasurer position serves an important role in ensuring that city assets are properly safeguarded and efficiently managed such that the municipality can continue to effectively serve its citizens and fulfill its purpose.

Please describe your experience with accounting, auditing, cash receivables and the investment of monies:

I have worked for the City and County of Denver for 13 years and during this time I spent over 6 years working in different positions as an Accountant, Analyst and Accounting Supervisor for the Department of Finance supporting Denver's Treasury Division. My duties included preparing the accounting transaction for the investment activity of the city's over \$2.2 Billion portfolio, reviewing and auditing investment purchases for compliance with the city's investment policy, distribution of interest earnings to citywide funds, financial reporting of investment earnings to city management, sales and property tax accounting, recording inter-fund cash transactions, reconciling all city bank accounts, and bank account management. I am currently the agency Controller for Denver Arts and Venues. This agency operates all city owned venues through a special revenue fund and I am responsible for recording and collecting over \$55 million in annual revenue along with developing and expending an approximate \$40 million annual operating budget.

What qualities do you possess that will make you an effective City Treasurer?

The positions I have held while working for the City and County of Denver have provided me not only with work experience, but also the opportunities to be exposed to the systems, process and procedures necessary to administer the financial transactions and operations of a large municipal government at various levels. These qualities include relevant experience working in a municipal treasury division and the developing and executing both operating and capital budgets of city departments. This experience would be invaluable to my effectiveness in this position, provides the skills and background necessary to quickly assume the Treasurer's duties, adds value to the city team, and provide the transparency and citizen oversight assigned by the City Charter.

Additional Information	
If there anything that would adversely affect your ability to serve as Ci	ity Treasurer?
○ Yes      No	
If yes, please explain:	
Verification	
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✓ I am requesting appointment as the Wheat Ridge City Treasurer. It commit to the best of my ability to fulfill the duties of that office for the present term, which ends at the November, 2019 general elect	the full remainder of
Full name	Date:
Christopher William Miller	01/16/2019

Please submit your application, along with any other relevant information (resume, references, additional response page, etc.) to Deputy City Clerk Robin Eaton at reaton@ci.wheatridge.co.us

All qualified candidates will be confirmed by email and asked to provide a 3-5 minute presentation to City Council on Monday. February 4, 2019 at 6:30p.m.

Applications are due by Friday, January 25, 2019 at 5:00p.m.

## Christopher Miller 3581 Ward Road, Wheat Ridge, CO

Chris.Miller@Denvergov.org 720-933-3110

## Summary of Qualifications:

- Five years' experience working in the City and County of Denver's Department of Finance in both the Treasury and Department of Finance.
- Six years' experience working for Denver's Department of Public Works Capital Project Management Office.
- Currently I am the Controller for Denver's Arts and Venues agency.
- Strong accounting and analytical background including general ledger accounting, account reconciliation, banking, investment accounting and financial reporting.
- Strong ability to analyze and interpret financial data, identify problems, recommend and implement efficient solutions.
- Highly proficient in capital program/project analysis and reporting, including forecasting project expenses and associated cash flows to facilitate municipal debt issuance.
- Experienced in developing annual Capital Improvement Program and operating budgets for a large department in a municipal government setting.
- Innovative attitude, willing to identify opportunities for efficiency, create and implement effective process improvements.

#### Education

University of Colorado at Denver, 2009

Master of Science-Finance

University of Colorado at Denver, 2009

Master of Science-Accounting

University of Colorado at Denver, 2004

Bachelors of Science, Business Administration, Double Major: Accounting and Finance

## Professional Experience

## City and County of Denver, Arts and Venues—Finance

## Fiscal Administrator/Agency Controller, 05/2017-Present

- Responsible for developing \$40 Million annual agency budget for appropriation by City Council.
- Administer agency expenditures for compliance with city fiscal rules, GAAP, and the city's procurement guidelines.
- Supervise a team of 4 Associate Accountants.
- Successfully transitioned agency to a new accounts receivable system which utilizes the city official financial system from QuickBooks.
- Reconcile financial activity to financial system to ensure accuracy and compliance with applicable regulations.
- Developed new financial reports which streamline reporting for management and decision makers.

# City and County of Denver, Department of Public Works—Program Resource Office Management Analyst Supervisor, 05/2011-05/2017

- Maintained project schedules utilizing Primavera P6 for a citywide \$550M Better Denver Bond program consisting of 300+ projects and the city's capital program of approximately 200 capital projects of various complexities.
- Prepared project performance and financial reports for several portfolios of projects for citywide management monthly.
- Administered Project Management Plans to include all required milestones and schedule activities to ensure complete
  project schedules and financial information to facilitate internal and external stakeholder reporting.
- Prepared cash flow analysis to facilitate capital project programming for multiple programs and individual projects
- Designed and built various ad-hoc reports and using financial data and Microsoft Excel, Access to facilitate decision-making and support management initiatives.
- Collaborated with consultants to design and build a citywide project tracking system that incorporated schedule data,
  financial data and other project information in order to collect project status, schedule updates, report project financial
  data and prepare performance reports for multiple stakeholders from internal management to City Council and the
  community.

# City and County of Denver, Department of Finance—City Controller's Office Accounting Supervisor, 01/2008-04/2011

- Supervised the general ledger accounting and financial support teams in the citywide Controller's Office.
- Responsible for accounting of city's investment portfolio, distribution of investment earning and citywide investment reporting.
- Prepared accounting transactions and reconciliations related to the bank accounts, citywide banking transactions, property tax receipts, sales tax receipts, debt transactions, various balance sheet accounts, Treasury cash and revenue accounts, and citywide fixed assets.
- Reviewed citywide accounting transactions to verify transaction accuracy, proper authorization and compliance with city fiscal rules and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
- Entered or uploaded citywide accounting transactions in the city's financial system.
- Developed many procedures to automate accounting transaction using both Microsoft Access and Excel that facilitated reconciliation of general ledger accounts and created journal entries for upload to the city's financial system which eliminated the need for manually data entry.

# City and County of Denver, Department of Finance—Treasury Senior Financial Management Analyst, 05/2007-01/2008

- Supported the city's Cash Management section that manages all banking activities.
- Performed analysis and prepared reports of bank service costs and benefits.
- Worked as a liaison between city departments and banks to identify and resolve issues.
- Reviewed all bank account activity and positive pay expectations on a daily basis for fraudulent activity and bank errors.
- Collected financial data to facilitate reporting and develop cash forecasting models.

# City and County of Denver, Department of Finance—Treasury Staff Accountant, 12/2005-5/2007

- Responsible for reconciling all city managed bank accounts against the city's general ledger.
- Duties included identifying general ledger errors, making correcting entries, recording fees, and maintaining the overall
  accuracy of the general ledger related to bank transactions.
- Worked as a liaison between other city agencies and the Treasury to assist in properly recording cash-related items.
- Reviewed journal entries of the Accounting Technician who recorded Treasury activities such as debt service payments, account transfers, investment transaction, and wire/ACH distributions.
- Analyzed bank transactions for accuracy and worked with the bank to make corrections.
- Supported Accounting Section management with external independent audits.
- Developed and implemented new procedures to improve accounting processes.

## Volunteer Experience

## Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival—Treasurer, 2017-Present

- Participated in monthly board meetings.
- Prepared reports of financial activity
- Entered Festival financial activity into QuickBooks.
- Supported the board in developing the annual budget

#### Good Shepard Church and School Annual Fish Fry—Volunteer, 2013-Present

The profits from this event support community organizations.

# Denver Employees Volunteer Opportunities—Annual Paint-a-Thon Volunteer, 2015-2017

This event helps local seniors in need paint the exterior of their homes that would otherwise not be maintained.

## Additional Training/Education

I am currently studying for the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification. This is a professional certification awarded by Association of Government Accountants to those who demonstrate competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels. CGFM candidates must have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management and a bachelor's degree in an associated field.

