CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: Approval of Reappointments
Public Arts Advisory Commission

DATE: March 21, 2022

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND:

Mayor Russ Trimble recommends the reappointment of current Public Art Advisory Commission members Rita Luther and Jeff Phillips. Ms. Luther has served on the Commission since its inception in April 2011, and Mr. Phillips has served since April 2018. The proposed reappointment term for both members would expire on March 31, 2026.

Rita Luther	509 18th Street		222-2902 (h)
Jeff Phillips	4439 Wistful Vista Drive	249-7554 (w)	249-7554 (h)

OUTSTANDING ISSUES (if any): None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of reappointments to Public Arts Advisory Commission

Lead Staff Member: Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Sally Ortgies, Director of Parks and Recreation
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	

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:

___ Board of Adjustment
___ Civil Service Commission
___ Capital Improvements Program Comm
___ Human Rights Commission
✓ Other Public Arts Advisory Commission

___ Human Services Advisory Board
___ Library Board of Trustees
___ Plan & Zoning Commission
___ Public Art Commission
___ Water Works Board of Trustees

Name: Luther Calista R (Last / First / Middle) Date: 2/9/11

Address: 504 – 18th St. WDM Ia 50265 (Street / City / State / Zip)

E-Mail Address: jluther62@hotmail.com Occupation: Retired

Employer's Name & Address:

Work Telephone No: ___ Hours which you can be reached at this number: ___

Home Telephone No: 515/225-2902 Hours which you can be reached at this number: 8:30 AM – 7 pM

Length of residence in West Des Moines: ___

Please list any previous Board membership positions (City, Church, School, Professional, etc.) and dates of service:

Board of Adjustment 4/8/97 – 4/8/02
Human Rights Commission 6/05 –
Human Services Board – currently serving *

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* if I am appointed to the Commission, I will resign from the Human Services Board.

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.

If appointed, I see being a member of the Arts Commission an exciting opportunity in the growth of the public art program. I am a docent at the DM Art Center and have been & will be part of the docent art education program as longas I volunteer. The value of art to a community is immeasurable, and, *

Please list two references other than a family member:

Name: Jeff Fleming, Director, Des Moines Art Center

Relationship: former employer Contact Number: 277-4405

Name: Jerry Stevens, WDM Water Works

Relationship: friend Contact Number: 222-3464

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.: _____

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: _____ Chairperson: _____ Phone Number: _____

Applicant Signature: C. Rita Luther Date: 2/9/11

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: Fern Stewart

* "is a true symbol of a city's maturity." (1)

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(1) Newport News Public Art Foundation

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

Name: Phillips (Last) Jeff (First) _____ (Middle)

Address: 4439 Wistful Vista (Street) West Des Moines (City) IA (State) 50265 (Zip)

Occupation: Director of Business Development

Employer's Name & Address

Barker Lemar Engineering Consultants

1801 Industrial Cir, West Des Moines, IA 50265

Work Phone: 515.249.7554 When can you be reached at this number?: Any

Home Phone: 515.249.7554 When can you be reached at this number?: Any

E-mail address: jphillips@barkerlemar.com

Length of residence in West Des Moines: 8 years

Please list any previous Board membership positions (City, Church, School, Professional, etc.) and dates of service:

Iowa Society of Solid Waste Operations Board members (2000-2017); Non-Profit Theatre President (2005-2010);

Art on the Campus Selection Committee (2017)

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.

I am excited to help contribute and support the efforts of my community to establish and expand the arts programs in West Des Moines. Community improvement and development includes many aspects which provides community members opportunities to enhance and enjoy their lives - access to the arts, of all kinds, is an important recipe for for that endeavor.

Please list two references other than a family member:

Name: Mary Thomsen Relationship: Co-worker Phone: 515.256.8814

Name: Carly Kalina Relationship: Co-Worker Phone: 515.256.8814

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? Y If so, please list: Environmental/Engineering Consulting Services for Barker Lemar Engineering

Have you ever been employed by the City? N If so, please list dates of employment and positions held.

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Organization: _____ Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Iowa Code Section 69.16A requires City boards/commissions to be gender balanced. Please indicate whether you are male or female.

☒ Male ☐ Female

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: 1.22.18

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