

**STAFF SUMMARY
CITY OF MINNETONKA
SPECIAL STUDY SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003
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Council Present: Dick Allendorf, Ken Tauer, Brad Wiersum, Terry Schneider, Al Thomas and Karen Anderson

Excused: Jan Callison

Staff Present: John Gunyou, Geralyn Barone, Kathy Magrew, Ron Rankin

Mayor Anderson called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Interviews for Advisory Boards

Mayor Anderson welcomed the boards and commissions applicants to be interviewed. The Council interviewed the following applicants for city boards or commissions:

Vern Drilling, 13717 Bellevue Drive. Mr. Drilling has been a Minnetonka resident for three years and would like to contribute to the community. His career of providing worldwide employee counseling for Cargill spanned 25 years. He wrote a book about life changes and retirement and has an interest in serving on the Senior Citizen Advisory Board. He enjoys community service and travel and would be willing to do free consulting. His original career choice was in chemical dependency.

CM Schneider noted that the council is interested in diversification and that Drilling's cultural training and experience may be helpful.

CM Allendorf asked what Drilling found to be the biggest adjustment of retirement. Drilling answered that people often base their identity on their job.

Dave Griep, 12653 Sherwood Place. Mr. Griep is a long-term resident of Minnetonka. He is active in the senior program and is a volunteer van driver. He is interested in serving on the Senior Citizen Advisory Board and says he had learned a lot from comments from bus passengers.

CM Tauer expressed appreciation for Griep's van driving, noting that it's an important job.

Schneider asked what is most important to Griep in serving on the board. Griep answered that senior issues interest him and it's a good way to stay involved.

Griep briefly discussed how he would balance service on the board with van driving.

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Anderson explained the board appointment process and noted that vacancies occur over the course of the year.

Cathy Gunderson, 3214 Larchmore Avenue. Ms. Gunderson is a 40-year resident of Minnetonka. She attended, and was very impressed with, the Citizenship Academy, saying she learned things she never knew. She misses service in the public sector, saying that she was laid off from a school in 1996 and now works in the private sector. She said she is interested in service on the Park Board as she misses public service, has an interest in nature and an "outdoorsy" family. She explained that she was once very involved with her children, but they are grown and have left home now.

CM Wiersum noted Gunderson's considerable volunteerism and asked what she liked best. Gunderson answered that she enjoyed working with children and doing things that benefit kids.

Tauer pointed out that the Park Board involves more than playgrounds and kids. He added that he was impressed with Gunderson's openness and her willingness to volunteer, noting the great benefit of volunteers to the community.

Wiersum asked that Gunderson's energy and experience be noted.

2. Adjournment

The special study session adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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