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Inter-Office Memorandum

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Date: March 17, 2015

To: Commissioner Allen Springer, Chair; Commissioner Stan Primozich, Parks Liaison

From: Brett Henry, Parks Division Manager *BH*

Subject: Appointment of Bill Pallotto, Marie Vicksta, Erica Thomas, & Suzanda Branson to the Parks and Recreation Board

Attachments (4): Yamhill County Membership Applications for Advisory Board

As you are already aware the Parks Board currently has six vacancies. Bill Pallotto of 19375 SW Meadow View Drive, McMinnville; Marie Vicksta of 330 NE 8th Street, McMinnville; Erica Thomas of 736 SE Villard Street, McMinnville; and Suzanda Branson of 749 NE Summerfield Street, McMinnville all recently applied for membership to the Parks and Recreation Board. All four prospective Board members attended the Parks Board Meeting that occurred on March 16, 2015, to present their applications for consideration and introduce themselves as a prospective Board Members.

Mr. Pallotto has extensive experience (over twenty years) in both parks development and management in California. He managed and designed City parks similar in passive recreation potential and oversaw active recreation programs and community centers for City government. Since recently moving to McMinnville after retiring, he expressed a renewed vigor for public service and volunteering to assist the current Parks Board and staff in parks planning.

Ms. Vicksta is currently employed by Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District as a Conservation Planner and is a member of Partners for Parks which is a local non-profit 501c3 organization formed to act as a fiscal agent for local parks projects. She brings a wealth of experience in natural resource management and grant writing. Recently, she graciously shared a rather extensive list of potential funding sources for future parks and trails enhancements. Also, she has expressed interest in her organization partnering with County parks to implement future restoration and environmental education projects.

Ms. Thomas and Ms. Branson are long-time residents of Yamhill County and both are currently employed by the City of McMinnville. Ms. Thomas is currently a member of the McMinnville City Planning Commission and both bring experience working in the public sector as well as a very enthusiastic approach to public service. Ms. Thomas provided that she "enjoy(s) working with various people to make where we live a great place" and desires to "help continue making Yamhill County a great place to live and play."

At the March 16, 2015 Parks Board meeting, the Board deliberated and voted, unanimously, to recommend the appointment of Bill Pallotto, Marie Vicksta, Erica Thomas, and Suzanda Branson to the Yamhill County Parks & Advisory Board.

**Yamhill County Membership Application for
Advisory Board/Commission/Committee**

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Community Corrections

Notes: 1) Yamhill County operates under the Oregon Public Records law. Information contained in this application may be released upon proper request. 2) Yamhill County employees are prohibited from serving on the Housing Authority Commission per ORS 456.095(3). 3) Fair Board members are bonded. 4) Membership lists for Fair Board and Planning Commission are sent to OR Standards & Practices Commission.

Parks and Recreation Board

March 6, 2015

Board/Commission/Committee

Date

Applicant's name Bill Pallotto

Referred by Stan Primozich - Yamhill County Commissioner

Mailing address 19375 SW Meadow View Drive McMinnville, 97128

box or street address

city

zip code

Residence address (Same)

street address

city

zip code

Email address Pallotto@aol.com

Fax

Telephone (h) 503-474-0460 (w) (c) 909-576-2082 Occupation Retired

Geographic location (nearest city) McMinnville

Background information (include what you think will assist the Board of Commissioners in considering your application— education, interests, work history, etc.; use the back or add attachments if more space is needed):

Education - BA Business Administration - California State San Bernardino, Numerous professional workshops, trainings, and certificates pertaining to parks - urban/wilderness, trails - bike and pedestrian, recreation programs, emergency management (SEMS, NIMS, American Red Cross), and I am a American Red Cross Instructor in CPR/First Aid, Wilderness First Aid, and Sports Injury.

Work - Over 20 years of progressively responsible recreation and parks services positions for the City of Montclair, City of Rancho Cucamonga and the City of Claremont. I managed all aspects of the recreation and parks services for the following areas: (Please see Attachments for additional information)

Applicant's signature 

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Parks Managed:

Enhancements of the passive and sports usage amenities, within existing urban and wilderness parks, and trails.

Managed the wilderness park for the City of Claremont. The Claremont Hills Wilderness Park consisted of 2,020 city owed acres with over 11 miles of bike and pedestrian trails. Supervised the Park Ranger program that provided maintenance and recreation services for the park.

I allocated and monitored eleven youth sports group's annual usage of 17 urban and sports parks.

