



AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda Item number: IC

Title:

Presentation of a Recommendation from Mayor Lora Vitek to Approve Appointments of New Members to City Boards and Commissions

Presenter:

Mayor Lora Vitek

Meeting: City Council

Date: May 1, 2023

Proposed Cost: \$

Budgeted Amount: \$

Not Budgeted:

Executive Summary *(if not budgeted please explain):*

Request considerable consideration of appointments of new members to City Boards and Commissions to fill vacancies of respective positions noted in yellow on the attachment:

Mary Jo Knipp – Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Milupa King – Housing Commission

Harvey Miller – Visitors Cultural Commission

Lauren Duddles – Youth Commission

These new members will hold the term of the vacancy they are filling, as noted in the attached document.

Attachments *(please list):*

Bios of New Members

Appointments - City Boards & Commissions for 2023/24 (new members)

Recommendation/Suggested Action *(briefly explain):*

Presentation of a recommendation from Mayor Lora Vitek to approve appointments of new members to City Boards and Commissions for the noted terms.

Mary Jo Knipp

[REDACTED]
St. Charles, IL 60174
[REDACTED]

I am submitting my letter of interest for the position on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. I grew up on the southwest side of Chicago. I've been a resident of St. Charles for 42 years. I've raised my family here and have been very involved with the school district #303 and Neighborhood Watch (back in the day). I am very committed to our city and want the best for our citizens. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve on this commission.

Experience: 1999 – 2005 School District 303 Board Member

2003 – 2005 School Board President

2001 – 2003 John B Norris Recreation Center Board Member

2007 – 2010 STC Thompson Middle School Campus Monitor

2010 – 2022 St. Charles North High School Dean's Assistant

Currently: Retired

Thank your for your consideration.

Mary Jo Knipp

Milupa King bio

Milupa's life journey began in Sri Lanka, but it was in Germany where she was born and raised. As a teenager, she immigrated to the United States. Settling in St. Charles, IL 12 years ago.

Milupa's passion for giving back to the community led her to consider to be involved on the housing commission, specifically wanting to work towards affordable housing solutions. Her dedication to this cause stems from her belief that everyone deserves a safe and stable home.

Milupa's diverse background, having been raised in multiple cultures and raising five children, has taught her many valuable life skills. She understands the importance of collaborating with others, being resilient, and adapting to changing circumstances. She is also an active listener and problem-solver, always asking clarifying questions to ensure effective solutions.

Milupa firmly believes that every individual is deserving of love and belonging, and she strives to create a community where everyone feels valued and supported. Her commitment to this mission is unwavering, and she continues to work towards making St. Charles a better place for all.

Harvey Miller

[REDACTED]
St. Charles, 60174

Education:

BS.ED in Art Education, Knox College
MA in Art, Northern Illinois University

Work Experience:

Jefferson Middle School District 129
West Aurora High School District 129
Henricksen Commercial Furniture
Primrose Farm

LAUREN DUDDLES

Saint Charles, IL <https://www.linkedin.com/in/lduddles/> | [REDACTED]

Mental Health advocate and Community Organizer with 6 years experience successfully teaching and mentoring the district's most academically and behaviorally challenging students along with the district's brightest AP/honors students. Specialization in intersectional coalition-building, and strategic planning to engage and advocate for community members.

EDUCATION

Roosevelt University

Master's Degree in Education: Curriculum and Instruction

Chicago, IL

Northeastern Illinois University

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Chicago, IL

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Lauren Underwood for Congress

1/2022-11/2022

Community Organizer

Aurora, IL

- Strategized and reached out to hundreds of active volunteers and identified and recruited several dozen new volunteers
- Coordinated data entry to organize voter contact and made 100+ calls to recruit volunteers on a daily basis
- Organized 40+ events (canvasses, phone banks and community events with the congresswoman) by coordinating logistics and communications, often on short notice
- Planned coordinated events with Everytown, Moms Demand and The Sierra Club to promote community engagement and activism

Illinois Department of Education¹

2019-2021

Long Term Substitute Teacher Illinois

- Successfully executed all teacher roles and responsibilities within days notice and quickly adapted to changing procedures and schedule adjustments
- Administered lessons in hybrid format (online & in person simultaneously) during the pandemic, instructing 5 classes of 30+ students
- Designed learning activities using technology such as Jamboard, Kahoot, Google Classroom and Pear Deck.

