



MEMORANDUM

Appointment of John “Xander” Underwood, Charles Anderson and Gary Lyon to the Sister City 40th Anniversary Task Force; Jonathan Young to the Economic Development Advisory Commission; Lucas Parsley to the Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission and Andrew Haas to the Library Advisory Board

Item Type: Action Memorandum

Prepared For: Homer City Council

Date: April 17, 2024

From: Mayor Castner

John Alexander Underwood, Charles Anderson and Gary Lyon are appointed to the Sister City 40th Anniversary Task Force. The term expires upon completion of tasks identified in Resolution 24-029 but no later than December 31, 2025.

Jonathan Young is appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Commission to fill the seat vacated by Gordon Pitzman. The term is for three years and will expire April 1, 2027.

Lucas Parsley is appointed to the Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission to fill the seat vacated by Clark Fair. The term will expire October 31, 2025.

Andrew Haas is appointed to the Library Advisory Board to fill the seat vacated by Clark Fair. The term will expire April 1, 2026.

Recommendation

Confirm the appointment of John Alexander Underwood, Charles Anderson and Gary Lyon to the Sister City 40th Anniversary Task Force; Jonathan Young to the Economic Development Advisory Commission; Lucas Parsley to the Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission and Andrew Haas to the Library Advisory Board.

Attachments:

John Alexander “Xander” Underwood Application
Charles Anderson Application
Gary Lyon Application
Jonathan Young Application

Lucas Parsley Application
Andrew Haas Application
William Mark Wuestenfeld Application



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

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Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Physical Address Where you Claim Residency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email: _____

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- 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? _____

Background Information

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

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

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

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.

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: _____



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Applicant Information

Full Name: CHARLES ANDERSON

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Mailing Address: Box 2453

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Phone Number(s): 907-756-1973

Email: CharlesgoldenANDERSON@gmail.com

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- Other** – Please Indicate Sister City 40th Anniversary Celebration Task Force

Please Answer the Following

Are you a City Resident? Yes No If yes, how long have you been a City resident? 6 years

How long have you been a resident of the South Peninsula Area? 51 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):

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

Exchange Student to Teshio. Visits to Teshio Every 2 years
For the past 30 years. Speak JAPANESE

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Help facilitate the Renewal of the Sister City program.

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Applicant Information

Full Name: GARY LYON

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Mailing Address: SAME

City: HOMER State: AK Zip: 99603

Phone Number(s): 907 235 8767, 299 2002

Email: sealion@xyz.net

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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? 47 YEARS

Background Information

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

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I would like to facilitate the Tesco
Sister City Effort.

FOR PLANNING COMMISSION ONLY:

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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: _____

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Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Thu, 04/11/2024 - 8:16pm

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Applicant Information

Full Name

Jonathon Young

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Phone Number(s)

9072998899

Email

mrjyoung02@gmail.com

Advisory Bodies

Economic Development Advisory Commission – Meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Residency

Are you a City Resident? Yes

If yes, how long have you been a City Resident? 6

How long have you been a resident of the South Peninsula Area? 11

Background Information

Have you ever served on a similar advisory body?

No

Other memberships

I participate in the Fireweed Academy, PTO group.

Special Training & Education

My professional background in the private healthcare sector, specifically in healthcare administration, has equipped me with valuable skills and insights that are directly applicable to serving on a city advisory. In my role, I have gained a comprehensive understanding of community needs and dynamics. My experience navigating complex bureaucratic standards and focusing on fiscal responsibility ensures that I am well-prepared to make informed decisions that balance economic efficiency with the welfare of our community.

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

I am deeply passionate about our community and am eager to serve on an Advisory Body to make a significant, positive impact. My dedication to supporting local businesses is rooted in a vision where our community not only thrives economically but also becomes a vibrant place for families like mine and others to grow and prosper. By being part of this body, I hope to leverage my enthusiasm and commitment to ensure our community develops in a sustainable and inclusive manner.

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Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Sun, 03/10/2024 - 1:36pm

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Applicant Information

Full Name

Lucas Parsley

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907-978-4249

Email

luca.w.parsley@gmail.com

Advisory Bodies

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.

