

**City Council Agenda Item 3.A
Meeting of January 26, 2026**



Title: Park board and planning commission interviews

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Action Requested: Interview candidates.

Summary Statement

The Minnetonka City Council will interview selected applicants for the one upcoming vacancy on the park board and two upcoming vacancies on the planning commission.

Strategic Plan Relatability

N/A

Background

Applications for Minnetonka boards and commissions were accepted throughout the month of December. The applications were sent to city council on Jan. 9 for review and scoring. Based on aggregate rankings of the applicants by the council members, selected candidates were invited to be interviewed in person.

Applicants not scheduled for an interview were notified prior to the public posting of the interview schedule. Their applications are kept on file for the rest of the year and considered in the event a midyear vacancy occurs. A total of nine applications were received for the park board, and five applications were received for the planning commission.

Interviews

Selected candidates will be interviewed in person during the Jan. 26 city council study session. Interviews will be scheduled for ten minutes each. Each applicant will be asked to respond to a variety of questions from the city council. Due to scheduling conflicts, one planning commission candidate will have a phone interview with Mayor Schack on Monday. Mayor Schack will share notes from the phone interview during the study session. A second planning commission candidate will be interviewed virtually.

Tentative Interview Schedule

Ryan Kadet	Park Board	6:05-6:15 p.m.
Heather Holm	Park Board	6:15-6:25 p.m.
Barbara Krutsch	Park Board	6:25-6:35 p.m.
Jonathan Shoemaker	Planning Commission	6:35-6:45 p.m.

Matthew Colianni	Planning Commission	6:45-6:55 p.m.
Sandra Johnson	Planning Commission	6:55-7:05 p.m. virtual interview
Gretchen Sher	Planning Commission	11 a.m. phone interview with Mayor Schack

Next Steps

During the study session, individual councilmembers will provide rankings of candidates to staff, with aggregate results to Mayor Schack. Mayor Schack will share her recommendation for appointments. At the Feb. 2 city council meeting, Mayor Schack's recommended appointments will be brought forward to council for approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Interview Questions - Park Board](#)

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