CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: Approval of Appointment - Board of Adjustment **DATE:** February 9, 2015

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND:

Jennifer Drake has served on the Board of Adjustment since 2010 but does not wish to be re-appointed when her term expires on March 31, 2015. The Mayor and City Council thank her for her service to the community. Mayor Gaer would like to appoint Claire Celsi to serve on the Board of Adjustment for a five-year term with an expiration of March 31, 2020.

Claire Celsi	4400 E.P. True Parkway, Unit 52	554-6754 (h)

OUTSTANDING ISSUES (if any): None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of appointment of Claire Celsi to the Board of Adjustment.

Lead Staff Member: Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk RTJ

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	RTJ

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	
Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee			
Date Reviewed			
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City of West Des Moines appreciates your interest in serving the community and welcomes your application. Please complete all sections of this application. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (515) 222-3600 or TDD (Hearing Impaired) (515) 222-3334. The City of West Des Moines is committed to providing equal opportunity for citizen involvement.

Please indicate those Boards and/or Commissions on which you would be willing to serve by checking below:

- [x] Board of Adjustment
- [x] Civil Service Commission
- [ ] Library Board of Trustees
- [x] Plan & Zoning Commission
- [ ] Sister Cities Commission
- [ ] Bicycle Advisory Commission
- [x] Water Works Board of Trustees
- [ ] Human Services Advisory Board
- [ ] Human Rights Commission
- [ ] Public Arts Advisory Commission
- [ ] Valley Junction Events Committee
- [ ] Other _____

Name: CELSI (Last) CLAIRE (First) A (Middle)

Address: 4400 E.P. True Pkwy Unit 52 (Street) WDM (City) IA (State) 50265 (Zip)

Occupation: Director of Public Relations

Employer's Name & Address
Lessing-Flynn Advertising, 3106 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Work Phone: 515-274-9271 When can you be reached at this number?: 8-5 weekdays

Home Phone: 515-554-6754 When can you be reached at this number?: 24-7

E-mail address: claire.celsi@gmail.com

Length of residence in West Des Moines: total of 15 yrs

Please list any previous Board membership positions (City, Church, School, Professional, etc.) and dates of service:
Clegg Park PTO (President, mid-90s), Iowa Great Places Board (2007-2009)
Current chair of the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Commission (2010-Present)

Please indicate below the reasons why you would like to be appointed to a Board or Commission and any specific skills or experience that you believe support your application.

My skillsets in public relations and marketing would be an asset to any board, and my ability to listen and help groups reach a consensus would also be beneficial. I also have a background in economic and community development through clients I've worked with and could bring those experiences to my work.

Please list two references other than a family member:

Name: Jess Held Relationship: Boss Phone: 641-780-5886

Name: Todd Jones Relationship: Client Phone: 515-238-8242

Do you sell to, or are you in any manner a part to, any contract to furnish supplies, material, or labor to the City of West Des Moines? No If so, please list: _____

Have you ever been employed by the City? No If so, please list dates of employment and positions held.

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Do you have relatives working for the City? No If so, please give name and relationship.

_____

Are you being sponsored by a community organization(s)? No If so, please list the following and attach a confirmation letter from said organization:

Organization: _____ Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Applicant Signature: Claire A Alsi Date: Oct. 30, 2013

Please mail completed application to the office of the City Clerk at the following address:

City of West Des Moines
P.O. Box 65320
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265-0320
ATTN: Ryan Jacobson

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CITY OF WDM
MAYOR/COUNCIL

October 30, 2013

Mayor Steven Gaer
City of West Des Moines
PO Box 65320
West Des Moines, IA 50265-0320

Re: Boards and Commissions application

Dear Mayor Gaer:

I'm interested in applying for a position on a board or commission in West Des Moines. I recently moved back to West Des Moines after living in Des Moines for a while, and I really want to get involved and serve the community.

My professional background is in marketing and public relations, but I also have an affinity for economic development and all that goes into it. I've served on numerous boards and commissions in the past twenty years and have highlighted ones on my application that I thought were relevant to my application.

As an aside, I also wondered if West Des Moines shouldn't have an economic development committee or a marketing committee. I'd volunteer to serve on one of those as well. I know attendance is very important and I assure you I would make that a top priority if selected.

Please let me know if there is a place for me on one of the boards, I'd sure appreciate the opportunity to work with you and your staff to serve the people of West Des Moines.

Sincerely,

Claire A. Celsi

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