## References

- Frank Delmonte, Chief Financial Officer, Denver Arts and Venues
  - o Frank.Delmonte@Denvergov.org

303-865-4233

- Kent Rice, Executive Director (Retired Dec. 2018), Denver Arts and Venues
  - o kentrice44@gmail.com
- Caroline Hendrickson, Director of Cash and Investments, City and County of Denver Cash, Risk & Capital Funding
  - o <u>Caroline.Hendrickson@Denvergov.org</u> 720-913-9335
- Bill Franz, Investment Manager (Retired), City and County of Denver Treasury/Department of Finance
  - wsfranz@gmail.com

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- Lesley Thomas, City Engineer, Denver Public Works
  - Lesley.Thomas@Denvergov.org

720-865-8719

- Matt Bryner, Director of Right of Way, Denver Public Works
  - Matt.Bryner@Denvergov.org

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CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE

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Occupation		Employer
Owner		Personal Achievement Martial Arts
The duties of the Treasurer for this position will be \$29, salary of the City Treasurer	,000 annually. <i>City Cou</i> r	10 of the Wheat Ridge City Charter. The salary notil will be undergoing a review of the duties and in November 2019.
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## **Community Involvement & Experience**

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Have you ever, or do you currently serve in any appointed position on a Board, Committee or Commission?		
If yes, please describe:		
See Attached Sheet		
Please describe any other community involvement, experience or interests:  I own and operate Personal Achievement Martial Arts, a successful Wheat Ridge small business. Over the past 9 years, this has allowed me the opportunity to be involved in the community in various ways. Personal Achievement has raised thousands of dollars a year for local elementary schools. We consistently participate in local events such as the Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival, RidgeFest, Criterium, and the Localworks fitness series. We were also the 2017 Localworks award winner for Community Builder of the Year. In 2018 Personal Achievement Martial Arts was honored as Wheat Ridge's Business of the Year.  I am the administrator of many community-oriented Facebook pages in Wheat Ridge; Wheat Ridge Politics-419 members Wheat Ridge Politics-419 members Buy Sell Swap Wheat Ridge-3,797 members Wheat Ridge Community-334 members Shop Local Wheat Ridge-786 members Through these groups, I have been able to connect and work with so many in our community. Many times, needing to make rulings and decisions for the greater group independent of my own personal thoughts or feelings.		

Why would you like to serve as City Treasurer?
I have been involved in the city of Wheat Ridge in some capacity for 35 years. Wheat Ridge is simply my home. I have been fortunate enough to have benefitted from all that this city has to offer. I went to great schools, had wonderful friends, neighbors, and family, and now have a growing and thriving community first business. All this comes in large part because of the city of Wheat Ridge and the amazing people who live here.
Public service in Wheat Ridge is a tradition in my family. I remember going to city council meetings as a child or being the only kid in class excited for the Monday night city council meetings on TV. Growing up I have been fortunate to observe many of the members of my family stepping up to serve the community that has been so great to us. The level of commitment and passion for the community m family has passed down is something I take seriously and believe I can add my years of experience as a successful business owner, and involvement in this community, to be an effective treasurer.
Please describe your experience with accounting, auditing, cash receivables and the investment of monies:
With the requirements of earning a minor in general business, and a master's degree in organizational leadership, I have taken both general and managerial accounting, and finance classes.
As a business owner, I oversee its finances; bookkeeping and accounting. I watch and keep track of the accounting reports on a weekly basis. I also audit our receivables reports, that our program director generates. Consistently finding the right places to invest our capital is critical for a small business.
While a member of the Wheat Ridge Water District board of directors, I voted on the approval of moving of money from one investment to another. The city, like the water district can only invest in certain types of accounts and investments. I gained experience in those processes and many of the products that are available for investment.
What qualities do you possess that will make you an effective City Treasurer?
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Full name	Date:
Korey Michael Stites	1/14/2019

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#### **Have You Served On Boards or Commissions?**

\*Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Committee (August 2018-Present) - As a co-chair, I am working with a council appointed steering committee comprised of 26 community members to guide a year-long update to the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy. The resulting recommendations will have significant impact on the prioritization of city resources and economic development for the next decade. \*Wheat Ridge Business District (October 2018-Present) - We review applications of local businesses to award grants for signage, facades, and other upgrades. These grants allow our local community businesses to invest back into their businesses and the community as a whole.

\*Jefferson County Public Schools Wheat Ridge Area Futures Funding Committee (November 2017-Present) - My involvement with Jeffco Schools in Wheat Ridge and districtwide resulted in being selected to serve on the committee as both a community partner and business owner. The primary purpose of the committee was to review and advise on funding and create a long-term vision for the Wheat Ridge articulation area. I also served on the sub-committee focused on financing the many outcomes.

\*Wheat Ridge Water District (October 2017-October 2018) - While serving on the Wheat Ridge Water District, I was able to get a firsthand view of operations of a public utility. I was a part of making strategic and financial decisions for the greater good of the residents that the water district serves.

\*Mayor Joyce Jay's Citizen Outreach Committee - Helped to clarify the City of Wheat Ridge's communication with its citizens.

## What qualities do you possess that will make you an effective City Treasurer?

My history and involvement in the city of Wheat Ridge makes me uniquely qualified for this position. The many boards I have and currently sit on as well as my success as a small businessowner, allows me to bring a needed skillset to the treasurer position. I have an already established relationship with the community. As a business owner, board and commissions member, Facebook page moderator, and resident; I have served in many public rolls and believe that familiarity and history is an asset stepping into a normally elected position.

Accounting and exercising control over finances is something I have experience with as a business owner. With this experience I can quickly and efficiently utilize the data given by staff and reports to make the best sound financial decisions for the city.

The position of treasurer requires a time commitment that has been estimated at 20 hours a week. I have opened my schedule to be able to accommodate any time commitment needed by the position. Perhaps most importantly, I am someone who takes a lot of pride in what I do, I am a quick learner, and self-motivated. Treasurer DiTullio has offered to help train his replacement. Treasurer DiTullio and myself have partnered in the past and have an excellent working relationship that allows me to be, confident that within the allotted training period, I will be able to learn the existing systems and be able to keep them running seamlessly. He has worked to increase the transparency from his office, and that is something I would continue. I have met with former Treasurer DiTullio and have a good understanding of the position. The elected treasurer manages and invests taxpayer funds, works with staff on ordinance changes, as needed, communicates with the public about taxpayer funds, is the administrative hearing officer on sales and use tax protests, and is a check and balance at City Hall. Two issues that need to be addressed in 2019 is a change in direction with regards to using a currently very expensive lockbox system and addressing the lodging tax for Airbnb type properties in Wheat Ridge. The treasurer would be involved in both of these projects.

Korey M. Stites WRKorey13@aol.com 11885 W. 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. Wheat Ridge, CO 80033 (303) 961-1801

## **EDUCATION**

Masters of Science in Leadership

Grand Canyon University Graduation: August 2010

**Bachelor of Arts; History** 

Minor: Business

Metropolitan State College of Denver

Graduation: May 2009

**AUTHOR** 

Stites, Korey. How to Raise Your Child For Success. Los Angeles: Ocean View

Publishing, LLC, 2009.

## RELEVENT EXPERIENCE

Owner, Personal Achievement Martial Arts (July 2010-Present)

- Implemented QuickBooks and other bookkeeping software to manage all income, expenses, and taxes for the business
- Trained and supervised all employees in both martial arts instruction and business systems
- Created marketing campaigns to recruit new students using various types of media including direct mail, newspaper, business to business, lead generation activities, and various social networking activities
- Worked directly with local schools to raise money for PTA and PE programs
- Created and implemented curriculum to a variety of students ages 3 ½ and up
- Developed and implemented lesson plans in both Martial Arts curriculum and a robust Character Development curriculum
- Gave direct and constant feedback to all students on a weekly basis
- Helped retain students and worked to set goals for all everyone

Master Instructor/ Branch Manager, The Center Mixed Martial Arts (May 2011-August 2011) Master Instructor/ Branch Manager, Success Martial Arts (June 2009- May 2011)

- Implemented curriculum directed by a corporate office
- Completed all bookkeeping, including income, expenses, and taxes
- Helped retain clients through helpful, friendly service
- Took a school from 20 students to over 200 in less than a year
- Created curriculum for a ten year program, taking a student from beginner to expert level

# Head Instructor/ Branch Manager/ Owner Operator/ Franchise Representative, Mile High Karate (May 2004-May 2009)

- Hired and trained all employees, oversaw activities, gave guidance and advice, set and developed goals, and refocused when necessary
- Trained and developed new staff and school owners at various locations in the areas of teaching, marketing, management, sales, and martial arts school operation
- Facilitated Grand Opening of Barnegat Mile High Karate
- Implemented sales and marketing systems to sustain and grow a successful business
- Closed new enrollments, renewals, and all sales

- Presented and sold goods as a part of the overall sales functions of the business operation i.e. sparring pads, martial arts weapons, and uniforms
- Took a failing school and turned it into a profitable school in 6 months

## COMMITTEES

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- Mayor Joyce Jay's Citizen Outreach Committee
  Helped to clarify the City of Wheat Ridge's communication with its citizens.

