DATE: 03/09/2020

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Peter Svarzbein Representative of District 1

ADDRESS: 8001 N. Mesa E-118   TELEPHONE   915-205-1469

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of   March 17, 2020

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Stephen Tures to the Open Space Advisory Board by Representative Peter Svarzbein, District 1

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Open Space Advisory Board

NOMINATED BY: Representative Peter Svarzbein   DISTRICT: 1

NAME OF APPOINTEE   Stephen Tures
                        (Please verify correct spelling of name)

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

BUSINESS ADDRESS: N/A

CITY: N/A   ST: N/A   ZIP: N/A   PHONE:

HOME ADDRESS: N/A

CITY: ST: ZIP: PHONE: N/A

DOES THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE HAVE A RELATIVE WORKING FOR THE CITY?   **YES: X   NO**
IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE HIS OR HER NAME, CITY POSITION AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROPOSED
APPOINTEE: MARTHA MURIO, EPPD, AUNT-IN-LAW
HAS APPOINTEE BEEN A MEMBER OF OTHER CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTES? IF SO, PLEASE
PROVIDE NAMES AND DATES: NONE
LIST ALL REAL ESTATE OWNED BY APPOINTEE IN EL PASO COUNTY (BY ADDRESS):
    NONE

WHO WAS THE LAST PERSON TO HAVE HELD THIS POSITION BEFORE IT BECAME VACANT?
NAME OF INCUMBENT: David Paul Singh Jr

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: June 30, 2023

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE):   TERM EXPIRED:
                                RESIGNED   X
                                REMOVED

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: March 17, 2020

TERM BEGINS ON :   March 17, 2020

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: June 30, 2023

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1st TERM:

                            2nd TERM:

                            UNEXPIRED TERM: X

Stephen Tures

Employment

Note: technical details for Google and USF employment omitted for brevity, available upon request.

Google, Inc - Mountain View, CA
Feb 2007 - Current

- **Videoconferencing Systems Engineer** - Google - July 2009 until current
    - Description:
        - Co-founded an engineering team ("GVC") and was responsible for web application programming and customized appliance-like operating system used to build a custom, cheap videoconferencing devices.
    - Responsibilities:
        - Engineering, Troubleshooting, Documentation, Product Direction, Software Release, QA, many other responsibilities.
    - Press and recognition for videoconferencing work:
        - *"Life As Google's CIO - Ben Fried explains the unique experience of... [building] a homegrown videoconferencing system."*
            - https://www.informationweek.com/applications/life-as-googles-cio/d/d-id/1097089
            - (many others available upon request)
        - Q4/Q1 2011 Best Project, Corporate Engineering.
        - Q1 2011 Google Engineering Honorable Mention.
        - Honored to have twice presented project at company-wide 'TGIF' meetings.
- **IT Field Technician** - Google - Feb 2007 to July 2009
    - Opened San Francisco office. IT lead for opening office now home to over 5000 Google employees. Mentored total of six technicians, developed hybrid support model currently used today at SF and Youtube offices.
    - Technical responsibilities
        - Data Recovery team lead. Doubleclick Merger lead for software license transferal. Desktop Support Knowledge Base lead. Android Testing.
- **Misc**
    - Four promotions in 12 years worked (second ever to achieve current level on my ladder), 25 peer recognition awards which requires approval from manager.
    - I've interviewed >300 candidates for various positions in Google.
    - I serve on the Hiring Committee for the internal IT ladder individual contributors.

University of San Francisco - School of Law
July 2001 – Feb 2007

Technical Support Specialist
- Wide variety of IT responsibilities (primarily Win client / server. Student / Staff / Faculty support) to ~1500 students and ~120 faculty and staff.

June 1999 – August 1999
Aii Technologies / IBM - El Paso TX

Laptop Repair Technician
- Hardware repair of new IBM Thinkpad Laptops that did not pass factory inspection.

1999 - Ongoing
Audio Production / Audio Mastering
- Freelance mixing and finalized music tracks for Internet and CD distribution.
- Software and Hardware Used:
  - Sony Vegas, Sony Acid, Sony Sound Forge, CD Architect, Cubase SX, Ableton, Waves and many others.

Education

- University of San Francisco - 1998 – 2004 (part-time 2000-2004 due to full-time IT job)
  - Bachelor of Arts
    - Major - Media Studies / Electronic Media (Film / Audio)
    - Minor - Computer Science
- High School - Cathedral High School, El Paso TX - Graduated 1998
  - Born and raised in El Paso TX.
- The Recording Workshop - Summer 1997 - Chillicothe, OH
  - Audio engineering training and certification
- Certification: GIAC GSEC Silver

Misc

- Franklin Mountains
    - Cleanup and trail maintenance of Ron Coleman trail with Cesar Mendez and other FMSP staff.
    - Transmountain roadside cleanup effort.
- Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition
    - Participation in activities and open space advocacy since 2017. Board member at large since approx late 2017.
- Friends of Franklin Mountains State Park
    - I am driving the creation of a 'Friends of Franklin Mountains State Park' 501.c3 and am assuming the role of Secretary and Treasurer (other founding board members are President and Vice-President). This organization will help FMSP achieve various funding and project creation and drive volunteers for help with forthcoming Tom Mays unit and other activities. Note: Policy advocacy for this group is not permitted under TPWD rules.
- Scouting of America: Rank achieved: Life scout rank, leadership roles, and numerous outdoor camping and hiking trips that formed my adoration for open spaces.
- Languages: Conversational Spanish.

Interests

Most of my interests are documented at https://www.stevetures.com/

- Hiking and Photography
    - I've enjoyed exploring and hiking in the West Texas / Southern NM region. I've taken many photos along the way. Some of my favorite photos (outdoor or otherwise) can be seen here.
- Computers
    - amateur audio / video compression, computer architecture, performance and 3d applications enthusiast, web development
- Musician - guitar, bass, keyboard, vocals, drums, programming, recording.
    - More info: kievradiomusic.com

References
- References available upon request.