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Appoint Amy Vohs and Kristian McCombs to the Development Review Advisory Committee for terms to expire February 27, 2027

Accepted

As Mayor, I request Council confirmation of the following appointments to the Development Review Advisory Committee, each for a first 3-year term.

The Development Review Advisory Committee (DRAC) is a citizen advisory body representing those with interests in the outcome of policies, budgets, regulations, and procedures that affect development review processes. The DRAC is composed of 17 members representing different stakeholder groups, such as builders, developers, designers, and neighborhoods.

I recommend two candidates for appointment.

Appointment	Membership Category	1st Full Term
Amy Vohs	Land Use Planning Professionals	February 28, 2024 - February 27, 2027
Kristian McCombs	Public Works Permit Customers	February 28, 2024 - February 27, 2027

Amy Vohs biography: Amy is an architect based in Portland since 2006, specializes in long-range facility planning for local school districts, primarily working with public sector clients. She's done work engaging diverse committees of students, parents, and educators to develop school facility plans, and navigates the land use process on most of her projects.

Statement from Amy Vohs: *I am excited to be part of behind-the-scenes work to improve any systems or processes that enhance permitting for all stakeholders. With my background in architecture and planning, jurisdictional processes can be cumbersome. I would love to be a part of providing some clarity for customers and make it easier to get projects through development review.*

Kristian McCombs biography: Kristian is a professional civil engineer and a senior member of Humber Design Group (HDG). She brings over 10 years

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Requested Agenda Type

Time Certain

Date and Time Information

Requested Council Date

February 28, 2024

Requested Start Time

10:05 am

Time Requested

10 minutes

of experience with the City's public works and building permit processes. Kristian is well-versed in ongoing efforts to make improvements and has contributed to numerous affordable housing projects. She is also an active participant on the DRAC public works subcommittee.

Statement from Kristian McCombs: *I'm excited to help advise on code changes and policies from a private development/public works viewpoint and to ensure fairness in their application. My goal would be to allow more affordable housing to be created so that everyone can live somewhere. Everyone deserves an opportunity to have somewhere to call home.*

Both Amy and Kristian will bring a fresh perspective and voices to the DRAC, as well as years of experience working in Portland on affordable housing and school projects.

With these appointments, all DRAC positions are filled. However, six members will be leaving DRAC in May 2024. Three positions are currently being recruited for, with plans for a second recruitment process starting in March to fill the remaining vacancies.

I recommend that Amy Vohs and Kristian McCombs be appointed to the Development Review Advisory Committee for first terms.

Impact Statement

Purpose of Proposed Legislation and Background Information

Portland City Code Title 3.30.030 specifies that members of the DRAC may serve up to two 3-year terms.

Financial and Budgetary Impacts

This legislation appoints citizen volunteers to serve on the DRAC, a citizen advisory body, and will have no budgetary or long-term financial impacts for the Bureau of Development Services or the City.

Community Impacts and Community Involvement

This legislation will benefit the development review process and the community by supporting the continued effective functioning of the DRAC. Each of the 17 members of the DRAC represents a unique stakeholder group to the development review process; making the appointments specified in this legislation will ensure that the member's stakeholder group will be represented.

100% Renewable Goal

This legislation appoints citizen volunteers to serve on the DRAC and will have no discernable impact on the City's energy use. This legislation neither contributes to nor detracts from the City's goal of meeting 100 percent of community-wide energy needs with renewable energy by 2050.

Budget Office Financial Impact Analysis

No fiscal impact

Agenda Items

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Confirmed

Motion to accept the report: Moved by Mapps and seconded by Rubio.

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Yea

Commissioner Dan Ryan Yea

Commissioner Rene Gonzalez Yea

Commissioner Mingus Mapps Yea

Mayor Ted Wheeler Yea