## **TRAINING**

- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point
- Extensive Sales and Marketing training through Mile High Karate (Tom Hopkins, Dan Kennedy, Zig Zigler, Brian Tracy, Jay Abraham and Bill Glazer)
- Motivational and Leadership training through Mile High Karate (Dennis Waitly, Anthony Robbins, Chuck Norris and John C. Maxwell)
- Member of Glazer Kennedy Inner Circle, concentrating on marketing and other business systems
- 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. I have over 30 years of experience training in the martial arts. Through martial arts I have learned a high level of self discipline and have the confidence to take on any challenge

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Property Manager for Neil Rubano, Greeley, Colorado

- Rented out apartments and houses
- Collected rent and posted eviction notices
- Made minor repairs and maintenance of properties

## Property Manager for Lee Kunz Development Company, Wheat Ridge, Colorado

- Made repairs and maintained properties
- Organized materials and labor at the job sites



## Memorandum

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Patrick Goff, City Manager

**DATE:** January 30, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Artspace Feasibility Study

## **ISSUE:**

The Cultural Commission is requesting that City Council consider a Preliminary Feasibility Study to provide preliminary feedback about the feasibility of creating live/work, multi-use, or other arts facility development in the City of Wheat Ridge. Artspace Consulting and members of the Cultural Commission are invited to the February 4, 2019 study session to present the proposal.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Artspace's mission is to create, foster, and preserve affordable space for artists and arts organizations. Artspace Consulting helps communities identify effective, affordable ways to incorporate the arts into their civic agendas. They help communities revitalize downtown areas and inner city neighborhoods, reanimate historic properties, develop arts districts, and create and preserve affordable spaces for artists.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Artspace Consulting Brochure
- 2. Artspace Consulting Introduction to Preliminary Feasibility Study



# artspace

Building better communities through the arts

**ATTACHMENT 1** 



# WHO WE ARE

Artspace Consulting is a division of Artspace that helps communities identify effective, affordable ways to incorporate the arts into their civic agendas. Our practice builds on Artspace's expertise as America's leading real estate developer for the arts and operator of more than 30 successful arts facilities around the country.

Our community-based approach bridges the traditional gap between the arts and the civic arena. Our clients benefit from direct access to our three decades of experience as a developer of arts facilities that deliver sustainable, affordable space for artists, arts organizations, and creative businesses.

We help communities revitalize downtown areas and inner city neighborhoods, reanimate historic properties, develop arts districts, and create and preserve affordable space for artists. We help arts organizations evaluate their existing facilities, identify new ones, and determine how their spaces can best serve their needs. Artspace Consulting works with you to determine the next steps toward making your community the best it can be.

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# Artspace Consulting helps communities by...

...creating a facility to provide affordable live/work or studio space for artists, homes for arts organizations, or space for other creative activities. We identify the most suitable buildings and sites, develop realistic capital and operating budgets with an eye to long-term sustainability, and offer practical advice about how to move a project forward.

...imagining a place, such as an arts or cultural district, neighborhood, campus, or other cluster of people, buildings, and uses. We guide our clients through the process of refining their vision and review plans for arts districts, campuses, and centers.

...improving what exists, whether it's a single facility, a campus, or an entire arts district. Our clients include arts organizations that are thinking about expansion, groups that wish to operate a shared facility more efficiently, and other entities that want to make their facilities better.

...sharing what we know through articles, speaking engagements, presentations at conferences, and other gatherings attended by national policy-makers, urban planners, and community leaders of all kinds.

## • OUR SERVICES

## Preliminary Feasibility Visit

An intensive two-day fact-finding mission to assess the potential for an Artspace live/work or mixed-use project in a community. An Artspace team tours buildings and sites; meets with artists, city officials, and other stakeholders; and conducts a public meeting to welcome community participation and generate a buzz. We recommend the Preliminary Feasibility Visit for communities with populations of more than 50,000 and an established base of local support.

## Creative Spaces Consulting Visit

A two-day visit, similar to a Preliminary Feasibility Visit, that focuses on a community's vision for creating an arts facility or district that is not likely to result in an Artspace-developed project. This visit helps communities address civic challenges such as finding a creative use for a city-owned property, evaluating the artist component of a project led by a for-profit developer, or assessing an arts district.

Deliverables for both the Preliminary Feasibility Visit and the Creative Spaces Consulting Visit include a written report that documents our findings and recommendations for next steps.

Washington Studios in Duluth, MN Photo by Sequest Photography



# CREATING AFACILITY



## CASE STUDY

## Loveland, Colorado

## THE CHALLENGE

Help the City of Loveland preserve its historic Feed & Grain Building and generate economic development in its downtown

## GOALS

- > Identify a viable and sustainable concept for adaptive reuse of the Feed & Grain Building
- > Incorporate affordable housing for artists into the project vision

## SCOPE OF WORK

- > Preliminary Feasibility Visit
- > Arts Market Survey

## **DELIVERABLES**

- > Feasibility Report that discusses potential for arts facility in Loveland and identifies next steps for moving the community's vision forward
- > Survey Report identifying strong need for artist live, work, and exhibition space

## UPDATE

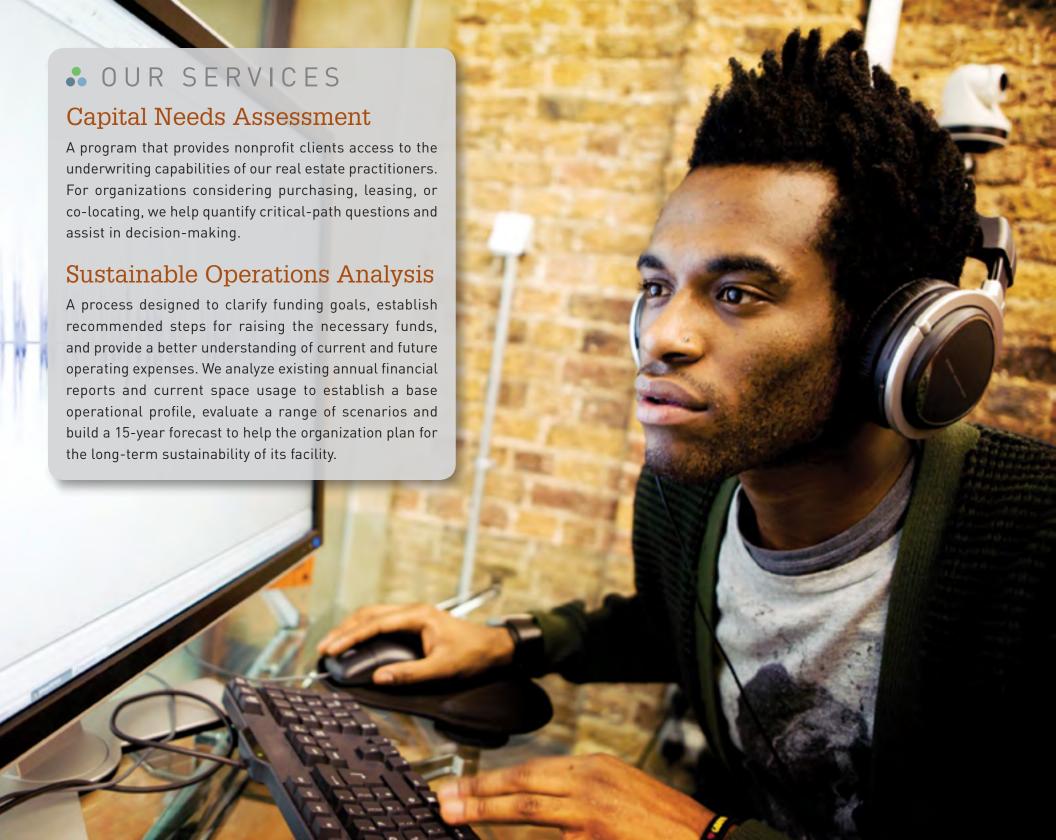
> Two-phase project that includes an art center in the Feed & Grain Building, 30 units of artist live/work housing, and a public plaza