Residency

Are you a City Resident? Yes

If yes, how long have you been a City Resident? 2 Years

How long have you been a resident of the South Peninsula Area? 2 Years

Background Information

Have you ever served on a similar advisory body?

I have never been a member of an advisory body.

Other memberships

I am currently a social studies teacher at Homer High School, and coach track and cross country. I have been involved with the Kachemak Bay Running Club in a limited capacity, but would like to play a more active role in recreation in the local area.

Special Training & Education

Army (7 Years) - Active Duty (4 years - Fort Wainwright) / National Guard (3 Years)

- Training in Logistics and joint operations (working with members of the state government, Air National Guard, Coast Guard, etc)

- Budget officer for an Active Duty Aviation unit with an annual budget of \$23 Million

Track and XCR coach

- Coaching certifications through NFHS

Bachelors in Secondary Education from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln

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

I am passionate about access to recreational facilities in the Homer area; I'd love for Homer to become a more pedestrian-friendly community and work with this advisory board, the city council, and local organizations to make that happen. I would like to be involved in the conversations about a new recreational facility in the city, bringing all stakeholders to the table to create a plan that works for all parties involved. As a coach, I have noticed the lack of resources available for spring sports as we transition from winter into spring; the turf and track, for example, are not accessible until 3-6 weeks into the spring sports season. Having a facility that benefits all members of the community would be wonderful.

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I would like to continue volunteering with the library for a number of different reasons. Generally libraries have always been quite dear to me, ranging in my past from a childhood sanctuary to a learning haven; from a shared resource center to architectural marvels; and to now a sense of community home. Our library is and must be a social engineering site that provides a forum for our town's needs. With the potential transition away from printed material, I would like to be involved in the development of what the library should be.

I happily served on the Friends of the Library Board for about eleven years until I reached my term limit.

Since retiring from the Friends of the Library Board, I followed a friend's advice and have spent quite a bit of time saying *no* to Board membership. The library is important enough to me that I want to exclusively say *yes* to it.

Submission information

Form: [Application for Appointment to an Advisory Body](#) [1]
Submitted by Visitor (not verified)
Sun, 04/14/2024 - 5:51pm
146.71.69.15

Applicant Information

Full Name

William Mark Wuestenfeld

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Email

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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? Since April 2018

How long have you been a resident of the South Peninsula Area? Since April, 2018. Have had a home in Homer since 2005. Have had property and a cabin across Kachemak Bay since 1982.

Background Information

Have you ever served on a similar advisory body?

If so please list when, where, and how long: I was on the Anchorage School District Budget Advisory Board for about 4 years in the late 1980s. I was one of three Supervisors on the Upper

O'Malley Limited Road Service Board from about 1990 until about 2003. I am currently on the KBBI Board of Directors since January 2024. These provided a cross-section of similar duties.

Other memberships

Please list any current memberships or organizations you belong to related to your selection(s): I am a retired member of the Alaska Bar Association--from 1981 through 2021. I am a contributing member of a number of organizations, including Alaska Public Media and Kachemak Heritage Land Trust. As noted above, I am also a member of KBBI.

Special Training & Education

Please list any special training, education, or background you may have which is related to your selection(s): I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University in 1972. I was an officer in the United States Army until 1978. There I was the adjutant (chief administrative officer) and assistant operations officer for a 550 person artillery battalion in Germany. I graduated from the University of Michigan in 1981 with a JD. My entire career has involved receiving, assessing, digesting and disseminating information. I have 50 years of engaging military personnel, organizations of all types, courts, juries, agencies, teams and clients, large and small. I have experience in budgeting, presentations, and working with decision makers. For forty years I practiced civil litigation in private firms throughout the state and in Homer. Among our clients were cities, boroughs, and other government entities. Successfully running the law firms' businesses was an integral part of that practice.

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

Please briefly state why you are interested in serving on the advisory body selected. 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. I am an avid life long reader. That includes broad content across multiple platforms. I strongly believe in the importance of education, learning, and maximum access to quality library/knowledge assets for all. Membership on this Board will provide an avenue to pursue those interests and goals, and to make a contribution to the community. I have time and energy to devote to the Board.

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