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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 8, 2021

DATE: April 28, 2021

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Mojra Hauenstein, Arch., Planner, Division Director, Planning and Building, Community Services Department, 328-3619, mhauenstein@washoecounty.us

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve, on the recommendation of the Chair, the appointment of Donald Christensen to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment representing Commission District 4 (generally includes the Spanish Springs Valley area, a portion of the Warm Springs Valley area (aka Palomino Valley), east Truckee Canyon (from Sparks to Wadsworth), and the Wadsworth area), to fill a term beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2025, or until such time as Mr. Christensen no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Applicants include: Donald Christensen, Roger M. Edwards. (Commission District 4.)

SUMMARY

Lee Lawrence's term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment will expire on June 30, 2021. Mr. Lawrence has served a partial term and 2 full terms on the Board of Adjustment. County Commissioner Hartung has recommended Donald Christensen to be considered for appointment to the Board of Adjustment. If appointed, the term will begin on July 1, 2021, and end on June 30, 2025, or until such time as Mr. Christensen 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 May 23, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) appointed Lee Lawrence to a full term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment representing Commission District 4. The term began on July 1, 2017 and will end on June 30, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On July 9, 2013, the Board appointed Lee Lawrence to a full term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment representing Commission District 4. The term began on July 1, 2013 and ended on June 30, 2017.

On January 8, 2013, the Board appointed Lee Lawrence to fill an unexpired term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment representing Commission District 3. The partial term began on January 8, 2013 and ended on June 30, 2013.

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 4 in this case) recommends the appointment. Commissioner Hartung recommends that Donald Christensen be appointed to a term on the Board of Adjustment commencing on July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025, until such time as Mr. Christensen no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Mr. Christensen's application is included as Attachment A to this staff report. Mr. Christensen is an unincorporated County resident of Commission District 4.

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 compensation. The Board of Adjustment meets on a monthly basis, which equates to an annual per member compensation of \$960. Funds to compensate all Board of Adjustment members for scheduled meetings are included as part of the FY 2021-2022 Budget in CSD Planning & Development Admin (105400), Contracted/Temp Services (710110).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Donald Christensen to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment representing Commission District 4 (generally includes the Spanish Springs Valley area, a portion of the Warm Springs Valley area (aka Palomino Valley), east Truckee Canyon (from Sparks to Wadsworth), and the Wadsworth area), to fill a term beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2025, or until such time as Mr. Christensen no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Applicants include: Donald Christensen, Roger M. Edwards.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Chair appoint Donald Christensen to the Board of Adjustment and should the Board agree with the appointment, a possible motion would be:

“Move to approve the appointment of Donald Christensen to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment representing Commission District 4 (generally includes the Spanish Springs Valley area, a portion of the Warm Springs Valley area (aka Palomino Valley), east Truckee Canyon (from Sparks to Wadsworth), and the Wadsworth area), to fill a term beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2025, or until such time as Mr. Christensen no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Applicants include: Donald Christensen, Roger M. Edwards.”

Attachments:

Attachment A – Donald Christensen

Attachment B – Roger M. Edwards

Cc: Donald Christensen