



# Planning Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: April 4, 2017

**Subject:** For possible action to recommend appointment of a current Washoe County Planning Commission member as an Alternate to the Washoe County Design Review Committee, a subcommittee of the Washoe County Planning Commission.

**Agenda Item Number:** 8B

**Item Summary:** Appointment of a Member of the Planning Commission as an Alternate to the Design Review Committee

**Recommendation:** **Designate an Alternate to the Design Review Committee and Authorize the Chair to Appoint the Alternate**

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## Design Review Committee

The Design Review Committee (DRC) is a subcommittee of the Planning Commission (PC) and its function is to ensure quality development during the review of discretionary projects. The DRC examines such issues as the compatibility of new development to surrounding property and neighborhoods, the quality of a proposed building and landscaping design and aesthetic impacts. The term for this appointment is four (4) years and is limited to a maximum of two consecutive terms.

### Background

The DRC is regulated by Article 916, Establishment of Committees, within the Development Code (WCC Chapter 110):

#### Section 110.916.10 Design Review Committee.

- (a) (Omitted)

- (b) Committee Membership. The Chair of the Planning Commission shall appoint one (1) person to represent the Planning Commission who shall be a member of the Planning Commission, a former member of the Planning Commission or a designee of the Planning Commission; one (1) member representing the planning profession; one (1) member representing the landscape architecture profession; and one (1) member representing the architecture profession. In addition, the Board of Adjustment will appoint one (1) of its members to the committee, a former member of the Board of Adjustment, or a designee of the Board of Adjustment.

Additionally, the Planning Commission and the Washoe County Board of Adjustment also appoint alternates to each of their primary members.

Currently, the primary representative from the Planning Commission to the DRC is Commissioner Larry Chesney. The alternate position is vacant and the PC is asked to recommend one of its members to serve as the alternate to the DRC. The PC Chair, Commissioner James Barnes, will appoint the DRC alternate based on the PC's recommendation.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Washoe County Planning Commission designate a Planning Commission member to serve as the alternate on the DRC and authorize the Chair to appoint the designated member as an alternate to the DRC.

### **Possible Motion**

I move to designate \_\_\_\_\_ as the Planning Commission's alternate to the Design Review Committee and further authorize the Chairman to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as an alternate to the Design Review Committee.

xc: Bob Webb, Planning Manager, Planning & Development Division