Historic Landmark Commission Board Appointment — Thomas Carter

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Becker is recommending Thomas Carter be appointed to the Historic Landmark Commission. If appointed, he will replace David Fitzsimons whose term has expired and would then serve a term through July 14, 2012.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Mr. Carter resides in Salt Lake City, District Six. He is a professor of Architectural History at the University of Utah. He is the current director of the University's Western Regional Architecture Program, and a past architectural historian for the Utah Division of State History. He has served in numerous roles in professional and community service and been the recipient of many awards. He has concern for the future of the City and is intrigued by the role that historic preservation will play in its re-urbanization.

CURRENT BOARD COMPOSITION:

According to City ordinance, the Historic Landmark Commission "shall consist of not less than nine or more than fifteen voting members." In part, the Salt Lake City Code states that each voting member "shall be a resident of the City interested in preservation and knowledgeable about the heritage of the City." City code also requires members be selected to provide representation from the following groups of experts and interested parties: (a) a licensed architect representing the American Institute of Architects; (b) a member representing the Utah Historical Society; (c) a member representing the Utah Heritage Foundation; (d) six citizens at large; and (e) a member representing each historic district in the City.

Current members of the Historic Landmark Commission include Sheleigh Harding, District 4: Warren Lloyd, District 6; Anne Oliver, District 3; Polly Hart, District 3; Arla Funk, District 4; Earle Bevins III, District 4; J. Creed Haymond, District 4 and Bill Davis, District 5.

HLC STRUCTURE:

The mission of the Historic Landmark Commission is to preserve buildings of historic and architectural significance, encourage proper development in areas adjacent to historic districts, safeguard the City's heritage by protecting landmarks, protect and enhance the attraction of the City's historic landmarks for tourists and visitors, and increase public awareness of historic preservation.