

**City Council
Agenda Item 15.A
Meeting of May 18, 2026**



Title: Planning commission appointment and DEI commission reappointments

Report from: Sarissa Seracki, Senior Management Coordinator

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Presenter: Mike Funk, City Manager

Action Requested: Motion

Form of Action: Other

Votes needed: 4 votes

Summary Statement

Mayor Rebecca Schack recommends appointing Jonathan Shoemaker to fill the vacant seat on the planning commission. Staff recommends reappointing Nahla Wetsch and Mohamed Omar to serve as young adults on the DEI commission.

Recommended Action

Motion to approve the appointment to the planning commission and reappointments to the DEI commission.

Strategic Plan Relatability

N/A

Financial Consideration

No

Background

On March 2, 2026 planning commissioner, Amanda Maxwell, was appointed to fill Mayor Schack's vacant ward 2 seat on the city council. Since Maxwell's appointment to the city council, her seat on the planning commission has been vacant. To fill the vacant seat, Mayor Schack reviewed the candidates who interviewed in January for the planning commission vacancies. After reviewing the applications and interviews, Mayor Schack recommends appointing Jonathan Shoemaker to fill the vacancy on the planning commission.

On June 30, 2026, the appointment terms will expire for the young adult members on the DEI commission, park board and sustainability commission. All are eligible to be reappointed, however, only Nahla Wetsch and Mohamed Omar on the DEI commission indicated an interest in serving another term. Recruiting efforts for the other young adult positions began May 6 and will continue through June 22. The

application is live on the city's website.

Appointment:

- Jonathan Shoemaker, to the planning commission, to fill a vacancy, effective May 19, 2026 and expiring on Jan. 31, 2028.

Reappointments:

- Nahla Wetsch, to the DEI commission, to serve a one-year term, effective July 1, 2026 and expiring on June 30, 2027.
- Mohamed Omar, to the DEI commission, to serve a one-year term, effective July 1, 2026 and expiring on June. 30, 2027.

Section 2.02 of the City Charter states members of such bodies [boards and commissions] will be appointed by the mayor, subject to approval by the city council.