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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Urbana City Council

FROM:

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor

DATE:

March 28, 2022

RE:

Board and Commission Appointments

I am pleased to submit the following Appointments for your approval:

Urbana Arts & Culture Commission – term ending June 30, 2025

Marc-Anthony Macon

Marc-Anthony Macon is a 15 year resident of the City of Urbana and works as a special education teaching assistant at the Urbana Middle School while freelancing as an artist, editor, and writer. He has an extensive creative background from working at organizations such as Nickelodeon, MTV Networks, Scholastic, Inc., and as the drama director at Mahomet-Seymour Jr. High School.

"Working to foster the arts in our community is of particular importance to me. I would love to be a part of the board and have an opportunity to help this town grow through the arts. I would love to help with new initiatives designed to foster the arts and local artists!"

Marc-Anthony majored in Performance Arts with a minor in Rhetoric at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He has also authored and staged six original dramatic works, and won the Penny Award for Original Theatre and the Lew Wasserman Award for Playwriting.

Historic Preservation Commission – term ending June 30, 2025

Andrew Weiss

Andrew Weiss is an 18 year resident of the City of Urbana and is the Director of Planning for the Champaign Park District. He currently serves on the Champaign County Design and Conservation Foundation, the City of Champaign's Downtown Plaza Design Steering Committee and Bristol Park Neighborhood Steering Committee.

'I'm interested in the intersection the artificial and the natural-our built and natural environment and how it changes over the course of time with regard to technology, social interaction, and economic relevance. The opportunity to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission stems from a willingness to offer my knowledge, experience, and judgement to bear upon the nuanced and tangled discourse of future need becoming the present circumstance, in turn rendering the indelible story of our past."

Andrew is a member of the American Planning Association, American Society of Landscape Architects, holds a Bachelor of Architecture in Design from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and a Master of Architecture from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Community Development Commission – term ending June 30, 2025

Shawn Green

Shawn Green is a 30 year resident of Champaign County, 10 of those years residing in Urbana. He currently works as a Route Driver with Facilities Management at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign where he is tasked with planning efficient routes and using strong communication and organizational skills to assist and expedite existing customer's needs.

"I would like to see Urbana continue to grow, and hear every resident say "I like what Urbana is doing!" I love volunteering and trying to make our community a better place to live. I live in a Community Development Target Area and am interested in helping underserved youth and families with resource allocation."

Shaun has a long-standing history as a youth mentor in the Urbana and Champaign area. He spent 5 years as an Urbana Unit #116 Football Coach and worked as a Hall Monitor at Edison Middle School. He has also been a long-time volunteer coach with Little League Baseball, and is a staff member of First String, Inc., a local organization having a direct impact on the communities of northwest Urbana and northeast Champaign using baseball and other sports to guide youth in becoming productive citizens.