

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, March 2, 2026
11:00 a.m.
Councilman Denny Whayne Conference Room,

PRESENT: Derek Lee, Chair; Bruce Adib-Yazdi; Brandon Jenson; Abe McGull; and Jeff Schrag, ex-officio.

ABSENT: None.

VACANT: None.

STAFF: Anita Cotter, City Clerk; and Jordan Paul, City Attorney.

GUESTS: None.

Councilmember Lee, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m., and roll call was conducted. Present: Brandon Jenson, Abe McGull, Bruce Adib-Yazdi, Derek Lee, and Jeff Schrag. Absent: None.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi noted his name was listed as absent in the header of the January 20, 2026, meeting minutes. Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted this error would be corrected.

Councilmember McGull moved to approve the minutes of January 20, 2026, meeting with the correction. Mayor Schrag seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, McGull, Adib-Yazdi, Lee, and Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Councilmember Lee asked Ms. Cotter to provide any follow-up from the last Public Involvement Committee meeting. Ms. Cotter noted she spoke with **Jason Nunn**, and he expressed strong interest and enthusiasm in serving on the Landmarks Board. He was not interested in serving on any other board. Additionally, the board liaison for the Landmarks Board informed the City Clerk's Office a resignation was received after the time frame for being able to include it on this meeting's agenda. Applications for potential appointments to the Landmarks Board will be presented at the next Public Involvement Committee meeting for consideration.

The following appointments/reappointments were considered:

Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development

Consider reappointment of Dr. Earle Doman (term expiring May 1, 2026).
Consider reappointment of Braylon Williams (term expiring May 1, 2026).
Consider replacement of Jared Durden (resigned).

Councilmember Lee requested Ms. Cotter provide a brief status update on the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development. Ms. Cotter reported staff had been in contact with Dr. Earle Doman and Braylon Williams, both of whom expressed interest in reappointment. Staff indicated no concerns regarding their attendance or participation. On Friday, February 27, 2026, staff notified the City Clerk's Office of Jared Durden's decision not to seek reappointment.

Ms. Cotter also reminded the Committee, when considering applications for appointments, individuals affiliated with organizations applying for CDBG funding were ineligible to serve. If such individuals serve, their affiliated organization would be prohibited from applying for funding for 12 months following the conclusion of service, in accordance with Resolution 8720.

Councilmember Jenson moved to recommend Dr. Earle Doman and Braylon Williams to City Council for reappointment to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development. Councilmember McGull seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, McGull, Adib-Yazdi, Lee, and Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Councilmember Abe McGull moved to recommend McGwire Stroud to City Council for appointment to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development. Councilmember Jenson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, McGull, Adib-Yazdi, Lee, and Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Upcoming Items

Ms. Cotter provided an update on the status of the Landmarks Board. John Sellars, Historian Representative, resigned from the board, and the City Clerk's Office was working to solicit applications to replace Mr. Sellars and fill the Walnut Street Representative vacancy. She also noted outreach to the Greene County Archivist Group and instructors in Missouri State University's History Department to assist in identifying potential candidates.

Ms. Cotter provided an update on the status of the Personnel Board. Correspondence from the board liaison indicated an ongoing search for qualified applicants to fill two vacancies.

Ms. Cotter provided an update on the status of the Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System Board of Trustees. A member completed two terms on the board. An amendment to the City Code, approved in August 2025, permits this Board to allow members to serve up to four consecutive terms. A determination regarding consistency with the City Charter will be completed prior to presentation at the April 13, 2026, Committee meeting.

Councilmember Jenson noted the referral for the Planning and Zoning Commission applicant questionnaires would be presented at the March 23, 2026, City Council meeting.

Councilmember Jenson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, McGull, Adib-Yazdi, Lee, and Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Prepared by Kristina D'Andrea