



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Appointment of Lisa Asselin Martin to the Library Advisory Board. Mayor.

Item Type: Action Memorandum
Prepared For: City Council
Meeting Date: 13 Feb 2023
Sponsor: Ken Castner, Mayor

Summary Statement:

Lisa Asselin Martin is appointed to the Library Advisory Board to fill the seat vacated by Emilie Springer. The term expires April 1, 2024.

Staff Recommendation:

Confirm the appointment of Lisa Asselin Martin to the Library Advisory Board.

Attachments:

[Asselin Martin Application](#)

[Tally Application](#)

[Karsow Application](#)



Advisory Body Application For Appointment to Committees, Commissions, Board & Task Forces

Office of the City Clerk

491 East Pioneer Avenue

Homer, Alaska 99603

Phone: (907) 235-3130

Fax: (907) 235-3143

clerk@cityofhomer-ak.gov

The Information provided on this form will provide the basic information to the Mayor and City Council on your interest in serving on the selected Advisory Body. It is considered public and will be included in the City Council meeting packet. This information will be published in the City Directory and within city web pages if you are appointed by the Mayor and your appointment is confirmed by the City Council.

Applicant Information

Full Name: Lisa Asselin Martin

Physical Address Where you Claim Residency: 66981 Diamond Ridge Rd

Mailing Address: PO Box 1941

City: Homer

State: AK

Zip: 99603

Phone Number(s): (907) 399-1567

Email: redasselin@hotmail.com

Advisory Body You Are Requesting Appointment To

- Planning Commission** – Meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and Worksessions at 5:30 p.m. prior to each meeting. No first meeting in July or second meetings in November and December.
- Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission** – Meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of February through June and August through November at 5:30 p.m.
- Port & Harbor Advisory Commission** – Meetings held on the 4th Wednesday of January, February, March, April, September, and October at 5:00 p.m.; the 4th Wednesday of May, June, July, and August at 6:00 p.m.; and the 2nd Wednesday of December at 5:00 p.m.
- Economic Development Advisory Commission** – Meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- Library Advisory Board** – Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, excluding June and July, at 5:30 p.m.
- ADA Advisory Board** – Meetings held on the 2nd Thursday in the months of April, May, June, July, October, November, and as needed at 5:00 p.m.
- Other** – Please Indicate _____

Please Answer the Following

Are you a City Resident? Yes No If yes, how long have you been a City resident? n/a

How long have you been a resident of the South Peninsula Area? 20 years

Background Information

Have you ever served on a similar advisory body? If so please list when, where, and how long:

No

Please list any current memberships or organizations you belong to related to your selection(s):

I currently work at Sprout Family Services and am the chairperson for Homer's Imagination Library.

Please list any special training, education, or background you may have which is related to your selection(s):

I have worked with the Imagination Library of Homer for 8 years as well as partnered with Best Beginnings Alaska to focus on the importance of early literacy. I have collaborated with two children's librarians at HPL to offer family storytimes and early literacy events to local families with young children.

Why are you interested in serving on the selected Advisory Body? This may include information on future goals or projects you wish to see accomplished or any additional information that may assist the Mayor in the decision making process. You may attach an additional page if needed.

The Homer Public Library is a local landmark for many families. For those caregivers with young children, it is their introduction to this community and all of its' resources. Ten years ago it was the one place I went to almost daily so my young child could be in a safe space and learn to love reading. I would love to be on the library advisory board as a way of giving back to the library for all it has done for mine and other families.

I would also like to be on the board because I can offer the advisory board a voice for families with young children. The children's section in the library, as well as the staff and policies that revolve around the children's space, is unique as it meets the needs of All budding readers and their families. These new readers/newest community members represent a diverse population with diverse needs. The children's section is a safe space for first time moms, new to town families, Coast Guard families, children with special needs, young English language learners, and infants. And, that is just a small sub section of those who walk in the door. It is my hope that my participation on the library advisory board would be an opportunity to bring a continued look at inclusiveness in what the library offers and how we offer it. As a parent to a 10 year old who loves technology, I also am passionate about the library's role in offering safe and educational tech options for youth as well as resources for families to navigate the internet safely.

Finally, I also firmly believe in the quality and expertise of the library staff. If we, as a community, are asking the library to be a hub for all individuals to have access to information; to be a safe place, and to have connections to other resources, it is important that staff is supported and well versed in what social services this town offers. It is also important that the community at large knows why librarians are so important.

I hope to be considered for the Library Advisory Board.

FOR PLANNING COMMISSION ONLY:

Have you ever developed real property other than a personal residence? If yes, briefly explain:

FOR PORT & HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION ONLY:

Do you use the Homer Port and/or Harbor on a regular basis? Yes No

If yes, what is your primary use? Commercial Recreational Other: _____



Advisory Body Application

For Appointment to Committees, Commissions, Board & Task Forces

Office of the City Clerk

491 East Pioneer Avenue

Homer, Alaska 99603

Phone: (907) 235-3130

Fax: (907) 235-3143

clerk@cityofhomer-ak.gov

JAN 23 2023 PM 02:26 *DC*

The Information provided on this form will provide the basic information to the Mayor and City Council on your interest in serving on the selected Advisory Body. It is considered public and will be included in the City Council meeting packet. This information will be published in the City Directory and within city web pages if you are appointed by the Mayor and your appointment is confirmed by the City Council.

