

**ANDOVER COMMISSION INTERVIEWS – JANUARY 19, 2016
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The Andover Commission Interviews was called to order by Mayor Julie Trude, January 19, 2016, 5:45 p.m., at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, Minnesota.

Councilmembers present: Mike Knight, Sheri Bukkila (arrived at 5:47p.m.), Valerie Holthus and James Goodrich

Councilmember absent: None

Also present: City Administrator, Jim Dickinson

INTERVIEWS

Bert Koehler IV – Planning & Zoning Commission

Mayor Trude complimented Mr. Koehler on his excellent attendance and meeting preparation while serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission. She asked Mr. Koehler what role he brings to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Koehler answered he asks a lot of questions and likes to get all the information out there for the residents.

Councilmember Holthus asked what his goal is by serving on the Planning and Commission. Mr. Koehler stated he wants to contribute to the growth of Andover.

Councilmember Goodrich asked if there is anything he would change about the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Koehler indicated he would like to see mandatory training for new Planning and Zoning Commissioners and refresher training for those commissioners reappointed.

Councilmember Bukkila asked what the most difficult task was for him. Mr. Koehler answered for him it is reading a plat map.

The Council thanked Mr. Koehler for his service on the Planning and Zoning Commission and for coming in.

Kim Kovich – Open Space Commission

Mayor Trude thanked Mr. Kovich for his service on the Open Space Commission.

Councilmember Bukkila asked Mr. Kovich what his involvement was with the DNR. Mr. Kovich indicated he was involved with education; he was the original coordinator for a DNR program on getting kids outdoors.

Mayor Trude indicated with the resignation of a commissioner, what would be an asset that new commissioner could bring to the Open Space Commission. Mr. Kovich stated now that the open space funds have been spent, it will be managing the open space properties and he feels a commissioner that has ideas on getting community involvement and information to the public would be an asset.

Councilmember Goodrich asked him how he feels about trails being made in the parcels. Mr. Kovich answered he wants the public to visit the areas and thinks some type of woodchip trails would be good.

The Council thanked Mr. Kovich for coming in.

John Angell – Park & Recreation Commission

Mr. Angell thanked the Council for asking him in for an interview.

Mayor Trude asked Mr. Angell what motivated him to apply for the Park and Recreation Commission. Mr. Angell indicated for the past 9 years he has worked as the Recreation Program Supervisor for the City of Spring Lake Park and he served on the City of Coon Rapids Park & Recreation Commission while he was a resident there. He understands how important a parks system is to a community.

Councilmember Holthus asked what his favorite park is. Mr. Angell answered his family utilizes the Purple Park the most, but his favorite would be Fox Meadows as it has a woodsy feel. He is also a big supporter of trails.

Councilmember Bukkila asked how he felt as a taxpayer in Coon Rapids with the park referendum. Mr. Angell stated some things he agreed with and some things he did not agree with.

Mayor Trude asked what kind of role he sees himself bringing to the commission. Mr. Angell indicated from a recreation and use standpoint that would be his area of knowledge. He feels he has insight on how to improve the use of facilities.

The Council thanked Mr. Angell for coming in.

Ted Butler – Park & Recreation Commission

Mayor Trude thanked Mr. Butler for serving on the Park and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Trude asked what value he brings to the Park and Recreation Commission. Mr. Butler replied he has a finance background and he also has a passion for kids to have recreation opportunities.

Councilmember Goodrich asked what kind of finance he does for the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Butler stated he has done internal audits, healthcare finance and now serves as a Finance Manager.

Councilmember Bukkila asked Mr. Butler where he stands on the park maintenance budget. Mr. Butler feels it is the right thing to do by establishing a maintenance budget. As a city of 30,000 people he feels we need to plan for the long term and should have park improvements which won't stop once the city is built up.

Councilmember Goodrich asked Mr. Butler moving forward is he willing to make decisions with the budget that is given to the Park and Recreation Commission. Mr. Butler answered he is willing to do that.

The Council thanked Mr. Butler for coming in.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Bukkila, Seconded by Councilmember Goodrich, to continue the meeting on January 21, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hartner
Recording Secretary