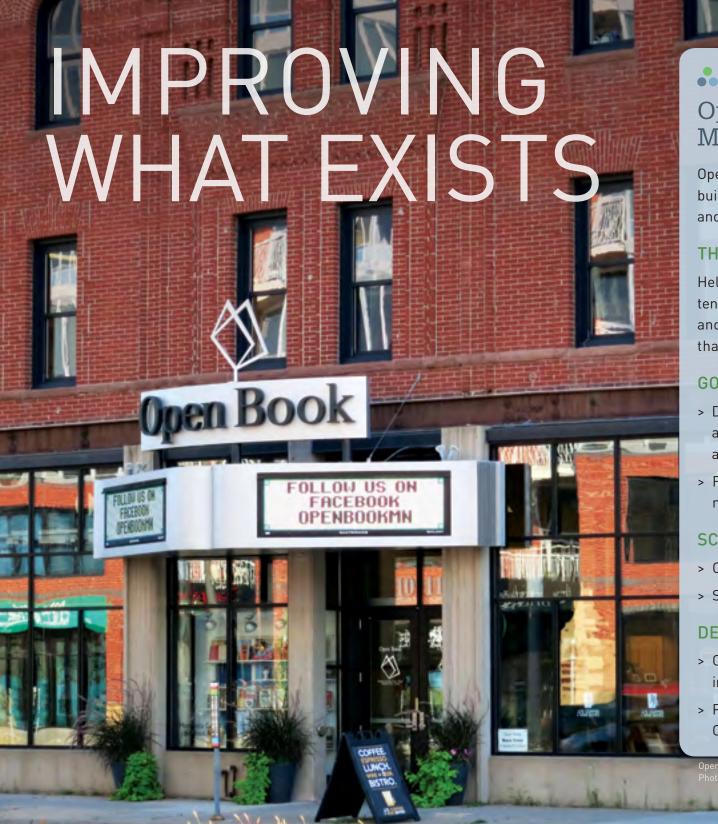
Artspace Loveland, Loveland, CO, Love and Light Exhibition, 2012 Photo by Alanna Brake, www.luckybrakelimited.com





The Commerce Street arts district in downtown Wichita, KS Photo by Spacefem / Wikimedia Commons / CC-BY-SA-3.0





## · CASE STUDY

## Open Book Minneapolis, Minnesota

Open Book is a multi-tenant nonprofit building that serves as a home for literary and book arts

## THE CHALLENGE

Help the Open Book and its three anchor tenants analyze their current space usage and financial status and create a vision that defines their "story" moving forward

## **GOALS**

- Define the challenges and opportunities available to the building and its anchor tenants
- > Frame the project in ways that make it most relevant to prospective funders

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

- > Capital Needs Assessment
- > Sustainable Operations Analysis

## **DELIVERABLES**

- > Capital and operating budgets, including a 15-year forecast
- > Presentation of findings to the Open Book Board of Directors

Open Book, Minneapolis, MN Photo by Emily Taylor



## Speaking, facilitating, and convening

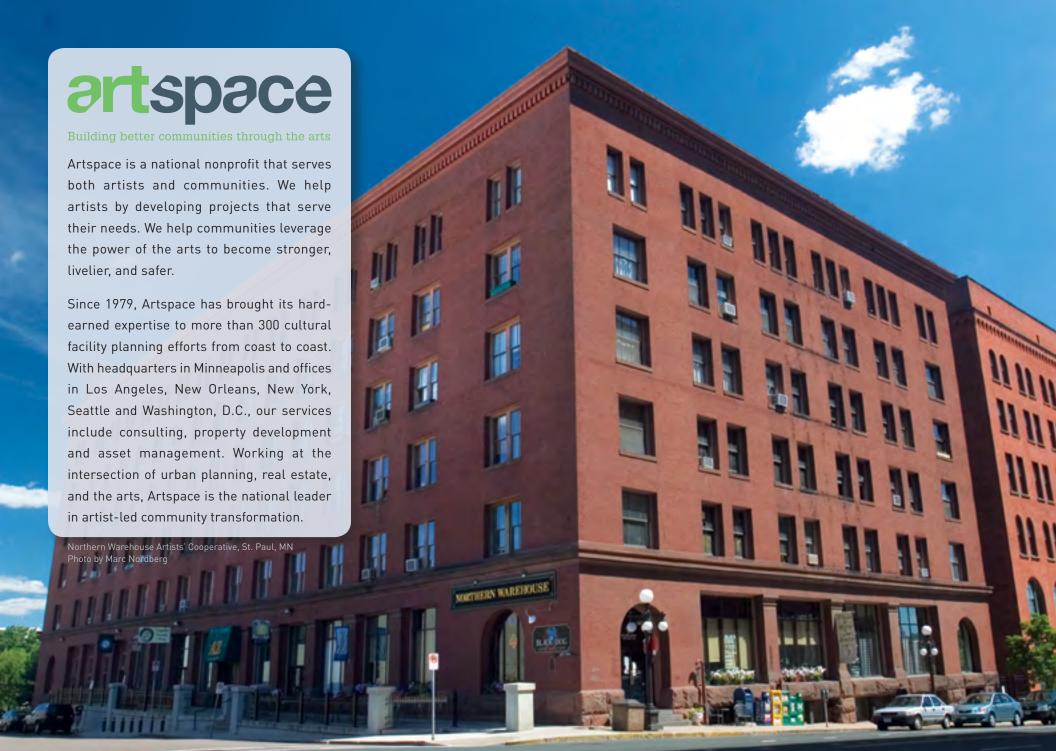
Artspace Consulting shares its experience developing, owning, and operating arts facilities with groups around the world. We participate in conferences, workshops, and webinars, offering our unique, community- and arts-driven approach to real estate development. We take a multi-disciplinary approach influenced by our personal commitment as artists and our firsthand experience as developers.

## Our Clients

## Artspace Consulting's recent clients include:

- > Albany Housing Authority / Albany, NY
- > Bemidji Community Arts Center / Bemidji, MN
- > Boston Center for the Arts / Boston, MA
- > Buchanan Center for the Arts / Monmouth, IL
- > City of Long Beach / Long Beach, CA
- > Community and Economic Development Office / Burlington, VT
- > Creative Portland Corporation / Portland, ME
- > Dance/USA / Philadelphia, PA
- > Dubugue Main Street / Dubugue, IA
- > Fleisher Art Memorial / Philadelphia, PA
- > Intermedia Arts / Minneapolis, MN
- > Pregones Theater / New York, NY
- > Wilshire Boulevard Temple / Los Angeles, CA

Wendy Holmes of Artspace Consulting touring potential properties in Dubuque, IA Photo by Roy Close





## Introduction to Preliminary Feasibility Study

The Preliminary Feasibility Study provides preliminary feedback about the feasibility of creating a live/work, multi-use, or other arts facility development.

There are six areas of consideration:

- 1. Project Concept
- 2. Arts Market
- 3. Local Leadership
- 4. Funding and Finance
- 5. Potential Sites
- 6. Alignment with Community Goals

The study kick-starts the process of creating affordable space for artists. It is the first step Artspace takes on its own development projects.

As part of this fact-finding process, the Artspace team meets with artists, city officials, funders, and other stakeholders. They look at potential properties and hold a public meeting to welcome community participation, answer questions, and generate buzz.

## Who Might Benefit:

- City Governments/Civic Organizations
- Arts and Cultural Organizations
- Downtown Organizations

#### What is Included:

- Consulting phone/email time in preparation for the visit, including review of invitation lists, agenda, and potential building/sites, and past studies
- Original Artspace materials to assist in preparing and sharing information regarding the visit
- **Two-day visit** to facilitate focus groups, tour potential sites, hear from the local community, and present at a public meeting
- Written report summarizing Artspace's findings and recommended next steps



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## What to Expect from a Typical Preliminary Feasibility Visit:

Each visit is customized to meet the needs of the community and project. Unique meetings/events suitable to the community's needs may be substituted.

