

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: January 3, 2011
Item No.: 12 . C

Department Approval

Acting City Manager Approval

Christopher K. Miller

Item Description: Youth Representative and Alternate on Human Rights Commission

BACKGROUND

Over the years, the City Council has appointed a non-voting youth representative to serve a one-year term that coincides with the school year to the Human Rights Commission (HRC). The youth representative position had been vacant for several years until October 2010 when the Council appointed Seth Josephson to the Commission.

Based on several commissioners' experiences working with youth, they find that youths are more likely to be active participants on boards, committees or commissions if more than one youth is involved. Therefore, the HRC decided to seek an additional youth commissioner.

The City Code does not limit the number of youth representatives on the HRC.

The HRC placed an article in the Roseville Review and contacted area schools about the vacancy. The Commission received four applications.

The Human Rights Visions of Success subcommittee interviewed the candidates and at the November meeting, the HRC passed a motion recommending the Council appoint Anthony Barrett to the Commission for a term that expires on July 31, 2011.

Further, the Commission recognized the depth of talent among the applicants, and they recognized how busy youths are in school and extra-curricular activities. They passed a motion recommending the Council establish an alternate youth commission position. The youth would be invited to attend meetings and fill in if one of the youth commissioners is not able to attend.

The HRC passed a motion recommending the Council appoint Marie Siliciano to serve as an alternate youth commissioner for a term that expires on July 31, 2011.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Appoint Anthony Barrett to serve as a youth commissioner on the Human Rights Commission for a term that expires July 31, 2011.

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Prepared by: Carolyn Curti, Communications Specialist
Attachments: A: Applications

-----Original Message-----

From: support@civicplus.com [mailto:support@civicplus.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 8:28 PM

To: Carolyn Curti; Margaret Driscoll

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Commission Application

The following form was submitted via your website: Commission Application

Please check commission applying for: Human Rights Commission

If other, please list name:

This application is for:: Student Term

If this is a student application, please list your grade: 12

Name:: Anthony Barrett

Address:: [REDACTED]

City, State, Zip: Roseville, MN 55113

Phone Number:: [REDACTED]

Email address:: [REDACTED]

How many years have you lived in Roseville?: 17

Work Experience (especially as it relates to the Commission/Board for which you are applying):

Education:: St. Rose K-8

Roseville Area High School (graduating 2011)

Civic and Volunteer Activities (Past and Present):: Boy Scouts

National Honor Society at Roseville HS

Confirmation Teen Mentor at Corpus Christi Church

Sunday School Teacher at Corpus Christi Church

Link Leader (freshman orientation) at Roseville HS

Please state your reasons for wanting to serve on the Commission/Board:: Being a team captain and a freshman orientation leader, I have seen lots of kids being discriminated against at the high school based on race, sexual orientation, and physical appearance. I always go out of my way to stand up for these kids, but I have wished there was a better way to help out. By being a youth Human Rights Commissioner, I would be able to reach out to and represent students at my school and in my community.

What is your view of the role of this Commission/ Board?: Since middle school and high school are such defining periods for individuals' futures, it is critical that students feel safe and comfortable at school. A youth Human Rights Commissioner should serve as a liaison between community youth and the Human Rights Commission, making sure that youth in the area are properly represented and cared for.

Any further information you would like the City Council to consider or that you feel is relevant to the appointment or reappointment you are seeking.: I have lots of leadership and volunteer experience that I have taken on over the past few years. I have twice been elected captain of the high school swim and dive team, and once for the lacrosse team. I have been the Senior Patrol Leader in my Boy Scout troop for three years, and recently built a rain garden for my church as my Eagle Scout Project. I am involved in three varsity sports, two extracurricular music ensembles, five service organization, and I maintain a 3.9 GPA with a rigorous schedule. I am fully prepared and eager to further benefit my community by serving on this board.

I understand that information provided in this application may be distributed by the City to the public including, but not limited to, being posted on the City of Roseville website. I agree to waive any and all claims under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, or any other applicable state and federal law, that in any way related to the dissemination to the public of information contained in this application that would be classified as private under such laws. I understand that I may contact the responsible authority for the City of Roseville if I have any questions regarding the public or private nature of the information provided.: Yes

Occasionally City staff gets requests from the media or from the public for ways to contact Commission members. The Commission roster is periodically made available. Please indicate which information the City may release to someone who requests it or that may be included on the Commission roster. Under MN Statute §12.601. subd. 3(b), either a telephone or electronic mail address (or both) where you can be reached must be made available to the public. Please indicate at least one phone number or one email address to be available to the public, and fill in the corresponding information in the below.: Cell Phone Number, Preferred Email Address

Home Phone : [REDACTED]

Work Phone :

Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I have read and understand the statements on this form, and I hereby swear or affirm that the statements on this form are true. : Yes

Additional Information:

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-----Original Message-----

From: support@civicplus.com [mailto:support@civicplus.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 8:53 PM
To: Carolyn Curti; Margaret Driscoll
Subject: Marie Siliciano Online Form Submittal: Commission Application

The following form was submitted via your website: Commission Application

Please check commission applying for: Human Rights Commission

If other, please list name:

This application is for:: Student Term

If this is a student application, please list your grade: 10

Name:: Marie Siliciano

Address:: [REDACTED]

City, State, Zip: Roseville, MN 55113

Phone Number:: [REDACTED]

Email address:: [REDACTED]

How many years have you lived in Roseville?: 12

Work Experience (especially as it relates to the Commission/Board for which you are applying):

Education:: I attended Brimhall Elementary School from kindergarten to fifth grade. I have attended St. Paul Academy sixth sixth grade and am currently a sophomore.

Civic and Volunteer Activities (Past and Present):: I have been an evening shelter host at Project Home several times over the past two years. I have served meals at the Dorthy Day Center. This summer I went on a mission trip to Red Lake Reservation, where I worked on various work projects including painting a day care center and running a kids club. I have been a member on my school's social justice committee for the past four years where I have done a lot of fund raising. Through school and my church group, I have done many short term service projects including organizing a classroom at Liberty Plaza, unloading a shipment of food at the Hallie Q. Brown Food Shelf, leaf raking in the community, packaging meals at Feed my Starving Children, collecting food for the can opener food drive, and caroling at St. Anthony Park Home.

Please state your reasons for wanting to serve on the Commission/Board:: Human rights are very important to me because I believe that it is our responsibility to protect the basic human rights of those in our community. I would like to be more involved and make a difference in our city. I would be really excited to learn about how human rights are addressed in Roseville, and how we can work to promote the humans rights of all of our residents. I think it is important to represent the youth in the community and find ways to engage youth in human rights.

What is your view of the role of this Commission/ Board?: I think that the Human Rights Commission serves to uphold the basic human rights of all of our cities residents and is a platform for input on human rights issues.

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