

DATE: November 4, 2009

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Carl Robinson

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Please place the following item on the (Check one): CONSENT XX REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda for the Council Meeting of November 10, 2009

Re-Appointment of Geoffrey Wright to the Construction Board of Appeals as requested by

Item should read as follows: Representative Carl Robinson, District 4.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Category: Architect

**BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM**

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Construction Board of Appeals

NOMINATED BY: Representative Carl Robinson

DISTRICT: 4

NAME OF APPOINTEE Geoffrey Wright

(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 2112 Murchison

CITY: El Paso

ST: TX

ZIP: 79930

PHONE: 915-533-3777

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Re-appointment

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: \_\_\_\_\_

08/31/2009

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

TERM EXPIRED: X

RESIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

REMOVED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

11/10/2009

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: \_\_\_\_\_

08/31/2011

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1<sup>st</sup> TERM: X

2<sup>nd</sup> TERM: \_\_\_\_\_

UNEXPIRED TERM: \_\_\_\_\_

**GEOFFREY WRIGHT, AIA, NCARB**

PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT

**BIOGRAPHY**

Geoffrey Wright was raised in El Paso, Texas, received a Master of Architecture Degree from Texas A&M University (1976), a Bachelors of Architecture with Honors from The University of Texas at Austin (1974), and has been registered in Texas, as well as several other states, since 1978. He is fluent in Spanish and German, and has taught at architecture schools in Mexico, Florida, and Texas.

As a member of the City of El Paso Historic Landmark Commission, a local architect, and a collector of historical facts, Geoffrey Wright is well acquainted with local history and sensitive to the historic perspective, believing that our cultural heritage must be recognized and preserved to the extent possible. In 2006 Geoffrey led the effort to document historical and cultural resources in the Downtown Redevelopment Zone of El Paso at the request of Deputy City Manager Pat Adauro. This work has been reviewed (and tacitly ratified) by the Texas Historical Commission and the San Antonio Office of Historical Preservation.

However, through multiple projects he has completed with the city and with commercial developers, he is also aware of the practical, technical side of things. He has worked on various commercial projects and office buildings in the downtown area including a study he is currently conducting for River Oaks property for the historic Buckler Building (Elite Confectionary) at the corner of Mesa and Texas. He has previously worked on historic buildings for the Union Fashion, Santoscoy loans, and other buildings in the area. He is currently remodeling a warehouse building at 300 S. Florence for professional offices including Wright & Dalbin's offices.

As head Architect for the design/build company Condel in the 1980's, Mr. Wright was personally responsible for designing and planning a variety of projects including hotels, apartments, and office buildings throughout the United States. This work valued at over \$500 million, involved selecting sites, hiring consultants, obtaining building permits, and administering construction contracts. More recently, Geoffrey Wright has performed Design and Construction Administration services for a variety of public works projects including school projects for the Fabens, Canutillo, San Elizario, Socorro, Ysleta, and El Paso Independent School Districts as well as for the University of Texas at El Paso.

Having established his practice in a rapidly growing city like El Paso has also given him the opportunity to see things from a larger scale, as someone working in conjunction the downtown plan would need to be able to do. In that regard, Mr. Wright has worked as a planner for many years. Master Planning projects include plans for and annexation of Varamontes Properties (236 acres in east El Paso); the 300-acre Land of Texas new-urbanist, mixed-use project in Horizon City, Texas; and, a 62-acre mixed-use project in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. Geoffrey Wright has kept abreast of major planning trends and has taught Urbanism at the Masters level at the Autonomous University of Ciudad Juárez in conjunction with the National Autonomous University of Mexico. As an intern architect Geoffrey Wright worked for Frei Otto designing the new government center for Saudi Arabia and planning the Moslem Pilgrimage to Mecca.

In short, Geoffrey Wright has had to see the big picture throughout his career. He has had not only to sell his ideas, but also to ensure they were buildable, usable, and doable within a given budget. He is able to see issues from multiple sides, as a land developer, as a planner, as a builder, as an

historian, as an urban sociologist, but most important of all, as a long time resident of El Paso and someone who truly believes in, and works hard towards its promising future.

**Registrations**

Texas, 1978 / Alabama / Colorado / Florida / Louisiana / Mississippi / New Mexico  
National Council of Architectural Registration Boards certificate holder

**Current Community Service**

Vice President, American Institute of Architects - El Paso Chapter, (2007)  
Member, Board of Directors CCIM (2006 - Present) (Commercial Real Estate Brokers)  
Member, Construction Specifications Institute - El Paso Chapter (2005 - Present)  
Member, Historic Landmark Commission (2003 - Present)  
Member, Past President, El Paso Tennis and Swim Club Board of Directors (1992 - Present)

**Past Community Service**

Member, Building and Zoning Advisory Committee (1999-2005)  
Member, Public Utility Regulation Board (2000-2004)

**Education**

Masters of Architecture, Systems Development, 1976  
Texas A & M University

Bachelor of Architecture with Honors, 1974  
University of Texas at Austin

Fluent in English, Spanish, and German

**Experience**

1986 - Present: Wright and Dalbin Architects, Inc.  
1982 - 1986: Condel Architects & Engineers  
1978 - 1982: Self Employed Architect  
1974 - 1978: Atelier Frei Otto