

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2007

Present: Ald. Johnson (Chair), Merrill, Hess-Mahan, Coletti, Parker, Baker

Absent: Ald. Sangiolo and Lipof

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#43-07 RICHARD DYER, 10 Terrace Avenue, Newton Highlands, re-appointed as member of the NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION for a term to expire January 15, 2010 (60 days 4-21-07). [2-1-07 @3:02 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#44-07 DONNA GORDON, 143 Windsor Road, Waban, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION for a term to expire January 15, 2010 (60 days 4-21-07). [2-1-07 @3:02 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#46-07 BETH TISHLER, 121 Bellevue Street, Newton, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION for a term to expire June 30, 2008 (60 days 4-21-07). [2-2-07 @3:02 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#47-07 SONA PETROSSIAN, 71 East Quinobequin Road, Waban, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term to expire January 15, 2010 (60 days 4-21-07). [2-5-07 @2:28PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#48-07 SUSAN THOMAS, 66 Moffat Road, Waban, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term to expire January 15, 2010 (60 days 4-21-07). [2-1-07 @3:02PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#49-07 KAREN HAYWOOD, 69 Walker Street, Newtonville, re-appointed as a member of the TRUSTEES OF THE JACKSON HOMESTEAD for a term to expire February 1, 2010 (60 days 4-21-07). [2-1-07 @4:05PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#50-07 JOHN J. LONG, 56 Nehoiden Road, Waban, re-appointed as a member of the TRUSTEES OF THE JACKSON HOMESTEAD for term to expire February 1, 2010 (60 days 4-21-07). [2-1-07 @4:05PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#51-07 PAUL ELDRENKAMP, 667 Sawmill Brook Parkway, Newton Centre, re-appointed as member of the TRUSTEES OF THE JACKSON HOMESTEAD for a term to expire February 1, 2010 (60 days 4-21-07) [2-1-07 @4:05PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

NOTE: Chair Johnson explained that all of the above listed items are Board/Commission re-appointments. Therefore, in accordance with Committee policy, these individuals were not required to appear before the Committee this evening in order to discuss their re-appointments. She noted that all relevant backup (i.e. appointment letter, resume) was attached to this evening's agenda.

Chair Johnson then read each item into the record before asking for questions, comments and Committee discussion on these re-appointments.

Ald. Parker voiced his concern that, while it is Committee policy not to require Board/Commission members to appear before this Committee when they are being re-appointment, as part of that policy decision (when it was set) it was understood that Board/Commission Chairs would be invited in, from time to time, to discuss current issues as they relate to the particular groups. He requested that an open invitation be sent to the respective Chairs of the above Boards and Commissions to come in and meet with this Committee.

Chair Johnson suggested that it might be appropriate to hold such discussion during budget review.

There was no other Committee discussion regarding these re-appointments. The Committee voted 6-0 to approve each of the above listed items.

#45-07 PRESIDENT BAKER appointing Robert Gerst, 51 Claremont Street, Newton to one of the two aldermanic positions on the NEWTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION, effective immediately, for a term to expire June 30, 2008. (60 days 4-21-07) [2-1-07 @4:03 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0**

NOTE: Ald. Baker explained that Former Alderman Gerst's resume was attached to this evening's agenda. He also noted that, since Mr. Gerst only recently left the Board of Aldermen (at the end of the 2004-2005 term), he was comfortable in stating that Mr. Gerst is well-known to Board members, and, therefore, he did not think it was necessary for Mr. Gerst to appear before the Committee this evening. He stated that he believes that Mr. Gerst will make a very positive addition to the Newton Community Education Commission. He also added that this appointment is necessary to fill a vacancy on the Commission.

Ald. Parker then moved approval of Mr. Gerst's appointment.

Without debate, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve this item.

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#11-07 MICHAEL J. SHULEY of the Zervas After School Program, Inc. in Newton as a member of the COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM COMMISSION for a term expiring June 30, 2008 (60 days 3-17-07).[1-9-07 @4:43PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0**

NOTE: Without discussion, the Committee voted NO ACTION NECESSARY on this item 6-0.

All other items were held. The Committee recessed at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The Committee then joined the Public Facilities Committee in Room 209 for a Special Joint Committee meeting in order to hear the presentation made by the Executive Department in regard to the financing plan for Newton North High School. Details of that discussion are contained in the February 21, 2007 Public Facilities Committee Report (distributed under separate cover).

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia T. Johnson, Chair