## <u>Day 1</u>

- Site Tour
  - Tour potential sites/buildings
  - Visit existing creative spaces and arts communities (e.g. studios, creative businesses, and key arts organizations)
- Dinner with Core Group

## Day 2

- Continuation of Site Tour
  - o Explore additional potential sites and creative spaces
- Working Lunch: Overview of study with Core Group
  - Discuss site tour impressions and the six areas of consideration
- Artists, Creatives, and Arts Organizations Focus Group
  - Learn about the creative community's space needs, market for renting creative space, and economic considerations
- Funding and Financing Leadership Focus Group
  - Learn more about potential funding sources for a project; gauge the interest of local finance and business leaders
- Public Meeting
  - Present to the community about Artspace and the economic and community impact of the arts; build support, and facilitate Q&A

## Day 3

- Civic Leadership Focus Group
  - Learn more about broader community goals, current initiatives and local priorities
- Working Lunch: Debrief with Core Group





## Memorandum

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Patrick Goff, City Manager

Jerry Dahl, City Attorney

**DATE:** January 28, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Boards and Commissions Appointments

#### **ISSUE:**

Procedures for appointments to Boards and Commissions

## **BACKGROUND:**

Section 9.1 of the Wheat Ridge City Charter gives the City Council "the power and authority to create boards and commissions as deemed necessary including advisory and appeal boards."

Section 2.52 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws established the Cultural Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Build Code Advisory Board, Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment. City Council has also established the following Commissions, Authorities and Committees: Election Commission, Housing Authority, Liquor Licensing Authority, Urban Renewal Authority and the Active Adult Center Committee.

Section 2.53(b) of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws states that "All **boards and commissions** shall...be appointed by a majority vote of the members of the city council." This section does not govern other entities, such as **authorities**, which have their own appointment requirements established by state statute.

The Urban Renewal Authority is one of two City authorities that have statutory requirements. Section 25-24 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws states that "Each appointment to the (urban renewal) authority shall be made by the mayor subject to approval by majority vote of the entire city council." This requirement (for Mayoral appointment and ratification by Council) is required by the state urban renewal law, at CRS 31-25-104: "... The commissioners who are first appointed must be designated by the mayor to serve for staggered terms..." "All mayoral appointments and chair designations are subject to approval by the governing body of the municipality..."

The Housing Authority is authorized by state statute at CRS 29-4-205. The statute allows the City to either designate the City Council itself as the housing authority board, or to appoint a separate board. The City Council took the second option in 2001. When that option is taken, the statute provides that the Mayor appoint the housing authority members, subject to confirmation by the Council. CRS 29-2-205(3)(c).

## **2019 APPOINTMENTS:**

There are fourteen Board and Commission seats with terms ending March 2, 2019 and one open seat on the Election Commission. The City Clerk's Office advertised these open seats on the City's website, in the Wheat Ridge Transcript and other City social media sites. Applications are due on February 1, 2019. City Council is scheduled to make appointments on February 25, 2019.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Wheat Ridge City Charter Chapter IX Boards and Commissions
- 2. Wheat Ridge Code of Laws Article III Boards and Commissions
- 3. Wheat Ridge Code of Laws Chapter 25 Urban Renewal
- 4. Resolution 01-2001 Establishing the Wheat Ridge Housing Authority
- 5. Board & Commission Application
- 6. 2019 Board & Commission Renewals

#### CHAPTER IX. - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

## Sec. 9.1. - Existing boards and commissions.

All boards and commissions in existence at the time of adoption of this Charter, shall continue in existence as provided in the respective ordinances, except as otherwise provided by ordinance or this Charter.

## Sec. 9.2. - Right to establish.

The council shall have the power and authority to create boards and commissions as deemed necessary including advisory and appeal boards. Advisory boards may be created by resolution. All other boards and commissions, including appeal boards, shall be created by ordinance, which shall set forth the powers and duties delegated to such board or commission.

#### Sec. 9.3. - Appointments to boards or commissions.

The council shall make all appointments to all boards and commissions and shall specify the term of office of each individual in order to achieve overlapping tenure. All boards and commissions shall have approximately equal representation from each council district. All members shall be residents of the city, registered voters and shall be subject to removal for just cause by the council. The council shall also make appointments to fill vacancies for unexpired terms.

#### Sec. 9.4. - Procedures of boards and commissions.

Each board and commission shall operate in accordance with its own rules of procedure except as otherwise directed by the council. All meetings of any board or commission shall be open to the public except that any board or commission may hold an executive session provided that the same provisions that apply to the city council in section 5.7 shall be applicable. Minutes of all board and commission meetings shall be kept in the office of the city clerk.

Footnotes:

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Charter reference— Boards and commissions, § 9.1 et seq.; election commission, § 2.4.

Cross reference— Urban renewal authority, § 25-21 et seq.

Sec. 2-51. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Capital construction shall mean any major improvement which tends to be of a permanent nature and which becomes a fixture for the city; for purposes of this article, this term shall include, but not be limited to, land purchase, construction of buildings, roadways, bridges, irrigation systems, sidewalks and other projects of a permanent nature, as well as the major replacement thereof.

*Employee* shall mean an individual paid salary or wages by the city, but shall not include those persons who receive payment from the city for services on a contract basis or elected officials.

Maintenance shall mean any activity involving the routine repair or upkeep of an existing facility, equipment or improvement which is intended to preserve such facility, equipment or improvement from deterioration or decline and to thereby extend its useful life. Maintenance shall apply only to existing facilities, equipment or improvements and shall not apply to new construction.

(Code 1977, § 2-15)

Sec. 2-52. - Establishment.

The following boards and commissions of the city are hereby established: Cultural commission, parks and recreation commission, building code advisory board, planning commission, and board of adjustment.

(Code 1977, § 2-16; Ord. No. 1259, § 2, 8-12-02; Ord. No. 1260, § 2, 8-12-02; Ord. No. 1263, § 1, 9-4-02; Ord. No. 1569, § 2, 3-23-15)

Sec. 2-53. - Qualifications of members; appointment and term; removal; vacancies.

- (a) Members of all boards and commissions shall be residents of the city and registered voters. Members of all boards and commissions shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of appointment. All board and commission members shall serve without compensation. No board or commission member shall hold elective governmental office for the city or be employed by the city during tenure as a member of a board or commission. Except for members of the election commission, no board or commission member shall simultaneously serve on more than one (1) city board or commission.
- (b) All boards and commissions shall consist of eight (8) regular members, unless a different number is provided by ordinance, to be appointed by a majority vote of the members of the city council. Regular members of all boards and commissions shall have equal voting strength of their respective board or commission, and shall be authorized to attend, participate in, and vote at their respective board or commission meetings. The attendance of a majority of the members of the board or commission

- shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at each meeting of such boards and commissions, and, except as provided herein in subsection (d), the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the members present shall be required to adopt any motion or make or ratify any decision of the board or commission.
- (c) Members of boards and commissions shall serve terms of three (3) years, and such members may be reappointed to serve additional three-year terms of office. All appointments to all boards and commissions shall be made to achieve equal representation from each council district to each board or commission If, after reasonable advertisement, no applications are received from residents within the relevant council district for a vacancy on any board or commission, the council may appoint any otherwise qualified resident. Except as provided in subsection (e) hereof, all members of boards or commissions presently serving shall be entitled to complete the terms for which they were appointed and shall be subject to reappointment at the discretion of city council.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, the following voting rules shall be in effect for all matters requiring decision by the board of adjustment to grant any variance, waiver, temporary building or use permit, any interpretation or floodplain special exception permit (or for any matter requiring decision by the planning commission or the city council under Section 26-6(D) of the Zoning Ordinance of the city):

Members Present	Votes Needed to Approve
8	6
7	6
6	5
5	4

All other actions shall be taken by majority vote of the members present.

Any board or commission member may resign his term of office at will. Any board or commission member may be removed from office by the city council, after public hearing before the council, by majority vote, for reasons of inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance in office, or violation of established rules and procedure. Any time a member of a board or commission is absent from more than twenty-five (25) percent of the meetings held by the board or commission within any calendar year, such member shall automatically cease to be a member of the board or commission, unless absences are determined as excused absences and are voted upon by a majority of remaining members of the board or commission. Excused absences could include illness, death in the family or emergencies. In addition, any time a member of a board or commission is absent a sufficient number of times to cause the chairman of the board or commission to believe that such absences are impairing the proper functioning of the board or commission, the chairman of the board or commission shall notify the city council, which shall hold a hearing to determine if such member shall be removed for neglect of duty. A board or commission member who is not a resident within his represented district, as permitted by section 2-53(c), may be removed and the vacancy thereby created filled only in the event one of the foregoing conditions applies. Other than as permitted by section 2-53(c), any board or commission member who shall change his personal residence to an address outside the city or the district he represents shall cease to be a member of the board or commission, and his seat shall automatically be deemed vacated as of the date on which he ceased

to be a resident of the city or of the district. Vacancy on any board or commission, whether resulting from resignation, removal by the council or other cause, may be filled by a new appointment by the city council. Such appointment shall be for that portion of time remaining in the term which the new member has been appointed to fill.

