



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Mayor's Office**

Date: October 20, 2011
To: The Zoning and Planning Committee

Subject: Appointments to the City of Minneapolis Planning Commission

Recommendation: Approve the following City Council appointment

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Approved by City Council
Presenters in Committee Gary Schiff, City Council

Appointee Name and Category if any	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward Home=H Work=W	Term Number of years	Term Beginning/Ending	Name, Expiration Date Complete only if replacing or fulfilling the term of another member.
Ryan Kronzer	Council	H - 6	2	Immediately - 01/31/12	Brian Gorecki, 01/31/12
Re-Appointments Name and Category if any	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward Home=H Work=W	Term Number of years	Term Beginning/Ending	

Background Information: There is currently one seat available for appointment to the City Planning Commission. This seat is for a City Council appointed position. This position is to fill the term for a commissioner who resigned his seat due to a change in residence.

Applications for appointment to the Planning Commission were solicited through the City Clerk's office. A total of 16 applications were received by the posted deadline. Of the 16 who applied, three applicants were considered very well qualified for a potential appointment to this body and were therefore asked to interview. The interview panel was Gary Schiff, Chair, Zoning & Planning Committee; Barbara Sporlein, Planning Director, and Jason Wittenberg, Planning Supervisor.

Chapter 13 of the City Charter states:

There shall be in the City of Minneapolis an executive department of the City to be known as the "City Planning Department," which shall serve as the staff of a City planning commission consisting of ten (10) persons. One shall be the Mayor; one shall be a person selected by the County Board of the County of Hennepin as its representative; the City Council, the School Board, and the Park Board shall each select one of its own members, as a member of the Commission, in January of each even-numbered year; four (4) legal voters of the municipality not members of any of the above bodies or boards shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council; and one (1) legal voter of the municipality not a member of any of the above bodies or boards shall be appointed by the City Council in January of each even-numbered year.

Each year the Mayor shall appoint two (2) members to serve for terms of two (2) years each, commencing on the first day of February of the year of their appointment. The terms of appointed members serving for terms to expire in July, 1978, and July 1979, shall each terminate on January 31, 1978, and the terms of members appointed for terms to expire in July 1980, and July 1981, shall each terminate on January 31, 1979. Vacancies for any unexpired term shall be filled by appointments or selection as in the first instance.