

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title:

Appoint Whit Middlecoff to the Adjustment Committee for a 4-year term to expire June 19, 2020 (Report)

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Presenter name: Douglas Hardy

Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This appointment will fill one "Urban Design/Architecture/Landscape Architecture" position on the Adjustment Committee as required by Portland City Code Title 33.710.070.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

Appointments to the Adjustment Committee are citizen-volunteer positions, so no revenue or expenses are incurred by these positions.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The Bureau of Development Services advertised the vacant position through its webpage, and through a media advisory that was broadly circulated in the design, development and neighborhood community news outlets and web pages.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.

☒ **NO:** Skip this section

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Subject: Appointment to the Adjustment Committee

Appointment

In the spring of 2016, a Media Advisory was circulated regarding two vacancies on the Adjustment Committee, for the positions of Engineering, Financing, Construction, Building Management or Land Development, and Urban Design, Architecture, or Landscape Architecture. A total of eight interest forms were received in response to the Media Advisory – four for each position. We will postpone filling the Engineering, Financing, Construction, Building Management or Land Development specialty until a broader outreach recruitment can be conducted.

Land Use Services Manager Douglas Hardy reviewed the interest form and resume, and met with all but one of the candidates. I am recommending **C. Whit Middlecoff** be appointed to the Urban Design, Architecture, or Landscape Architecture position. Whit's first, full 4-year term will be from July 20, 2016 through July 19, 2020.

Whit brings enthusiasm to the work he does, and is well aware of the role of commission members. He is well-versed in the current Zoning Code, both its regulations and procedures, and has a breadth of experience in the design field with both small and large projects. During a conversation with Land Use Services Manager Douglas Hardy, Whit remarked that while personally a commissioner/ committee member may not like a particular proposal or would have designed it differently, the commission/committee member's role is limited to determining whether the approval criteria are met and not redesigning the proposal.

Whit's background includes:

- Practicing architect for the past 19 years; employed for the past 16 years with GBD Architects; has worked on a variety of residential, mixed-use, commercial and institutional development in the metro area, including The Brewery Blocks.
- Appeared numerous times before the Design Commission as an applicant.\
- Serves on the BOMA Codes Committee.
- Master of Architecture from Georgia Institute of Technology.

With this recommendation, the Adjustment Committee has one remaining vacancy in the Engineering, Financing, Construction, Building Management or Land Development position. We will continue our outreach efforts to fill the remaining vacancy.