
Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Meeting Date: 7/12/2022

Title: Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission

File Number: 2022-319

Background and Rationale:

The Parks and Recreation Commission serves as an advisory group to the Parks and Recreation department leadership. Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission serve as valuable community liaisons, and provide insights on park projects, policy, racial equity and community engagement efforts. Feedback and ideas are incorporated into development projects and help connect park staff to community. Members' familiarity with the county's parks and recreation system offers a deep and rich conversation about the direction of the department. The Parks and Recreation Commission has a total of nine seats.

There are currently two vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Recruitment throughout the county's open appointment process resulted in four applications. On June 8, 2022, the applications were forwarded to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for review. Additionally, the commissioners held interviews with each applicant, which gave the commissioners the opportunity to engage with and learn more about each applicant beyond just the review of the online applications. On June 16, 2022, three commissioners interviewed the applicants for final recommendation.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Appoint Jordan Nelson (incumbent) and Tamara Mattison to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term beginning July 12, 2022 and ending June 1, 2025.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner McDonough.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Carter, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: - 1: Frethem

By: _____



Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board