



Memorandum

To: Members of Council

From: William M. Ondrey Gruber, Director of Law
Counsel to the SHDC

cc: Mayor David E. Weiss
Chief Administrative Officer Jeri Chaikin

Date: March 22, 2021

Re: **Request to confirm Appointments to the Shaker Heights Development Corporation (SHDC) Board**

It is requested that Council confirm the appointments made by the Board of the Shaker Heights Development Corporation (SHDC) of the following citizen Trustees for a 3-year term (4-1-21 through 3-31-24):

Andrea Boyd
Shawn Brown
Vicki Elder
Anthony Love
Kandis Williams

The SHDC is a Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) governed by State law and its Code of Regulations. As a CIC, the SHDC is also the designated agent of the City for economic development purposes (as declared by Council.)

The Code of Regulations (i.e. bylaws) of the SHDC requires a Board of Trustees of at least 9 members, and no more than 21. Of the total number of members appointed, 40% (2/5) must be elected or appointed officials, including employees, of the City (which is also a requirement of State law for CICs.)

The Code of Regulations specifically requires that the Board include “(b)etween five (5) and seventeen (17) residents of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, at least fifty percent (50%) of whom shall be residents of the City of Shaker Heights, Ohio, each of whom shall be nominated by the Members (of the Board of SHDC) and confirmed by the Council of the City of Shaker Heights, Ohio.”

The term of the citizen Trustees is 3 years starting on April 1 of the year appointed (no matter when they are appointed). Citizen Trustees may serve no more than 3 consecutive terms.

The Board also includes a member of City Council appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Director of Planning, and Director of Economic Development, or their designees, and such other elected or appointed officials as are appointed by the Mayor (which may include employees, members of City Council, and/or citizen members who already hold other official positions such as on Council committees, or City Boards or Commissions).

Mayor Weiss previously appointed the following elected and other officials of the City as members of the SHDC Board:

- Sean Malone - Member of City Council
- Kim Bixenstine - Member of the Administration Committee
- John Boyle - Member of Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals
- Kamla Lewis - Director of Neighborhood Revitalization
- Anthony Moore - Member of Finance Committee
- Ben Woodcock - Member of the Neighborhood Revitalization and Development Committee

The automatic Board members under the SHDC Code of Regulations are the following:

- Jeri Chaikin – CAO
- Joyce Braverman – Director of Planning
- Laura Englehart -- Director of Economic Development

The following are the citizen members of the Board, each serving a three-year term, who were appointed previously by the SHDC Board and confirmed by Council:

- Alex Campbell
- Teri Chmielewski
- Thomas Gustafson
- Jeremy Paris
- James Ratner
- Dr. Ted Teknos
- Rose Wong

Richard Pogue, who served the maximum of 3 consecutive 3-year terms on the Board as a citizen member, has been appointed as an Emeritus Board Member.

Scott Garson, who served the maximum of 3 consecutive 3-year terms on the Board as a citizen member is leaving the Board after serving as a member and Chairperson of the Board for 6 years.

The SHDC Board appointed or re-appointed five citizen Trustees by a vote on March 17, 2021, for the term beginning April 1, 2021 and ending on March 31, 2024. The five Trustees are:

New Trustees:

Andrea Boyd –

Ms. Boyd is a small business owner (With Grace LLC), and Business Advisor for the Urban League’s Minority Business Assistance Center. She is also a member of the Lomond Association, and formerly a member of the City’s Neighborhood Revitalization Committee. She is a Shaker Heights High School graduate and a Shaker resident.

Shawn Brown –

Mr. Brown is a Shaker-based business owner (Picnic Hill Market Café). He formerly served as Managing Director for the California Charter Schools Association. He is a graduate of the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

Continuing Trustees:

- Vicki Elder
- Anthony Love
- Kandis Williams

With the Council confirmation requested in this Memorandum, there will be a total of 21 SHDC Board members, and 43% (9 of 21) will be City elected or appointed officials and employees.

Recommendation:

Council is requested to confirm the appointments by the Board of Trustees of the Shaker Heights Development Corporation (SHDC) of the following 5 persons as citizen Trustees, each for a 3-year term (4-1-21 through 3-31-24):

Andrea Boyd
Shawn Brown
Vicki Elder
Anthony Love
Kandis Williams