On the Project Team for the design, development and program implementation for the City of Rancho Cucamonga – Central Park Project. Central Park is a 15-acre, passive usage with trails park area and a 57,000 square foot Community and Senior Center.

On the Project Team for the design and development for the City of Claremont – Padua Park Project. Padua Park is a 10-acre area with two soccer fields (one with lights) and an exercise trail with exercise stations.

Completed the design and implementation for softball and baseball field lights installed in two parks in Claremont.

Facilities Managed:

Administrative, community centers (teen, senior, rental, aquatic, gymnasium), child-care, skate parks, and a roller hockey rink.

Recreation Programs Managed:

Youth Sports – basketball, baseball, soccer, roller hockey, aquatic – learn-to-swim and competitive swim team, and volleyball.

Adult Sports – basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer and aquatic - learn-to-swim.

Contract Classes – recreational, professional, arts, crafts, and workshops.

Special Events Managed:

4th of July Celebration, Easter Celebration, Halloween, Teen Events, Health and Wellness Expo, Concerts in the Park, Holiday Celebration, 5K/10K Bike/Run, and the Founders Day Parade.

City Committee Managed:

Youth Sports Committee

Teen Committee

Committee on Youth and Family

Senior Advisory Committee

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Special Projects:

City of Claremont – 2009 Recreation and Parks Needs Assessment

Youth and Family Master Plan

Claremont Hills Wilderness Park Master Plan

Volunteer:

City of Rancho Cucamonga Park and Recreation Commissioner – 5 years
Commissioner Liaison to the Park and Trail Committee and the Sports Advisory
Committee.

Directly worked with staff to complete the Park and Recreation Needs Assessment 2010
– 2011, Park and Recreation Master Plan began in 2014, and the Pacific Electric Trail –
an 11 mile linear trail for pedestrian, bike and equestrian usage – on-going.

St. Peter and St. Paul Church Pastoral Council - 7 years. Committee assisted the
pastor with all aspects of the church except for budgeting and financial aspects.

American Youth Soccer Organization – Board member 12 years, Regional
Commissioner (President) 4 years, coached 18 years.

Club Soccer – Board member 2 years, coached 4 years.

Little League – coached 3 years.

Various church, community and school district committees and fundraising events.

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County Parks Board/Commission/Committee 3/9/15 Date

Applicant's name Marie Vicksta

Referred by Jim Culbert, Brett Henry

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street address city zip code

Email address marie@yamhillswcd.org Fax _____

Telephone (h) 920-540-5544 (w) 503-472-1474 #108 Occupation Conservation Planner

Geographic location (nearest city) McMinnville

Background information (include what you think will assist the Board of Commissioners in considering your application— education, interests, work history, etc.; use the back or add attachments if more space is needed):

Natural resources professional interested in helping County Parks to expand its programs to serve Yamhill County residents. interested in building County Parks partnerships with Yamhill SWCD to implement restoration + environmental education projects.

Applicant's signature Marie Vicksta

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Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Board/Commission/Committee

3.5.15
Date

Applicant's name Erica Thomas

Referred by Anne Lane

Mailing address 736 SE Villard St. McMinnville 97128
box or street address city zip code

Residence address same as above
street address city zip code

Email address erica@chickenpeace.com Fax _____

Telephone (h) 503-472-4715 (w) 503-434-7402 Occupation Court Clerk

Geographic location (nearest city) McMinnville

Background information (include what you think will assist the Board of Commissioners in considering your application- education, interests, work history, etc.; use the back or add attachments if more space is needed):

I moved to McMinnville in 1993 to attend Linfield College from which I graduated in '97 with a degree in Art/Art History. I enjoy this area of Oregon, so I decided to make it my home. As an employee of the City of McMinnville, and a member of the City Planning Commission, I have enjoyed working with various people to make where ->

Applicant's signature Erica Thomas

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We live a great place. I think that I would
be a great addition to this advisory board
to help continue making Zumbill
County a great place to live and play.
Thank you for your consideration.

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 3.5.15
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Applicant's name Suzanda Branson

Referred by Anne Lane

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box or street address city zip code

Residence address same
street address city zip code

Email address SuzandaBranson@gmail.com

Telephone (h) 5035605140 (w) 5034347402 Occupation Court Clerk

Geographic location (nearest city) McMinnville

Background information (include what you think will assist the Board of Commissioners in considering your application— education, interests, work history, etc.; use the back or add attachments if more space is needed):

I have been a resident for ten years and now that my family is getting older, I am ready to volunteer more of my time back to our community

Applicant's signature Suzanda Branson

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