

DATE: 01/17/2018

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Peter Svarzbein Representative of District 1

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Please place the following item on the (Check one): CONSENT XXX REGULAR _____

Agenda for the Council Meeting of January 23, 2018

Appointment of Chris Cummings to the City Plan Commission by Representative Peter

Item should read as follows: Svarzbein, District 1

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: City Plan Commission

NOMINATED BY: Peter Svarzbein DISTRICT: 1

NAME OF APPOINTEE Chris Cummings
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BUSINESS _____

ADDRESS: CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: TX ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

DOES THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE HAVE A RELATIVE WORKING FOR THE CITY? YES: _____ NO: x

IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE HIS OR HER NAME, CITY POSITION AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE: NO

HAS APPOINTEE BEEN A MEMBER OF OTHER CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES AND DATES:

n/a

WHO WAS THE LAST PERSON TO HAVE HELD THIS POSITION BEFORE IT BECAME VACANT?

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Edith Brannon

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 12/03/2017

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE): TERM EXPIRED: x

RESIGNED _____

REMOVED _____

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 01/23/2018

TERM BEGINS ON : 12/04/2017

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 12/03/2019

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1st TERM: X

2nd TERM: _____

UNEXPIRED TERM: _____

Education:

B.A., English, University of Texas at El Paso,
El Paso, Texas, 1998

Employment:

CIC Limited, Inc.
El Paso, Texas
02/2007 – Current
Executive Vice President

Big Brothers, Big Sisters El Paso
El Paso, Texas
09/2005 – 02/2007
Director of Fundraising

City of El Paso
El Paso, Texas
02/2000 – 08/2005
Grants Coordinator/Writer

Regarding the Available Position:

I am very familiar with virtually every department within the City of El Paso because of my work there in the early 2000's. Coupling that experience and knowledge with my current work in commercial real estate gives me a knowledge base from which I can make informed decisions and help contribute to the City Planning Commission's vision for the growth of El Paso. I will bring a very balanced perspective to the City Planning Commission and believe my participation will add value to this very important civic function.

Qualifications

I have a degree in English, with a focus in writing, from the University of Texas at El Paso. I am currently Executive Vice President of CIC Limited, Inc. a commercial real estate company. I have held the position for 10 years.

Work Experience

Executive Vice President, CIC Limited, Inc.

Manage the disposition of approximately \$14 million of assets while concurrently managing the acquisition of new property in the Southwest region (Texas, New Mexico & Colorado). Duties include identifying and negotiating sales/purchase contracts, advertising, managing properties for lease, structuring 1031 Exchanges, and managing intergovernmental negotiations.

Chief Development Officer, Big Brothers, Big Sisters of El Paso

Overseeing a staff of four employees, managed all grant writing and fundraising activities for the mentoring non-profit. Coordinated major fundraisers, created new partnerships, managed donor database, and formed intergovernmental partnerships.

Grants Coordinator, City of El Paso

Beginning as a grant writer in the office of Mayor Carlos Ramirez in 2000 (and continuing through the Mayoral offices of Ray Caballero and Joe Wardy) I wrote grants amounting to approximately \$20 million. Some highlights of those proposals were an \$8 million funding award for the El Paso Rivertrail System (a trail system along the Rio Grande that would stretch 42 miles from one end of the county to the other), a \$3.5 million award for the Plaza Theatre to help fund the Historic renovation of the building, as well as several transportation, Parks and Recreation, and Arts and Culture grants. From 2003 to 2005 I became the Grants Coordinator for the City of El Paso. From 2004-2005 I worked in the Office of the Chief of Police, managing a staff of three employees.

Community Engagement & Volunteer Service

Artspace El Paso

Artspace El Paso (Roderick Artspace Lofts) is a project that was launched in 2006 as an initiative to develop a sustainable artist community in downtown El Paso. I was a cofounder of the project which involved fundraising, coordinating public and private partners, recruiting volunteers, and ultimately having the opportunity to interview nearly every prospective resident for the 51-unit low-income housing development. In 2017 Roderick Artspace Lofts was fully occupied and is now a contributing driver of the cultural fabric of downtown.

TEDx El Paso

2013-2016 - Cofounder of TEDx El Paso

The Stanlee & Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts

2011-2015 - Director's Circle member of the Rubin Center

Border Art Residency

2006-2009 Board Member

Leadership Class XXVI – Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce

2004 Served as a leader within the class, helping to determine class projects and recruited a significant number of future leaders for the program and the chamber.