Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: David Yang, Staff Engineer

DATE: January 4, 2021

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Bikeways and Trails Committee

ITEM 11.b

NUMBER:

SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

To appoint Rachelle Foster to the Bikeways and Trails Committee through January 31, 2024, and to appoint Anna Grace Hottinger as a youth representative to the Bikeways and Trails Committee through January 31, 2023.

INTRODUCTION

The City Council is being asked to appoint Rachelle Foster to the Bikeways and Trails Committee through January 31, 2024, and to appoint Anna Grace Hottinger as a youth representative to the Bikeways and Trails Committee through January 31, 2023. Ms. Hottinger, a student at Mounds View High School, has attended at least two regular meetings as is required per the city's citizen advisory committees and commissions by-laws before appointment with full voting privileges.

DISCUSSION

Each year the city council appoints members to the citizen advisory committees and commissions. This year, the Bikeways and Trails Committee had a vacant position due to Craig Francisco not seeking reappointment. The committee had received five applications from the following individuals after advertisements were posted in fall of 2020:

- Hannah Fairman
- Rachelle Foster
- Dan Nelson
- Steven Rav
- Tom Timmons

The committee had reviewed all five applications and felt that each candidate was qualified for membership on the committee but ultimately voted to recommend the appointment of Rachelle Foster at their meeting on December 3, 2020. The committee believed Mrs. Foster's background and experiences would bring a unique perspective to the committee and therefore enhance their service to the community.

Additionally, the committee had a vacant position due to a resignation at the beginning of 2020. The committee had received an application from Anna Grace Hottinger, a student at Mounds View High School, after advertisements for the vacancy were posted in mid-January.

The committee would eventually recommend the appointment of Ms. Hottinger as a youth representative, whose official appointment with full voting privileges is contingent on attending two regular meetings per the city's citizen advisory committees and commissions bylaws. Ms. Hottinger has since met that requirement.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council appoint Rachelle Foster to the Bikeways and Trails Committee through January 31, 2024, and appoint Anna Grace Hottinger as a youth representative to the Bikeways and Trails Committee through January 31, 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

Dan Nelson BTC Application.pdf Hannah Fairman BTC Application.pdf Rachelle Foster BTC Application.pdf Steven Ray BTC Application.pdf Tom Timmons BTC Application.pdf