

Memorandum Mayor's Office



To: Rock Island City Council
Subject: Appointments to Citizen's Advisory Committee
Date: August 4th, 2014

There is a need for seven (7) membership appointments to the Citizen's Advisory Committee (Need the following membership categories: two (2) neighborhood residents, two (2) financial, three (3) civic and community). Five (5) individuals have expressed an interest in becoming a member of the commission.

New Appointments

The following individuals have submitted for membership on the Committee:

Lori Roderick – Civic and Community

Lori is a 20+ year resident of Rock Island and presently on the Executive/Advisory board for Quad City Arts and Rock Island Arts. Lori currently works at Augustana College within the Office of Advancement overseeing research, writing and submission of approximately 50 applications for funding each year (corporate and foundation proposals and grants). In the past, Lori (as a professional artist) wrote successful grants to Illinois Arts Council and Quad City Arts in partnership with area schools. Lori was also an arts administrator for Quad City Arts and ran a successful re-granting program called Arts Dollars. Other past involvements include being on the board for the Rock Island Little League and Rock Island Reds Baseball.

Katie Colbrese – Civic and Community

Katie is a 4-year resident of Rock Island and presently the Executive Director for Spring Forward Learning Center. Katie's present involvements include secretary for Rock Island Rotary, RIFAC member, Contract Employee of the Summer Enrichment Program for the Child Abuse Council, member of the Community Check and Connect, and classroom tutor for Rock Island Academy. In the past, Katie was also a board member for the Community Caring Conference, a volunteer tutor for Frances Willard Elementary and Earl Hanson Elementary, and a classroom volunteer for Rock Island Academy. Katie has her Bachelor's Degree from WIU- QC in Business Administration, Certificate in Non-profit Management from University of IL – Chicago, and Masters Degree from Lewis University in Organizational Leadership.

Phyllis Oakley – Neighborhood Resident

Phyllis is a 60+ year resident of Rock Island and a member at St. Pius X Church. She is currently employed at a law firm that handles Social Security Disability Appeals. Phyllis has previously been head of the Finance committee at St. Pius Church and a Cubs Scout Leader.

Linda Mohr – Neighborhood Resident

Linda moved back to Rock Island last year and is looking to become more active in the community. She has worked for the City of Rock Island for the past 23+ years.

Zachary Thomas Edwards – Financial

Zach is a 29-year resident of Rock Island, 2001 Rock Island High School graduate and is currently a Financial Advisor at Waddell & Reed. Zach's present involvements include President of Rock Island Kiwanis, Chair of the Quad Cities Young Professionals Network, President of the Don Wright Memorial Scholarship, Board Member of YP Iowa, Committee Member of HAVLife and Quad City Chamber of Commerce Board Member. Zach is also the past President of Business Networking International and past committee member of American Spirit Charities. Zach also has been involved as an Extreme Clean-up Volunteer and a Rock Island Tailgate (Red/Gold) Coordinator. Zach has his Bachelor's Degree from Illinois State University with a double major in Finance and Insurance.

Recommendation: Recommend that the appointments be approved as indicated.

Submitted by: Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor

Approved by: Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor