

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Urbana City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin  
**DATE:** 27 June 2022  
**RE:** Board and Commission Reappointments

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

**Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission – term ending June 30, 2025**

- **Audrey Ishii**  
Audrey Ishii has been a member of BPAC since its establishment in 2006. She is a retired hydrologist, and a licensed professional engineer, whose required continuing education courses in the last four years have largely focused on traffic safety design for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists, including signals, roads, roundabouts and other infrastructure. She has represented USD#116 since June 2018, and has been nominated to continue in that position by the Superintendent.
- **Susan Jones**  
Susan Jones is pleased to be invited to be reappointed to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission. She has been active in the local cycling community since she moved here in 2000. In that time, she has seen many improvements, while she strives and pushes for the real changes needed to make Urbana a place where people using active modalities such as walking, cycling, and more recently micro mobility vehicles can travel safely and efficiently, especially in downtown Urbana.

**Civilian Police Review Board – term ending June 30, 2025**

- **Tony Allegretti**  
*I wish to continue to serve on the CPRB because I believe that the goal of civilian oversight of the city police department serves as a crucial requirement in a civilian run municipal government. The Department of Police in Urbana is the only unit of government that has authority to use force against the residents of the city, a force that must be answerable to that same population. I look forward to continuing to serve on the Board and fulfill its mission of providing a fair and independent process for the review of citizen complaints of the police officers of Urbana.*
- **Anthony Rice**  
*I honestly believe that the board is putting together a solid format for the future (and present) relationship between citizens and the Police Dept. This is an are that will continue to need monitoring as the world changes and out of necessity so does any other standards. Take for instance what we are witnessing today with Roe vs Wade being*

*brought back into our lives and someone other than the people involved making a decision over someone else. I have no stake in this litigation but a person has rights and should always be granted the ability to use those in any event. My commitment to the board is to bring the same clear thoughtfulness to any concerns that are being addressed or are in need of a slight modification. The people want to respect authority and work with authority to make the city a better place to live. I believe that is the reason for the board even existing. I am nothing more than a concerned citizen in my own city that wants the best for all citizens of the community.*

#### **Community Development Commission – term ending June 30, 2025**

- **Chris Diana**

*It has been my pleasure to serve on the Urbana Community Development Commission for what must now be somewhere in the range of 25 years. While some of the functions of the Commission have changed over that period, I believe it has been and continues to be a valuable part of the growth and development of the target areas within the city, and the county. As a part time resident in the 70s, and full-time resident since 1986, it has been interesting to watch the changes throughout the community over that time. I have maintained my business here locally for many years and watched my children and now grandchildren grow up here, attend Urbana public schools, and have now enjoyed my son opening his own business in Urbana for the past 5 years. Being the Managing Broker of a real estate office in Champaign, serving as a member of the Champaign County Board of Review, participation in the Age-Friendly Committee along with years of volunteering with Cub/Boy Scouts, CUYHA, and youth baseball has always kept me in touch with the trends of the community, and I believe has allowed me to bring that knowledge and experience to the Commission.*

#### **Design Review Board – term ending June 30, 2025**

- **Travis Schiess**

*I would like to ask your approval to continue my service on the city's Design Review Board. As a resident of Urbana for over a decade and an Architect licensed in the state of Illinois, I have a passion and vested interest in both helping Urbana grow and prosper economically, while still allowing the character of our neighborhoods to be preserved. I hope my expertise as an architect, with knowledge of current and past building trends, reading and interpreting plans, and the design and construction process can continue to serve the Design Review Board well.*

#### **Human Relations Commission – term ending June 30, 2025**

- **Stacie Burnett**

*Please accept my affirmation to be reappointed as Commissioner for Human Relations. The reason for my commitment to stay on the Commission is to continue to develop and make improvements for empowerment for all in our community. I bring to the HRC over 25 years of experience as a buyer in the purchasing field and the ability to think outside the box in problem-solving resolutions.*

## Plan Commission – term ending June 30, 2025

- **Lew Hopkins**

*I have served on the Urbana Plan Commission for 20 years and closely followed local planning and development for 50 years. As a retired professor of Urban and Regional Planning, I bring professional knowledge, institutional memory, and local street knowledge to commission tasks of shaping plans and making recommendations to council on particular cases. I want to stay on the commission to participate in the current comprehensive plan update process.*

- **Debarah McFarland**

*I am a proud product of my environment and I am humbled for this opportunity to represent my community, being a leader neighborhood advocate while being part of the positive changes coming in the future. I want to know as much as possible regarding how the government operates regarding revitalizing neighborhoods and to share with my neighbors that WE DO have a voice in what happens in our neighborhood and I would be honored to continue representing Dr. Ellis Subdivision!*