

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
February 7, 2002

A meeting of the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee was held on Thursday, February 7, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Chair James R. Tollner presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Stephen C. Lamos, Vice Chair
Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson
Alderman Timothy B. Nickerson
Alderman Robert A. Dion

Members not in Attendance:

Also in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

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INTERVIEWS

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mary Ann Picard (Alternate) (New Appointment) Term to Expire: September 11, 2004
399 S. Main Street
Nashua, NH 03060

Chair Tollner

Mary Ann would you be kind enough to come forward, and take a moment to convey to the committee your interest in serving on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mary Ann Picard

I am interested in the alternate position to be able to serve the city. I am in the real estate business. We do rentals, property management, buying and selling. It is an interest that I have.

Chair Tollner

Have you had an opportunity to attend any of the Zoning Board meetings?

Mary Ann Picard

I have been to many.

Chair Tollner

The fact that you are involved in real estate – owning, buying, selling, etc. is that what you do?

Mary Ann Picard

Yes.

Chair Tollner

Could you let the committee know how you would handle any situation where you may be asked to -- as an alternate you may not be there all the time -- those times that you may be faced with a conflict, how would you handle that?

Mary Ann Picard

I would reclude myself. I would only work within the law.

Chair Tollner

Thank you. Are there any questions from the committee members? One of the things that the city has tried to do over the last year was to have the Planning Department work with the Zoning Board. There has been quite a turnover of the Zoning Board members, and one of the concerns that a number of Aldermen had last term as well as the Planning Department was the background that the members had. I know that the Planning Department will reach out to you as they have to other new members. I think, during the course of the year, they will have some workshops to update people and help educate them on the appropriate ways of looking at zoning situations as we move forward into the future.

Alderman Liamos

Where do you see the role of the Zoning Board?

Mary Ann Picard

I think again just to monitor growth and to work within the law.

Alderman Liamos

In terms of neighborhood integrity we have had some situations – I can think about the half way house that was proposed in the Chestnut Street last year – it went to court and may still be there, but what is your feeling relative to the rights of the neighbors versus the rights of the property owners on making a zoning decision. Where do you stand on that?

Mary Ann Picard

I realize it is a group decision. It is just not myself. I have a lot of learning to do where that all fits in as far as neighbors and owners. That is really why I was interested in the alternate position because it will give me a chance to learn all of those ins and outs, be able to observe, and ask questions.

Alderman Liamos

Overall how do you think Nashua has done in the last few years in terms of our zoning?

Mary Ann Picard

Good. I am a Nashua native, very interested in the city, and I don't know every single case that has come about, but I do keep pretty much aware.

Alderman Liamos

Are there any places where you think Nashua could have done a little bit better relative to our zoning and our rezoning?

Mary Ann Picard

Off the top of my head I can't think of one. I am very interested in places like Mine Falls Park, and seeing more of that kind of thing.

Chair Tollner

Thank you very much. The City Clerk's office will be in touch with you.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

APPLICATION TO LICENSE HAWKER'S, PEDDLER'S, ITINERANT VENDOR'S - None

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Auditorium Commission

Arthur Olsson (Re-Appointment)
169 Coburn Woods
Nashua, NH 03063

Term to Expire: December 31, 2004

Dennis Schneider (Re-Appointment)
32 Clearview Drive
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to Expire: December 31, 2004

MOTION BY ALDERMAN NICKERSON TO RECOMMEND THE CONFIRMATION OF

THE APPOINTMENTS OF ARTHUR OLSSON AND DENNIS SCHNEIDER TO THE AUDITORIUM COMMISSION FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2004
MOTION CARRIED

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mary Ann Picard (Alternate) (New Appointment)
399 S. Main Street
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: September 11, 2004

MOTION BY ALDERMAN NICKERSON TO CHANGE THE ADDRESS LISTED FOR MARY ANN PICARD TO REFLECT HER CURRENT ADDRESS OF 4 RITA STREET
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DION TO RECOMMEND THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MARY ANN PICARD AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 11, 2004
MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - RESOLUTIONS

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Endorser: Alderman-at-Large Steven A. Bolton
Alderman Scott A. Cote
Alderman Stephen C. Lamos
Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman Kevin E. Gage
Alderman Lori Cardin
Alderman Kevin McAfee
Alderman Brian S. McCarthy
Alderman Timothy B. Nickerson
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

FOR THE CITY OF NASHUA TO SPONSOR A COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS TO DESIGN A FLAG FOR THE CITY OF NASHUA

MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Chair Tollner

I think everyone is familiar with this particular piece of legislation. A similar piece of legislation was submitted last fall spearheaded I think by Alderman Franks as a result of some of the ideas that came up via the inauguration committee. It was vetoed by the Mayor, but there are a number of members as you can see from the Board of Aldermen that were comfortable with that legislation, and who had voted for it the last time.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

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DISCUSSION

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Alderman Dion

I thought I would pass the word along to the Board members – I called former Alderman-at-Large Vic DuVarney over to the weekend to see how he was doing with his recuperation from heart surgery, and he informed me that he was doing very well, he was able to drive, and progressing. I just thought I would pass that along.

Chair Tollner

That is great to hear.

I think most of you have access to e-mail. We have set aside March 4th as a tentative date for a public discussion regarding the ice skating rink.

Alderman Dion

Is this on Roby Park Mr. Chairman?

Chair Tollner

No, I think this is over by Stellos Stadium. We haven't picked an absolute definitive site yet. As soon as we have confirmation of that meeting I will let you know. These are dates that we are still waiting for a couple of people to get back to us – just for people to put a hold on their calendar.

Alderman Johnson

If it is March 4th then they will let me know as soon as – they will give me a copy of the letter that they are sending out to the abutters then we can cover the rest of the territory right?

Chair Tollner

Absolutely.

Alderman Johnson

That way we can give them enough time.

Chair Tollner

We should know in a couple of days. There are a few people presently on vacation, and I want to make sure that they can come. There are 3-4 people that absolutely should go – Alderman McCarthy had requested – he will be on vacation the week of the 18th. The week of the 25th is the winter recess, etc. We want to make sure that we can get as many people available as possible. Now we are at March 4th, and hopefully that date will stick. We will try to get the auditorium – that is where it is as of now.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DION TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared closed at 7:10 p.m.

Alderman Timothy B. Nickerson
Committee Clerk