Nominating Committee

Minutes, September 8, 2014

Members present: Shari George Polur, Danny Perry, Gay Pannell, Bobby Begley, Benita Lind, Stephanie Sharp, and Elsie Speed

Members absent: Jimmy Wise

Staff: Germaine O’Connell

Committee Chair: Committee discussed the role and duties of the Committee Chair. Elsie Speed asked for any interested members who would consider being the Committee Chair. Bobby Begley reported that he would be honored to serve. MOYION: Benita Lind made the motion to request that the SILC Chair, Elsie Speed, consider appointing Bobby Begley as the Chair of the Nominating Committee; Danny Perry seconded. Motion with 4 yea’s and 1 abstentions.

Upcoming Nominations: Committee discussed the need for nominations to replace those SILC members who cannot/prefer not be re-appointed. Staff explained that 4 individuals will have terms ending. One of those cannot be re-appointed as they have served their full two 3 year consecutive terms. Therefore, the committee needs to contact those who can be reappointed to learn of their willingness; and then find 2 names for each vacancies to present to the Governor. In addition, the Committee needs to ensure that there is wide representation in terms of geographic, gender, disabilities and minorities. Also, to be in compliance with the federal and state laws, the Council must be 51% members with a disability. In order to ensure that law, the committee discussed ways to learn if anyone applying for membership did identify themselves with a disability. The Committee wanted to be sensitive and not violate any ones rights, however did have to obtain accurate information in order to meet the 51% rule. The Committee reviewed the application and its process and determined that the Application Questionnaire should incorporate a question to learn of the a potential members status. MOTION: Benita Lind moved to include a fourth question on the Application Questionnaire to ask if the individual identified themselves as having a disability; and to list the federal categories for the individual to choose. Seconded by Danny Perry. Passed favorably with unanimous vote. The Committee then discussed the age of any applicants. MOTION: Danny Perry made the motion that all applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Stephanie Sharp seconded. Motion passed 3 yea and 1 nay. MOTION: Shari George Polur moved to have both issues come before the full council at the December SILC meeting. Danny Perry seconded. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Immediately following the December SILC meeting.