



# Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

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**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: AUGUST 17, 2020**  
**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**SUBJECT: ELECTION OF OFFICERS - CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON**

**ISSUE:**

Vote and elect the Park and Recreation Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Discuss and make a motion to elect the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Park and Recreation Commission. Officers will take office from September 2020 - March 2021.

**BACKGROUND:**

City Charter Article VIII, Section 804, "At the first meeting of each board or commission after the last day in February of each year, each of such boards and commissions shall organize by electing one of its members to serve as presiding officer at the pleasure of such board or commission." Additionally, the Park and Recreation Commission Standing Rules, Section 5-A states, "The Commission shall have at least two officers, Chair and Vice Chair, and such other officers as it deems necessary".

The Park and Recreation Commission Standing Rules, Section 5-F states, "Election of officers shall be conducted in a manner prescribed by the Commission." It has been past commission practice to appoint the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson based on order of succession by appointment date; individual Commissioners retain the option of serving or not serving in these positions; if an individual Commissioner desires not to serve in a leadership role, typically their name returns to the bottom of the full Commission list; new appointees to the Commission will be placed at the bottom of the list of those Commissioners who have not previously served, they will be eligible to serve in a leadership role before those who have previously served.

**DISCUSSION:**

Due to COVID-19 constraints, Commission meetings have been cancelled since March which caused the delay in appointing the Chair and Vice-Chair in its corresponding month.

Succession by appointment date of current Commission members is as follows:

1. Commissioner Feola (2<sup>nd</sup> Term) appointed March 2016 – current Vice Chairperson, declined Chairperson role in 2019.
2. Commissioner Fairfax (1<sup>st</sup> Term) appointed March 2019
3. Commissioner Mitchell (1<sup>st</sup> Term) appointed September 2019

The Commissioners listed below have already served in both leadership roles:

4. Commissioner Whatley (2<sup>nd</sup> Term) appointed March 2013
5. Commissioner Johnson (2<sup>nd</sup> Term) appointed April 2013
6. Commissioner Rounds (2<sup>nd</sup> Term) appointed July 2013
7. Commissioner Cardullo (2<sup>nd</sup> Term) appointed May 2014

If the Commission continues leadership role appointments by succession date, then Commissioner Feola will be Chairperson and Commissioner Fairfax will be Vice Chairperson.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with choosing officers.

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