(f) Upon appointment to a city board or commission, the member shall be provided a packet of materials prepared by the department which works with that board or commission, to enable the member to better carry out his function and duties. The materials shall include, without limitation, copies of the rules or bylaws of the board or commission, all relevant ordinances and/or charter provisions, and any other materials deemed relevant by staff or city council. Upon assuming his place as a member of a board or commission, each member shall take an oath, administered by the mayor or his designee at a regularly scheduled council meeting or in the office of the city clerk, thereby swearing or affirming to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the state, and the charter and ordinances of the city.

(Code 1977, § 2-17; Ord. No. 1989-799, § 1, 6-12-89; Ord. No. 1992-892, § 1, 3-23-92; Ord. No. 1996-1030, § 1, 6-10-96; Ord. No. 1996-1031, § 1, 6-24-96; Ord. No. 1997-1105, § 1, 1-12-98; Ord. No. 1998-1124, § 1, 6-22-98; Ord. No. 2000-1189, §§ 1, 2, 3-27-00; Ord. No. 1511, §§ 1, 2, 6-11-12)

#### Sec. 2-54. - Administration.

- (a) All boards and commissions may create and maintain rules of procedure to govern the administration of the provisions of this article. No rule shall be in conflict with any of the provisions of this article or any other ordinance of the city or any city charter provision. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted to maintain the efficient administration of the provisions of this article, to protect the public interest, and to preserve the rights and responsibilities of involved parties.
- (b) Each board or commission shall annually elect a chairperson. The chair shall be on a rotating basis. It shall be the responsibility of the chairperson to preside at all meetings of the respective board or commission. An alternate chairperson may be elected to serve to assist the chairperson and to serve in the absence of the chairperson.
- (c) All boards and commissions may utilize city facilities for their meetings, hearings, and other deliberations, subject to the approval of the office of the director of administrative services.
- (d) All boards and commissions shall be provided with sufficient funds by the city to hire a recording secretary, if needed, who will serve at the pleasure of the department head assigned to the board to record minutes of meetings, assemble documents, duplicate reports, and perform such other clerical duties as the boards and commissions shall from time to time assign. Such clerical employee shall serve under the immediate supervision of the head of the department assigned to work with the board or commission.
- (e) Except as otherwise stated in this article, all boards and commissions shall formulate rules and regulations setting forth their duties, guidelines and standards of procedure. These duties, guidelines and standards of procedure shall be approved by the city council and, once approved by the city council, shall become binding on each board or commission as the official rules and regulations of that board or commission.
- (f) Each board and commission established in this article shall meet regularly as necessary. In no event shall any board or commission meet less than once each calendar quarter of each year.

(Code 1977, § 2-18)

Sec. 2-55. - Cultural commission.

- (a) Membership. Members of the cultural commission shall be appointed and serve in accordance with section 2-53, except that the cultural commission shall consist of nine (9) members: two (2) members shall be appointed from each council district, and one (1) member shall be appointed by the city manager, to serve at large.
- (b) Duties. The duties of the cultural commission shall be:
  - (1) To cooperate with city staff in the promotion and administration of public programs and policies concerning culture and the arts;
  - (2) To promote artistic endeavors within the city by encouraging appreciation of culture and the arts, providing an arts resource and a forum for communication, developing and recommending cultural programs to the city council and promoting the growth of arts organizations in the city and assisting such organizations in reaching greater audiences;
  - (3) To make recommendations on issues concerning culture and the arts to the city council;
  - (4) To promote and develop positive relationships with other persons and entities interested in promotion of culture and the arts, including for-profit and non-profit arts organizations, other public agencies and community members;
  - (5) To seek citizen input and advice on the management of public art; and
  - (6) To assist the city in the submission of grant proposals and fund raising activities, as directed by the city manager.

(Ord. No. 1263, § 2, 9-4-02)

**Editor's note**— Ord. No. 1260, § 3, adopted on Aug. 12, 2002, repealed § 2-55 in its entirety. Former § 2-55 pertained to the personnel commission and derived from 1977 Code, § 2-19, Ord. No. 1990-826, § 1, 3-12-90 and Ord. No. 1998-1144, § 9, 12-14-98. Ord. No. 1263, § 2, adopted on Sept. 4, 2002, reenacted § 2-55 with provisions for a cultural commission.

Sec. 2-56. - Reserved.

**Editor's note**— Ord. No. <u>1569</u>, § 3, adopted March 23, 2015, repealed § 2-56 which pertained to the animal welfare and control commission and derived from § 2-20 of the 1997 Code; Ord. No. 1998-1118, § 1, adopted May 18, 1998; Ord. No. 1998-1135, § 2, adopted Nov. 9, 1998; and Ord. No. 1198-1144, § 10, adopted Dec. 14, 1998.

Sec. 2-57. - Parks and recreation commission.

- (a) The parks and recreation commission shall advise the mayor, city council, and city manager on all matters within the scope of chapter 17 of this Code.
- (b) The duties of the parks and recreation commission shall be:
  - (1) To regularly consult with the director of parks and recreation;
  - (2) To review all existing and proposed legislation relating to parks and recreation matters;
  - (3) To make recommendations on parks and recreation matters to the city council;
  - (4) To act as liaison between the department of parks and recreation and the community at large;
  - (5) To promote and develop positive relationships with community groups, other public agencies and the general public;
  - (6) To encourage the widest possible citizen understanding of parks and recreation activities;

- (7) To seek citizen advice and support for the proper management and operation of parks and recreation facilities.
- (c) The parks and recreation commission shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the proper management, operation, and control of the parks, parkways, and other recreational facilities within the city. These rules and regulations and amendments to such rules and regulations shall be adopted by a majority vote of the commission. The rules and regulations and amendments to such rules and regulations shall be effective upon approval by a majority vote of the city council. Such rules and regulations shall be promulgated according to standards published and submitted by the commission and approved by the city council.

(Code 1997, § 2-21; Ord. No. 1998-1144, § 11, 12-14-98)

Cross reference—Parks and recreation, Ch. 17.

Sec. 2-58. - Reserved.

**Editor's note**— Ord. No. 1324, § 1, adopted May 10, 2004, repealed § 2-58 in its entirety. Former § 2-58 pertained to the arborist board and derived from Code 1977, § 2-22 and Ord. No. 1998-1144, § 12, adopted Dec. 14, 1998.

Sec. 2-59. - Building code advisory board.

- (a) There is hereby established a building code advisory board in order to determine the suitability of alternate materials and methods of construction and to provide for reasonable interpretation of the provisions of the "International Building Code," as adopted by section 5-76 of this Code.
- (b) The building code advisory board shall have the authority and obligation to propose, revise, and annually review provisions for energy conservation in buildings for the city, and shall have such other duties as set forth in this chapter.
- (c) The board shall consist of five (5) members, one (1) appointed from each of the four (4) council districts, and one (1) at-large member, all of whom shall be qualified by experience and trained to pass upon matters pertaining to building construction. The board shall have representatives from the following categories as regular members of the board: One (1) licensed engineer; one (1) licensed architect; one (1) builder; and two (2) members from fields related to the construction industry. The alternate members of the building code advisory board may be members from any fields related to the construction industry. Alternates may be appointed to fill vacancies in the regular membership of the board. In the event there are not sufficient qualified candidates from the required fields to fill any vacancy on the board, the city council shall be permitted to appoint any otherwise qualified person from one (1) of the other fields to fill such vacancy. A quorum shall consist of three (3) members including any alternate serving in the absence of a regular member.
- (d) The board shall review an appeal from any written final decision of the chief building inspector at its next regularly scheduled meeting, but not earlier than five (5) days from the date of submission of the appeal. Any such appeal shall be made in writing within ten (10) days of the final written decision of the chief building official upon the building division forms designated for such purposes. The board shall not have the authority to recommend decreasing public safety.
- (e) Procedures for hearing of appeals from written decisions of the chief building inspector shall be pursuant to subsection (d) above. In all hearings the petitioner shall have the opportunity to appear on his own behalf, with or without the assistance of legal counsel, present evidence in his own behalf, and cross-examine witnesses presented against him. The building inspection division shall be given the opportunity to present evidence at all hearings.

