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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 11, 2021

DATE: April 8, 2021

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the reappointment of Clay Thomas to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment to represent Commission District 3 (unincorporated County area of District 3 generally includes portions of Panther Valley south of Sagehen Lane; and Sun Valley generally north of Dandini Boulevard, south of 7th Avenue and west of a boundary extending along Leon Drive to Wall Canyon Drive to Lupin Drive to Klondike Drive) to fill a term beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2025, or until such time as Mr. Thomas no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. (Commission District 3.)

SUMMARY

Clay Thomas' term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment will expire on June 30, 2021. County Commissioner Kitty Jung has recommended Clay Thomas to the Chair of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners (Board) to be considered for reappointment to the Board of Adjustment. If reappointed, the term will begin on July 1, 2021, and end on June 30, 2025, until such time as Mr. Thomas no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of Our Community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 13, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) reappointed Clay Thomas to fill a full term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment representing Commission District 3. The term began on July 1, 2017 and will end on June 30, 2021.

On October 28, 2014, the Board appointed Clay Thomas to fill an unexpired term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment representing Commission District 3. The partial term began on October 28, 2014 and ended on June 30, 2017.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

Nevada State Law enables Washoe County to create a Board of Adjustment to hear and decide appeals concerning zoning regulations or pertaining to the location and soundness of structures, and to provide other duties as established in County codes. The Board of County Commissioners established the Board of Adjustment to hear and decide on appeals as authorized in State Law, and to hear and decide cases involving administrative and special use permits and variances. Terms of appointment are four years, or until a successor takes office, and the appointees must be residents of the unincorporated area of Washoe County and registered voters at the time of their appointment and throughout their term of office. The Board appoints five members to the Board of Adjustment, each representing one of the County Commission Districts.

Based on direction previously provided by the Board, the Commissioner whose district is represented by the Board of Adjustment vacancy (Commission District 3 in this case), recommends the appointment. Commissioner Jung recommends that Clay Thomas be reappointed to a full term to the Board of Adjustment commencing on July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025, until such time as Mr. Thomas no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Mr. Thomas' application is included as Attachment A to this staff report. Mr. Thomas is an unincorporated County resident of Commission District 2. He was appointed to represent Commission District 3 in 2014 after the position was vacant for several months and there were no applications from District 3. Washoe County Code Section 110.912.10(c)(4) enables the Board to recommend reappointment of Mr. Thomas, residing in Commission District 2, to continue to represent Commission District 3 on the Board of Adjustment.

FISCAL IMPACT

As authorized by NRS 278.280(2)(a) and Washoe County Code Section 110.912.10(i), Board of Adjustment members receive an \$80 per meeting stipend. The Board of Adjustment meets every month, which equates to an annual per member stipend of \$960. Funds to compensate all Board of Adjustment members for scheduled meetings are included as part of the FY 2021-2022 Tentative Budget in CSD Planning & Development Admin (105400), Contracted/Temp Services (710110).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the reappointment of Clay Thomas to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment to represent Commission District 3 (unincorporated County area of District 3 generally includes portions of Panther Valley south of Sagehen Lane; and Sun Valley generally north of Dandini Boulevard, south of 7th Avenue and west of a boundary extending along Leon Drive to Wall Canyon Drive to Lupin Drive to Klondike Drive) to fill a term beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2025, or until such time as Mr. Thomas no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Chair reappoint the appointee from District 3 to the Board of Adjustment and should the Board agree with the reappointment, a possible motion would be:

“Move to approve the reappointment of Clay Thomas to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment to represent Commission District 3 (unincorporated County area of District 3 generally includes portions of Panther Valley south of Sagehen Lane; and Sun Valley generally north of Dandini Boulevard, south of 7th Avenue and west of a boundary extending along Leon Drive to Wall Canyon Drive to Lupin Drive to Klondike Drive) to fill a term beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2025, or until such time as Mr. Thomas no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.”

Attachments:

Attachment A – BOA Application (Clay Thomas)

cc:

Clay Thomas