



CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item #19-091

Date: March 13, 2019

Consent ___ Discussion X

SUBJECT: Appointments to the Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee (MTIC)

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appoint Kate McCann to the Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee.

STRATEGIC OUTCOME/INITIATIVE: Sustainable Infrastructure; Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment; Responsive and Responsible Government

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee (MTIC) is tasked with advising City Council on policy and infrastructure improvements related to transportation, as per City Council's direction.

There are two vacant seats on the Committee, one expiring in December 2019 and one expiring in November 2020. **We received an application from Kate McCann.**

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Application

INTERESTED PARTIES: City Council; Applicant; MTIC

CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL:

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Jamie Granfield

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City of Montpelier Boards & Commissions Application

APPLICATION FORM MONTPELIER CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Please use this form to express your interest in serving on a particular board/committee or commission. For information on our boards and committees, please visit <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/committeevacancies>. The Montpelier City Council makes appointments to board/committees at their regular meetings as vacancies occur. Completed applications are public documents and are subject to the Vermont Public Records Act.

The Montpelier City Council is committed to seeking diversity on all boards, committees and commissions, including but not limited to geographic, racial, gender, cultural, age, socio economic diversity. Montpelier residency for applicants is preferred but not required.

Name Kate McCann

Email Address

Address

City Montpelier

State VT

Zip Code 05602

Phone Number

Occupation teacher

Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes

Are you a registered voter in the City of Montpelier? Yes

Are you a resident of the City of Montpelier? Yes

How long have you been a resident of the City of Montpelier? Montpelier

Are you related to any elected City Councilor (including by marriage)?	No
Do you have any pending litigation against the City?	No
Name of City Board or Committee: (If applying for more than one board/committee, please list order of preference)	Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee
Are you currently serving or have you served on any City board or committee? If so, please list and give approximate dates.	I'm not currently serving nor have I ever served on any City board or committee

Please answer each question in as much detail as possible.

Education/Credentials:	Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, UVM Bachelors Degree in Mathematics, UVM
Professional activities that relate to this board/committee:	I am presently taking part in an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educators Fellowship on Capitol Hill, Washington DC in the office of Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge (OH-11) where I support counsel on education, labor/workforce, health, transportation, science & technology, energy, and women's issues. This fellowship began Sept 1, 2018 and concludes at the end of July 2019. I attend briefings and meetings in the realm of transportation. These include the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Summit sponsored by NASA regarding preparing better for next time and building back better after a disastrous event and a meeting with the Cleveland Port Authority regarding their dredge material management plan. I've attended many briefings regarding AV like the Partnership for Transportation Innovation and Opportunity meeting with guest Robert Chiappetta from Toyota. Topics of this conversation included increasing mobility for those with disabilities and challenges and readying the workforce by stepping up in STEM education. STEM education is in my wheelhouse as a 20 year veteran math teacher. Face a challenge to balance energy efficiency and real risks of climate change. Some would say that safer cars on the roads are a reason to thwart energy efficiency in cars and light trucks. Others, would say that we can be clean and be prosperous and do it in a way that follows the law with respect to defending what the EPA was meant to do in fulfilling its mission to protect the health of people and the environment.

Community activities that relate to this board/committee:	I've served on the vestry at Christ Church Episcopal in Montpelier VT. Some of the concerns we needed to addresses included the use of the designated parking spaces and snow removal.
Why are you interested in serving on this board/committee?	As a Montpelier resident with school age children, I'm always concerned for their safety whether they are walking, biking, or riding in a car. While I haven't had much experience with transit in our city, I have extensive first-hand experience with the metro working in DC during this fellowship for my morning and evening commute. The bike path in Montpelier has been a really important part of our family fitness. We use it for walking, running and riding our bikes. And now as we've branched out and used the Rail Trail in both the Danville area and in Lamoille, we have a sense of what it can be moving forward. It's really an opportunity for wellness and connecting to our precious environment that we as Vermonters often take for granted. I know that many have expressed frustration with a lack of parking in Montpelier. I'd love to understand this point of view better as parking has not ever really seemed an issue for us. The city can't thrive if people can't park somewhere convenient to be able to visit our local businesses.
What talents or experience would you bring to the board/committee?	As a 20 year veteran teacher, I pride myself in being able to explain things in a way that reaches a wide variety of learning styles while building long-lasting, close, personal connections. In addition, I work with various stakeholders in my position, those being students, parents, board members, administration, community members, department of Education, and non-profit organizations.
Any other comments or information you wish to provide to the Mayor and City Councilors?	I have experience in leadership with my local association serving as chief negotiator for two years prior to serving as president for the two years prior to my fellowship. I'm also past-president of the Vermont Council of Teachers of Mathematics where I initiated the Statewide Math Fair 2017 which has become an annual event. If selected, I would hope to participate in the monthly meetings remotely until I return to Vermont full-time in August 2019. Until then, I'm living in Virginia, working in DC and commuting home to Montpelier about every other weekend.
Are you involved in any personal, professional or business pursuit that would affect your ability to make fair and impartial recommendations as a member of a City advisory board or committee?	No

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read and accept the terms of board/committee appointment.

By e-signing this application, I certify that there are no misrepresentations, omissions or falsifications on this application.

Katherine A McCann

2/19/2019

Submitted on:

Thank you for your interest in serving the City of Montpelier as a volunteer board or committee member. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

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