- (f) The building code advisory board shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the conduct and standards of review to be applied in all appeals to the board.
- (g) The board shall have the right to overturn decisions on the basis that the decision causes undue economic hardship, provided such decision does not decrease the public safety nor violate county, state or federal law.

(Code 1977, § 2-23; Ord. No. 1478, § 1, 2-28-11)

**Cross reference**— Buildings and building regulations, Ch. 5.

Sec. 2-60. - Planning commission.

- (a) The planning commission shall develop and prepare a master plan for the physical, economic and social development and continuance of the city. The planning commission shall hold a public hearing on the plan and make its recommendations to the city council. The city council shall adopt and approve the master plan after holding public hearing and shall authorize the city clerk to have the master plan recorded at the county. The master plan shall be called the "Comprehensive Plan for the City of Wheat Ridge" and shall be hereafter in this article referred to as "the comprehensive plan." It shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Established character, goals and objectives; population; land use; economic base; public facilities; parks and open space; transportation; prevention of pollution; and resource conservation.
- (b) Amendments to the adopted chapters of the comprehensive plan or new proposed chapters to the comprehensive plan shall be initiated by the planning commission or referred to the planning commission by the city council for the planning commission's recommendation. No such amendment shall be final until acted upon by the city council, which may approve, amend or deny such recommendation in whole or in part following public hearing. The planning commission shall approve or disapprove amendments to the master plan or comprehensive plan submitted to it by city council within sixty (60) days after such submission. The date of submission shall be the date the city council makes its decision to submit the matter to the planning commission. The approval or disapproval shall be in the form of recommendations to the city council after all necessary public hearings have been held. Failure to make said written recommendations to city council within sixty (60) days shall be deemed a recommendation for approval without comment to the city council, and a resolution to that effect shall be issued by the planning commission.
- (c) The planning commission shall approve or disapprove or perform any necessary action upon any other matter properly referred to it by the city council within sixty (60) days from the date of the decision to submit the matter to the planning commission. Failure to approve or disapprove or to undertake the requested activity within the sixty-day time period shall be deemed a recommendation for approval without comment or a referral back to the city council for performance of the requested activity in accordance with established procedures concerning notice to the general public and public hearings.
- (d) The city council may extend the sixty-day period based upon a finding that such extension would serve the best interests of the city.
- (e) The planning commission shall hold a public hearing on all land use cases as prescribed by chapter 26. The staff shall provide a written staff report to the planning commission prior to the meeting, which shall contain a staff recommendation on the case which will be based in part on how the requested change conforms to the adopted comprehensive plan. The planning commission shall pass a resolution which makes a recommendation to the city council.
- (f) Amendments to the zoning and development regulations may be initiated by the planning commission or referred to it by the city council. The commission's recommendation shall be forwarded to the city council for amendment and/or approval.

- (g) Public hearings for development plans for planned development zoning shall be conducted using the procedures outlined in chapter 26, article III.
- (h) After holding a public hearing on major subdivision plats, the planning commission shall make a recommendation to the city council, with final action taking place at the city council. Public hearings shall be conducted following procedures outlined in the subdivision regulations.
- Minor subdivision plats shall be heard and approved by the planning commission at a public hearing.
   Public hearings shall be conducted following procedures outlined in the subdivision regulations.
- (j) Wherein the planning commission has denied a minor subdivision, an applicant may appeal that decision to city council.

(Code 1977, § 2-24; Ord. No. 1352, § 1, 9-26-05; Ord. No. 1515, § 12, 7-9-12; Ord. No. <u>1547</u>, § 2, 4-28-14)

**Cross reference**— Urban renewal, Ch. 25; zoning and development, Ch. 26.

State Law reference—Planning commissions, C.R.S. § 31-23-201 et seq.

Sec. 2-61. - Board of adjustment.

- (a) The board of adjustment shall have the authority to hear and decide requests for variances and waivers of the city zoning ordinance, floodplain zoning ordinance, and sign code, and for interpretation of those ordinances and codes and the subdivision regulations, subject to those guidelines set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, section 26.D., and as approved by the city council in the form of official rules and regulations for the board of adjustment.
- (b) The board of adjustment has the responsibility, in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance, section 26.D., to permit in any district a temporary building which is used for a permitted use in that district, or a temporary use of land which is not allowed in that district; such permit is to be issued for no longer than one (1) year per application.
- (c) In exercising the above-mentioned powers, the board may, in conformity with all other appropriate provisions of law, reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the order, requirement, decision or determination appealed from and shall make such order, requirement, decision or determination as in its opinion ought to be made in the premises, and to that end shall have all the powers of the zoning administrator.
- (d) The board of adjustment shall hold a public hearing on all applications and appeals, in accordance with public hearing notice and procedure requirements set forth in section 26.D. and F. of the Zoning Ordinance, with the following special conditions required:
  - (1) Any final determination of the board of adjustment shall be reported in writing over the signature of the chairman of such board, and a copy of such report shall be furnished the applicant, the planning commission and the city clerk. The board of adjustment shall authorize issuance of any permits, licenses or other instruments necessary to implement or enforce such determination.
  - (2) Every decision of the board on any case shall be by resolution indicating the reasons of the board therefor.
  - (3) The final disposition of any appeal from the zoning administrator before the board of adjustment shall be in the form of a resolution either affirming, reversing or modifying the order, requirement, decision or determination appealed from. If a resolution fails to receive the required number of votes as set forth by section 2-53(d) in favor of the appellant upon appeal or of the application for a variation from the zoning regulations, the action will be deemed

- equivalent to a denial, and a resolution denying such application or appeal shall be formally entered upon the record.
- (4) No request to grant a hearing will be entertained unless new evidence is submitted which could not have been, with due diligence, presented at the previous hearing or at least one (1) year has passed since the date of the decision on the previous application or appeal.
- (5) Any variance granted by the board of adjustment or planning director shall automatically expire within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date it was granted, or within such other time as the board of adjustment or planning director may prescribe, unless a building permit for the variance is obtained within such period of time. If the building permit expires, the variance shall expire at the same time. Extensions of time may be granted for good cause shown, but only if an application for the extension is made prior to the expiration of the variance.
- (e) The board shall adopt bylaws and rules of procedure that shall be approved by a majority vote of the city council.
- (f) Appeals of any decision of the board of adjustment may be made by any application or the city to the district court.

(Code 1977, § 2-25; Ord. No. 1989-799, § 2, 6-12-89; Ord. No. 1992-889, § 1, 2-10-92)

Cross reference—Zoning and development, Ch. 26.

**State Law reference**— Board of adjustment, C.R.S. § 31-23-307.

Sec. 2-62. - Reserved.

**Editor's note**— Ord. No. 1259, § 3, adopted Aug. 12, 2002, repealed § 2-62 in its entirety. Former § 2-62 pertained to the civil service commission. For a detailed history of former § 2-62 see the Code Comparative Table.

Secs. 2-63—2-70. - Reserved.

Chapter 25 - URBAN RENEWAL

Footnotes:

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Cross reference— Planning commission, § 2-60; zoning and development, Ch. 26.

State Law reference— Home rule powers, Col. Const. Art. XX, § 6.

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Secs. 25-1—25-20. - Reserved.

ARTICLE II. - URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

Sec. 25-21. - Findings of fact.

Based upon all of the evidence presented to it at a public hearing, notice of which was duly published, and after considering such factors as the physical condition and age of the buildings in particular areas of the city, the aggravated traffic problems created by present street layouts in portions of the city, and the impairment of sound commercial growth patterns within portions of the city and their adverse effect upon the future development of the city, the city council hereby finds as follows:

- (1) One (1) or more blighted areas exist within the city; and
- (2) The acquisition, clearance, rehabilitation, conversion, development, redevelopment or a combination thereof, of such areas is necessary in preserving and ensuring the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the city.

(Code 1977, § 23-1; Ord. No. 1229, § 1, 10-8-01)

Sec. 25-22. - Declaration of need for authority.

The city council hereby declares that it is in the public interest for an urban renewal authority, created pursuant to the Urban Renewal Law, C.R.S. § 31-25-101 et seq., to function within the city and to exercise the powers provided therein, except as the same may be limited, constrained or proscribed by any approved and adopted urban renewal plan.

(Code 1977, § 23-2; Ord. No. 1992-897, § 1, 6-8-92; Ord. No. 1229, § 1, 10-8-01)

Sec. 25-23. - Urban renewal authority—Rights and duties generally.