Applicant Information

Full Name: Taz Tally

Physical Address Where you Claim Residency: 58467 Bruce Ave Homer AK

Mailing Address: 58467 Bruce Ave

City: Homer (Kachemak city) State: AK Zip: 99603

Phone Number(s): 907-435-7906

Email: TazTally@me.com

Advisory Body You Are Requesting Appointment To

- Planning Commission** – Meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and Worksessions at 5:30 p.m. prior to each meeting. No first meeting in July or second meetings in November and December.
- Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission** – Meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of February through June and August through November at 5:30 p.m.
- Port & Harbor Advisory Commission** – Meetings held on the 4th Wednesday of January, February, March, April, September, and October at 5:00 p.m.; the 4th Wednesday of May, June, July, and August at 6:00 p.m.; and the 2nd Wednesday of December at 5:00 p.m.
- Economic Development Advisory Commission** – Meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- Library Advisory Board** – Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, excluding June and July, at 5:30 p.m.
- ADA Advisory Board** – Meetings held on the 2nd Thursday in the months of April, May, June, July, October, November, and as needed at 5:00 p.m.
- Other** – Please Indicate _____

Please Answer the Following

Are you a City Resident? Yes No If yes, how long have you been a City resident? _____

How long have you been a resident of the South Peninsula Area? 19 yrs

Background Information

Have you ever served on a similar advisory body? If so please list when, where, and how long:

Kachemak Heritage Land Trust 2 yrs

Please list any current memberships or organizations you belong to related to your selection(s):

Life-long Reader & Learner

Please list any special training, education, or background you may have which is related to your selection(s):

Ph.D. in Geology & Professional Artist

Why are you interested in serving on the selected Advisory Body? This may include information on future goals or projects you wish to see accomplished or any additional information that may assist the Mayor in the decision making process. You may attach an additional page if needed.

I have a broad range of interests in many topics, am committed to supporting life-long learning and would like to help support & guide the learning missions of the Library. I am comfortable engaging in both the analog & digital worlds.

FOR PLANNING COMMISSION ONLY:

Have you ever developed real property other than a personal residence? If yes, briefly explain:

FOR PORT & HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION ONLY:

Do you use the Homer Port and/or Harbor on a regular basis? Yes No

If yes, what is your primary use? Commercial Recreational Other: _____

[Home](#) > [Application for Appointment to an Advisory Body](#) > [Webform results](#) > Application for Appointment to an Advisory Body

Submission information

Form: [Application for Appointment to an Advisory Body](#) ^[1]

Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Wed, 01/25/2023 - 10:39am

209.112.145.45

Applicant Information

Full Name

Kathryn L. Carssow

Physical Address Where you Claim Residency

326 Ocean Drive Loop, Homer, Ak

Mailing Address

PO Box 3518, Homer, Ak 99603

Phone Number(s)

907 399-3738

Email

kcarssow@live.com

Advisory Bodies

Library Advisory Board – Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, excluding June and July, at 5:30 p.m.

Residency

Are you a City Resident? Yes

If yes, how long have you been a City Resident? 15 years

How long have you been a resident of the South Peninsula Area? 15 Years

Background Information

Have you ever served on a similar advisory body?

I have not served on a similar advisory body. I have served as an elected member of Ketchikan Gateway Borough 1981 - 1983. I have provided staff support to several local and

state government advisory and decision-making bodies.

Page 7 of 7

Other memberships

Please list any current memberships or organizations you belong to related to your selection(s):

KBBI Citizen Advisory Board

Special Training & Education

Please list any special training, education, or background you may have which is related to your selection(s):

I am a retired licensed psychotherapist (LPA) having served as an executive director, clinical director and program manager for several nonprofits and the state of Alaska Division of Mental Health. In a previous career i served as a deputy planning director for the Municipality of Anchorage and planning director for Ketchikan Gateway Borough.

Education: Master of Science in Clinical Psychology, ABT Master of Urban Planning. BA in Sociology.

Why are you interested in serving on the selected Advisory Body?

Where my two professional careers merge is in my interest in community mental and emotional health. Our public libraries are essential to the wellbeing of our community. The Homer Public Library is a safe space for individuals of all ages to experience the essence of a community's devotion to enriching all of our lives through the promotion of knowledge seeking and the literary arts. Even more than that, our library represents what is best about who we are as a community. It is a product of us coming together and collaborating across socio-political and economic divisions to invest in ourselves, our children and our families. Our library honors our diversity of interests, lifestyles, and backgrounds. My interest in joining the LAB is to contribute to this institution that is essential to and representative of our democracy.

Source URL: <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/node/9051/submission/50269>

Links

[1] <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/cityclerk/application-appointment-advisory-body>