

TO: Urbana City Council
FROM: Diane Wolfe Marlin
RE: Board and Commission Appointments and Reappointments
DATE: June 28, 2021

I am pleased to submit the following Appointments and Reappointments for your approval:

Appointments

Historic Preservation Commission – term ending June 30, 2024

- **Laura O'Donnell**

Laura is a 25-year resident of Urbana and is an Adjunct Professor in Art History at Eastern Illinois University.

"I have a Master's degree in Art History (Modern) from the University of Illinois. During my undergraduate and graduate studies I completed several architectural history courses and remain interested in Architectural History. On a personal note, I live in a house that is at least 100 years old and am familiar with upkeep needs of older structures. I have an interest in the preservation and protection of resources and would like to serve on the Urbana Historic Preservation Committee because I believe that buildings from the past enable the city to retain a connection to its historical identity and also help attract new residents, businesses, and visitors. That said, I do not believe that Urbana should hold on to a structure just because it is old, but I do believe that it needs to judiciously protect those of significant aesthetic, structural, and historic value."

Human Relations Commission – term ending June 30, 2024

- **Elizabeth Asako Kinase-Leggett**

Elizabeth is a 38-year resident of Urbana and is the Student Activities Coordinator at Eastern Gateway Community College.

"I am dedicated to diversity, equity, and inclusion. As an undergraduate student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, I served as an intern in the Community Relations Office at the City of Champaign, trained as a peer educator for the Program on Intergroup Relations, and created a class on Biracial/Multiracial Identity. I received the UIUC Outstanding Asian American Student Leader award in 2001. As a graduate assistant for Diversity and Social Justice Education, in the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations at UIUC, I planned, implemented, oversaw, and evaluated the I-Connect Diversity and Inclusion Workshop, a mandatory in-person diversity workshop for incoming students, during its first year at UIUC. I also worked for the Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of California Santa Cruz, where I coordinated programs like the Diversity and Inclusion Certificate Program. In addition, I am passionate about mental health and have been involved with NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) since 2015. I am interested in joining the commission because I am passionate about diversity and improving my community."

The Urbana Free Library Board – term ending June 30, 2024

- **Sara Bennett**

Sara is an Archives Librarian at the Champaign County Historical Archives. As part of her work, she plans programming and outreach events for the community about topics related to local history and genealogy. She is passionate about making the archives a vibrant and welcoming part of Champaign-Urbana. Sara is delighted to be a part of the UPTV commission, and aid in this vital community resource in any way possible.

Reappointments

Community Development Commission – terms ending June 30, 2024

- **Anne Heinze Silvas**

Anne is a 30-year resident of Urbana, and has served on the Community Development Commission for more than 20 years. Anne is Assistant Dean of Community and Economic Development at the University of Illinois Extension. She is a member of the Community Development Society, and serves on the board of directors for the Illinois Rural Development Council.

- **Patricia Jones**

Patricia is currently the Associate Director for Research at the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology at UIUC. Previously, she worked for NASA as a manager of human-systems integration. She earned the BS in psychology from UIUC and the MS and PhD in industrial and systems engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. She is a resident of WUNA and provides information regarding the City of Urbana programs on the list serve.

Design Review Board – terms ending June 30, 2024

- **Matt Cho**

Born and raised in Urbana, Matt owns and operates several businesses downtown including SIPYARD, Broadway Food Hall, Cafeteria & Company, and Colab. Matt has previously served on other boards including the CU MTD, Economic Development Corporation, and former Urbana Business Association. He has a Masters in Architecture and Urban Planning from the University of Illinois.

- **J. Scott Kunkel, Chair**

Scott has been actively involved with both the Building Safety Code Board of Appeals and the Design Review Board for many years and has never missed a scheduled meeting. He is a licensed architect in Illinois, Indiana, Colorado, and Florida, and a NCARB Certificate holder and brings over 30 years of experience with development in Champaign-Urbana in a wide variety of building types.

Historic Preservation Commission – term ending June 30, 2024

- **David Hays**

David is a Professor and the Brenton H. and Jean B. Wadsworth Head of the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Illinois. Trained in architecture and history of art, his scholarly research and teaching include the history and theory of landscape design in early modern Europe, interfaces between architecture and landscape, and pedagogies of history and design. Hays

is co-editor of Forty-Five: A Journal of Outside Research, and co-director of the Chicago-based gallery Space p11.

Plan Commission – terms ending June 30, 2024

- **Andrew Fell**

Andrew is the owner of Andrew Fell Architecture and Design, founded in 1999. He has extensive knowledge of building codes and development regulations from his experience working on numerous projects for clients in the City of Urbana.

- **Jonah Weisskopf**

Jonah has lived and worked in the West Urbana neighborhood for the past 20 years. He is a commercial broker who specializes in small scale rental property. He has also created and manages multiple co-operative houses in West Urbana.

Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals – term ending June 30, 2024

- **David Crow**

David has been the president TCT Construction for more than 20 years. TCT Construction operates two divisions TCT General Contractors and Rainbow International: TCT General Contractors has specialized in commercial building projects, primarily Banks, Restaurants, Convenience Stores; Rainbow International of East Central Illinois, specializes in Large Loss Smoke, Fire and Water mitigation and reconstruction.

Zoning Board of Appeals – term ending June 30, 2026

- **Charles Warmbrunn**

Although, a graduate of the University of Michigan, Charles is a loyal Illini fan. Being on the Zoning Board has allowed me the opportunity to learn about and vote on issues that affect our community's growth and change while adhering to board policies and procedures.