Dundee Crown High School

2017-2019

Alternative Education Teacher

Carpentersville, IL

- Developed and executed curriculum for academically deficient students in grades 9-12 and instructed as many as 50- 70 students at one time
- Constructed and facilitated individualized and blended instruction to target students of all learning levels and abilities
- Contributed to the graduation of over 250 at risk students in my 2 1/2 years with the program.

Gifford Street High School

2015 - 2016

High School Educator

Elgin, IL

- Directed learning in United States History and Civics to 5 classes of 30 at-risk students in an alternative environment
- Successfully prepared all 60 civics students to pass to Constitution Test
- Conducted restorative practices in small groups to build relationships among students and resolve conflict

RELEVANT LEADERSHIP

Moms Demand Action

2022

Member of Kane and Kendall Counties Chapter Illinois

- Persuaded legislators to pass common sense gun legislation

Fight The Stigma

2017-2019

Founding Member, Team Leader Carpentersville, IL

- Educated and empowered students and staff about mental health through orchestrated storytelling in small groups

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Digital Skills:** Microsoft Office; G-Suite; jamboard; kahoot; Google Classroom; peardeck; social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- **Soft-Skills:** Event organizing; program/project management; logistics, communications; teamwork; conflict resolution (restorative practices); customer service; grassroots campaigns; strategic partnerships; advocacy.
- **Certifications:** Professional Educator License: State of Illinois, Developing a Learning Mindset, Communication Foundations, Outlook Quick Tips, Programming Foundations: Software Testing QA, Google Analytics, How to Increase Learner Engagement, Understanding Logistics, Managing Logistics, Teaching with Technology and Nonprofit Fundraising.

¹ Specifically taught at: Larkin High School, Glenbard North High School, Neuqua Valley High School and Lyons Township High School

BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS (1987) 3-Year Term

Name	Position	Term Expiration
Wedge Lazenby	Chair	4-30-2023
Mary Jo Knipp	Member	4-30-2024
Anthony Stancati	Member	4-30-2023
Patrick Reed	Member	4-30-2025
Geoff Pretkelis	Member	4-30-2025

BUILDING BOARD OF REVIEW (2009) 3-Year Term

Name	Position	Term Expiration
Dan Marshall	Chair and Architect	4-30-2025
VACANT	General Contractor	4-30-2025
Dan Hartel	Fire	4-30-2026
Mark Marion	Electric	4-30-2026
John Wagner	Plumbing	4-30-2026

FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND BOARD 3-Year Term

Name	Position	Term Expiration
★ Brad Wilton	President	4-30-2026
★ Andrew Kidd	Secretary	4-30-2025
◆ Leo Veseling	Member	4-30-2024
Scott Swanson	Member	4-30-2024
William Hannah	Member	4-30-2024
★ Elected by Fire Department ◆ Elected by Retirees		

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (1994) 3-Year Term

Name	Position	Term Expiration
Kim Malay	Chair	4-30-2025
Steven Smunt	Vice Chair	4-30-2024
Tom Pretz	Member	4-30-2026
Margaret Kramer	Member and Architect	4-30-2024
Phil Kessler	Member	4-30-2025
Anita Dickerson	Member	4-30-2026
Laura Rice	Member	4-30-2024

HOUSING COMMISSION (2006) 3-Year Term

Name	Position	Term Expiration
Liz Eakins	Chair	4-30-2025
Karrsten Goettel	Park District Representative	4-30-2023
Jillian Barker	School Board Representative	4-30-2023
Sean Baker	Member	4-30-2026
John Glenn	Vice Chair	4-30-2026
Milupa King	Member	4-30-2026
Louis Dries	Member	4-30-2025
Jeff Funke	Plan Commission Representative	4-30-2024
Ald. David Pietryla	Alderman Member/Representative	4-30-2024

LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION 4-year Term

Name	Position	Term Expiration
Mayor Lora Vitek	Liquor Commissioner	4-30-2025
Ald. Todd Bancroft	Alderman Member/Representative	4-30-2025
Ald. David Pietryla	Alderman Member/Representative	4-30-2025
Fran Zollers	Member	4-30-2025
Robert Gehm	Member	4-30-2025

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (1995) 4-Year Term

Name	Position	Term Expiration
Kaylynne Poremba	Chair	4-30-2024
Cheryl Denz	Member	4-30-2026
Molly Bryant	Vice-Chair	4-30-2024
Melynda Litchfield	Member	4-30-2026
Kelly Rosenberg	Member	4-30-2026
Ron Weddell	Member	4-30-2025
Ald. Jayme Muenz	Alderman Member/Representative	4-30-2025

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION (1988) 4-year Term

Name	Position	Term Expiration
Thomas Galante	Member	4-30-2024
Ryan Johnson	Member	4-30-2026
Kathy Brens	Member	4-30-2024
Suzi Myers	Member	4-30-2026
Angela Churchill	Member	4-30-2024
Pam Otto	Member	4-30-2026
Michael Stroud	Member	4-30-2026
Laura Miller Hill	Member	4-30-2024
Lee Haggas	Member	4-30-2026
Loren Nagy	Chair	4-30-2026
Heather Goudreau	Member	4-30-2026
Morrighan Hayes	Student Member	6-30-202
Daniella Taylor	Student Member	6-30-202
Callie Ramirez	Student Member	6-30-202
Deetya Solanki	Student Member	6-30-202

PLAN COMMISSION (1997) 4-year Term

Name	Position	Term Expiration
Colleen Wiese	Member	4-30-2024
Dave Rosenberg	Member	4-30-2026
Jeffrey Funke	Member	4-30-2026
Zachary Ewoldt	Member	4-30-2026
Laurel Moad	Member	4-30-2025
Karen Hibel	Member	4-30-2024
Chris Studebaker	Member	4-30-2026
Peter Vargurlich	Chair	4-30-2025
Gary Gruber	Member	4-30-2026

Color Key

Commission
Term
RenewedNew
AppointmentVacant
Position

**Commission
Term Length
At-a-Glance**

Board of Fire and Police 3 Years
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Building Board of Review 3 Years
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Firemen's Pension Fund 3 Years

Historic Preservation 3 Years

Housing Commission 3 Years

Liquor Control Commission 4 Years

Mental Health Board 4 Years

Natural Resources Commission 4 Years
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Plan Commission 4 Years

Police Pension Board 2 Years

Visitors Cultural Commission 3 Years
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Youth Commission 2 Years

Zoning Board of Appeals 5 Years

POLICE PENSION BOARD (1997) 2-Year Term

Name	Position	Term Expiration
★ Steve Heike	Secretary	4-30-2024
◆ Tim Beam	Member	4-30-2024
★ Ryan Carrigan	Member	4-30-2023
William Hannah	Member	4-30-2025
Chief Jim Keegan	Member	4-30-2024
★ Elected by Police Department ◆ Elected by Retirees		

VISITORS CULTURAL COMMISSION (1996) 3-Year Term

Name	Position	Term Expiration
Sally Stancati	Member	4-30-2025
Sharon Spero	Member	4-30-2025
Anne L. Becker	Chair	4-30-2026
Harvey Miller	Member	4-30-2026
Suzie Remitz	Member	4-30-2024
Jodi L. Manthei	Member	4-30-2024
Jamie Swenson	Member	4-30-2025
Kathy Melone	Member	4-30-2026
Lori Stahulak	Member	4-30-2024

YOUTH COMMISSION (1980) 2-Year Term

Name	Position	Term Expiration
Donna Clavelli	Member	4-30-2025
James Parker	Member	4-30-2024
Lauren Duddles	Member	4-30-2025
Erin Livermore	Member	4-30-2024
Daniel Kelly	Member	4-30-2025
John Stock	Member	4-30-2024
Meaghan Bishop	Member	4-30-2024
Lara Kristofer	Secretary	4-30-2024
Anthony Farinella	Member	4-30-2024
VACANT	Member	4-30-2025

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (1976) 5-Year Term

Name	Position	Term Expiration
VACANT	Member	4-30-2023
Laura Halpenny	Member	4-30-2027
Scott Buening	Secretary	4-30-2026
VACANT	Member	4-30-2027
Chris Studebaker	Member	4-30-2025
Elmer Rullman III	Chair	4-30-2025
Ross Totten	Member	4-30-2025