The Wheat Ridge Urban Renewal Authority is hereby organized and established. Such authority is hereby vested with all of the rights contained, and is authorized to carry out all of the duties and functions as provided in the Urban Renewal Law, C.R.S. § 31-25-101 et seq., as it now exists or as amended in the future, unless such powers and authorities are limited or constrained by or within any approved urban renewal plan.

(Code 1977, § 23-3; Ord. No. 1992-897, § 2, 6-8-92; Ord. No. 2000-1197, § 1, 6-12-00; Ord. No. 1229, § 1, 10-8-01)

Sec. 25-24. - Same—Appointment of members; number.

The authority shall consist of seven (7) members, one (1) of such members being from each of the existing, or hereafter altered, city council districts, and three (3) members to serve at large. If, after reasonable advertisement, no applications are received from residents within the relevant city council district for a vacancy on the authority, any otherwise qualified resident of the city may be appointed. The at large members may include one (1) elected city official (excluding the mayor), and/or one (1) nonresident individual who owns an interest in or is a corporate officer of a licensed business in good standing located within the city. Each appointment to the authority shall be made by the mayor subject to approval by majority vote of the entire city council. The term of office of each member shall be five (5) years. Any member (with the exception of a nonresident business owner member) who shall change his personal residence to an address outside the city or outside the district he represents shall cease to be a member of the authority and his seat shall automatically be deemed vacant as of the date on which he ceased to be a resident of the city or of the district. Any nonresident business owner member whose business is no longer in good standing with the city or whose business ceases operations or moves outside the city limits shall cease to be a member of the authority and the member's seat shall be deemed vacant as of the date of that occurrence. A member whose term has expired shall continue to hold office until his successor has been appointed and has qualified. Terms of office shall be staggered so that the term of at least one (1) member shall expire each year. The city council may appoint any number of exofficio nonvoting members to serve for terms at the pleasure of the city council.

(Code 1977, § 23-4; Ord. No. 1992-897, § 3, 6-8-92; Ord. No. 2000-1191, § 1, 4-10-00; Ord. No. 2000-1197, § 2, 6-12-00; Ord. No. 1229, § 1, 10-8-01; Ord. No. 1312, § 1, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 1403, § 1, 10-8-07; Ord. No. 1432, § 1, 2-23-09)

Sec. 25-25. - Reserved.

**Editor's note**— Ord. No. 2000-1190, § 1, adopted April 10, 2000, repealed § 25-25, which pertained to additional duties of the Urban Renewal Authority and which derived from Ord. No. 1997-1078, adopted July 14, 1997.

# CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO RESOLUTION NO 01-2001

#### Series of 2001

TITLE.

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NEED FOR AND ESTABLISHING A HOUSING AUTHORITY TO FUNCTION IN THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO

WHEREAS, a petition of more than twenty-five (25) residents has been filed with the City Clerk of the City of Wheat Ridge, setting forth that there is a need for a housing authority and no similar petition has been denied by the City Council within three months of the date of the filing of the aforesaid petition, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on January 22, 2001, upon due notice given pursuant to The Housing Authorities Law of the State of Colorado (C R.S § 29-4-201 et seq.), as amended, and

WHEREAS, following said public hearing, the City Council determined that unsanitary and unsafe inhabited dwelling accommodations exist in the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado and there is a lack of safe, sanitary and affordable dwelling accommodations in the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, available for all the inhabitants thereof, including low income persons and first time home buyers, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions in the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, compel persons of low income and first time home buyers to occupy unsanitary and unsafe dwelling accommodations or over-crowded and congested dwelling accommodations, that such conditions create barriers for first time home buyers, that the aforesaid conditions cause an increase in the spread of disease and crime, that the clearance and reconstruction of the areas in which unsanitary or unsafe housing conditions exist and the providing of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations at rents and prices which persons of low income and first time home buyers can afford are public uses and purposes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wheat Ridge City Council, that:

<u>Section 1</u> There is hereby created a housing authority ("Housing Authority") to function in the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado in accordance with The Housing Authorities Law

Section 2 The Housing Authority shall have and exercise those powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of The Housing Authorities Law as more specifically set forth in C R.S § 29-4-209, provided that any contract or agreement with the Jefferson County Housing Authority concerning the management or operations of the Housing Authority shall be subject to the approval by majority vote of the entire City Council Provided further that The Housing Authority

shall not exercise the power of eminent domain without prior approval by majority vote of the entire City Council

<u>Section 3</u> In accordance with Section 29-4-205(3) of The Housing Authorities Law, the Housing Authority shall consist of five (5) commissioners, four of such commissioners being from each of the existing, or hereafter altered, city council districts, and one commissioner being a member of City Council

Section 4 The Mayor is hereby authorized to appoint such commissioners and to designate the first chairperson, subject to the approval by majority vote of the entire City Council

<u>Section 5</u> The Mayor is hereby directed to file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, the necessary certificate evidencing the appointment of the Commissioners and designation of the first Chairperson of the Housing Authority, pursuant to Section 29-4-205(3) of The Housing Authorities Law of the State of Colorado

DONE AND RESOLVED this 24th day of January, 2001

Gretchen Cerveny, Mayor

**ATTEST** 

Wanda Sang, City Clerk



## **Board & Commission Application**

## PLEASE APPLY ONLY FOR ONE BOARD OR COMMISSION PER APPLICATION

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE:
(BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE)
DATE: DISTRICT
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF WHEAT RIDGE:
ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER?
WHY ARE YOU SEEKING THIS APPOINTMENT?
DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA?
HAVE YOU EVER SERVED, OR ARE YOU CURRENTLY ON A BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE AND IF SO, WHICH ONE? HOW LONG?
ARE THERE ANY CONFLICTS WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH REGULAR ATTENDANCE OR DUTIES?
SIGNATURE
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME:
ADDRESS: ZIP:
HOME PHONE:
BUSINESS or CELL PHONE:
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### **APPLICATION WILL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR ONE YEAR**

## **2017 Board Commissions Appointments**

	RENEWALS							
Term Ending	BOARD	DISTRICT	<b>Current Member</b>	Address	Zip	Itr mailed	Reapplied?	OTHER APPLICANTS
03/02/2019	Board of Adjustment	I	Betty Jo Page	6185 W. 29th Ave.	80214	12/31/2018	YES	
03/02/2019	Board of Adjustment	II	David Kuntz	3244 Taft Court	80033	12/31/2018	YES	
03/02/2019	Board of Adjustment	Alter	Rocco Germano	6410 W. 47th Ave.	80033	12/31/2018		
03/02/2019	Building Code Advisory Board	II	Robert Phillips	4280 Reed Street	80033	12/31/2018		
03/02/2019	Liquor Authority	I	Robert Alldredge	2890 Lamar	80214	12/31/2018	NO	Resigned effective 3/19
03/02/2019	Liquor Authority	ll	Anthony Davia	8295 W. 38th Ave.	80033	12/31/2018	YES	Lenny Ortiz
03/02/2019	Liquor Authority	III	John Miks	9855 W. 34th Dr.	80033	12/31/2018	NO	Resigned effective 3/19
03/02/2019	Liquor Authority	IV	Claudia Worth	4650 Oak St.	80033	12/31/2018	NO	Resigned effective 1/10/19 - Cynthia Shaw
03/02/2019	Parks & Recreation Commission	I	David Kueter	5837 W. 29th Ave.	80214	12/31/2018	NO	resigned effective 1/30/19- appt to council
03/02/2019	Planning Commission	I	Alan Bucknam	3300 Ingalls St.	80033	12/31/2018	NO	Resigned effective 3/19 - Jahi Simbai
03/02/2019	Planning Commission	II	Scott Ohm	3860 Allison Circle	80033	12/31/2018	YES	Rocky Germano
03/02/2019	Planning Commission	III	Emery Dorsey	8866 W. 32nd Place	80033	12/31/2018	NO	retired 1/31
03/02/2019	Renewal Wheat Ridge	ı	Michele Koons	3510 Pierce St.	80214	12/31/2018	YES	
03/02/2019	Renewal Wheat Ridge	III	Tim Rogers	10495 W. 35th Pl	80033	12/31/2018	YES	
	VACANCIES							
12/02/2018	Election Commission	At Large	1 open					Sunny Garcia

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## **2017 Board Commissions Appointments**

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New Term Ending	BOARD	DISTRICT	Current Member
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