



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Analyst: Ryan Countryman

ECAF: 2023-0934

Proposal: Motion 23-345

Date: August 22, 2023

Consideration:

Proposed Motion 23-345 would appoint Jay Downing to the Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board to complete a vacant partial first term to end January 1, 2027, representing Council District 1.

Amendment. Jay Downing's nomination is to a recently vacated position with a term ending on January 15, 2027.¹ The motion received by council says that the term shall end on January 1 instead. The date in the motion may be a scrivener's error as [SCC 2.16.050](#) and [.080](#) require a January 15 date and the expiration for terms. Other board members are all end on a January 15. Staff recommends that Council consider amending the expiration date in Motion 23-345 so that it is January 15, 2027.

Background

This Nomination: Consistent with [Chapter 2.03 SCC](#), and following consultation with Councilmember Nehring, the County Executive has nominated Jay Downing to complete a vacant partial term. The County Council has authority to make the appointment.

Jay Downing is a long-time Snohomish County resident and 20-year employee of the City of Arlington, currently serving as the city's Maintenance & Operations Manager. He has volunteered for numerous community organizations and is well qualified to serve on the Parks Advisory Board.

About the Board: The Parks Advisory Board was established in 1985 through Ordinance 85-032. The Board's purpose is to assist the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Director and Parks Division Manager in reviewing and recommending policies relating to parks, playgrounds or other recreational facilities owned by the County. The Board is composed of 11 members, five members representing Council Districts (one each), and six at-large members.

Current Proposal: Motion 23-345 would appoint Jay Downing to the Parks Advisory Board.

Handling: Marked as Expedite with a September 1 deadline. No explanation given, but the Parks Advisory Board website shows that a potential special meeting for a fall tour could occur before their regular meeting on September 12.

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Request: Consideration of Motion 23-345 and a possible oral amendment to the expiration date of the term during Committee of the Whole.

¹ Jay Downing is nominated to replace former board member [Kirahy Meyers](#) who had been reappointed to a second term ending on January 15, 2027, by [Motion 23-017](#).