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Commissioners Seek Applicants for Advisory and Governing Boards

Missoula County Commissioners are seeking new applicants to fill open positions on advisory and governing boards with terms ending June 30, 2019. Current members who wish to continue serving must submit a letter or email of interest to the commissioners.

The remainder of the alternate term on the <u>Missoula City-County Library Board</u> will be open to new applicants. The partial term begins July 1, 2019, and will run through June 30, 2022.

The library Board of Trustees is the policy-making body of the library and has control over expenditures of the public library fund, construction or leasing of the library building, and operations and care of the library. The board also hires the library director.

The board is composed of five members: One member residing within the city is appointed by the mayor, with the advice and consent of the city council. The remaining four members and the one alternate member are appointed by the county commissioners; at least one county member must be a resident of the City of Missoula.

Members are expected to attend all meetings, both regular and special. Regular meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the library director's office.

The current Missoula Development Authority Technology District Advisory Board (MDATDB) term will end June 30, 2019, and is open to applicants. The new three-year term begins July 1, 2019, and will run through June 30, 2022. Current members who wish to continue serving must submit a letter or email of interest to the commissioners.

The purpose of the MDATDB is to promote, stimulate and assist in the creation, expansion, modernization, retention and relocation of new and existing technology-based businesses and industry in the county. This position endeavors to increase the volume of commerce within the county, cooperate and act in conjunction with other organization, attract qualifying technology projects and develop infrastructure to encourage the location and retention of technology development projects. MDA meetings are at 3:15 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

Three 3-year terms on the <u>Parks and Trails Advisory Board</u> are open to new applicants. The terms begin July 1, 2019, and will run through June 30, 2022. Current members who wish to continue serving must submit a letter or email of interest to the commissioners.

The board is seeking applicants with a background in public land management and policy, natural resources and recreation facility management, natural resource conservation policy or practice, and/or

organizational strategy development: program visioning and planning. Representatives from the Seeley/Swan, Turah/Clinton and Evaro regions are needed, but not required.

The Missoula County Parks and Trails Advisory Board monitors and evaluates issues relating to county parks and trails and reports to the county commissioners with its recommendations. The board advises the commissioners on administering the County Parks and Trails Program; establishing park and trail policies, rules and public use requirements; reviewing and implementing plans, policies, programs and regulatory and non-regulatory tools that support or impact parks and trails; and ensuring the most effective and efficient use of park funds.

The County Parks, Trails and Open Lands program manages 91 parks and more than 40 miles of shareduse paths and trails. Its mission is to provide and maintain a sustainable system of parks and trails that protects a diversity of habitats and open space, where people of all ages may participate in activities blending passive and active outdoor recreation.

Meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Community and Planning Services Conference Room.

The <u>Tom Green Memorial Park Advisory Group</u> has two seats open to new applicants. The new three-year terms begin July 1, 2019, and will run through June 30, 2022. Current members who wish to continue serving must submit a letter or email of interest to the commissioners. Applicants must reside within the boundaries of <u>RSID 902</u>.

The Tom Green Memorial Park Advisory Group advocates for the overall welfare of Tom Green Memorial Park through review of current issues, recommendations to the Missoula County Parks and Trails Advisory Board and hands-on stewardship of the land. The advisory group meets each March and September and typically one other time during the summer.

Additional boards with vacant terms (open until filled):

The <u>Lolo Mosquito Abatement Board</u> has one vacant term. The new member will fill the remainder of a three-year term running through Dec. 31, 2021.

The <u>Fair Event Committee</u> has one vacant alternate member term. The new member will fill the remainder of a three-year term running through Sept. 30, 2021.

The <u>Planning and Zoning Commission</u> has one vacant term. The new member will fill the remainder of a two-year term running through Dec. 31, 2019. Applicants must live within the boundaries of a <u>citizen-initiated planning and zoning district</u>.

The deadline for all applications and letters of interest is Sunday, June 2.

Applications are available online at https://www.missoulacounty.us/community/volunteer. Please submit letters or emails of interests to bcc@missoulacounty.us. For further information, contact the County Commissioners' Office at 406-258-4877. All board vacancies are listed at https://www.missoulacounty.us/community/current-vacancies.