

**Memorandum
Mayor's Office**



To: Rock Island City Council
From: Mayor Dennis Pauley
Subject: Arts Advisory Committee appointment
Date: March 8th, 2017

Micaela Booth is no longer a member of the Rock Island Arts Advisory Committee, nor the Executive Director of The Downtown Rock Island Arts and Entertainment District.

Appoint:

Erik Reader, the new Executive Director of the Downtown Partnership and a Rock Island resident, has volunteered to fill the vacancy now left on the Arts Advisory Committee. Committee members serve the remainder of her 3-year term, expiring June, 2019

Mr. Reader currently serves as the Executive Director of the Downtown Rock Island Partnership. He is an advocate of community revitalization via the arts, innovation, sustainability and development. Prior to relocating to Rock Island in the winter of 2017, he had served on the boards of Bike Peoria, Pekin Main Street, Central Illinois Landmarks Foundation and Startup Peoria. He was also appointed to the City of Pekin Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Reader specializes in helping communities market places and spaces and had received a marketing degree in 2004 from Western Illinois University.

Recommendation: Recommend that the appointment be approved as listed for the term as indicated.

Submitted by: Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor *OK D.P.*

Approved by: Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor