



Snohomish County

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TO: Council Chair Megan Dunn

Dave Somers
County Executive

FROM: County Executive Dave Somers

RE: Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board Appointment:
Nicholas Coelho, District 3 Board Member

DATE: January 3, 2023

Recommendation

I am pleased to recommend Nicholas Coelho from Lynnwood, for the Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board vacant District 3 position.

Background

Nicholas Coelho's first term would begin January 15, 2023 and expire January 15, 2027. He will be eligible to serve 2 additional four-year terms. A board member cannot serve on more than one Snohomish County board or commission. The process for appointment, terms and restrictions are codified in SCC 22 and SCC 2.03.030.

Selection Criteria

Several criteria are used to evaluate potential nominations for a position on the Parks Advisory Board. Those criteria include:

- Community experience
- Working with or membership in one or more community-based non-profit groups
- Experience with a public agency operating public parks
- Participation in Snohomish County Parks, including the Evergreen State Fairgrounds
- History of volunteerism
- Experience in marketing and promotion of parks
- Extra skill that can be applied to assisting parks administration

Parks Advisory Board Nominee

Nominee background, application and other information is included in this packet. I would like to feature some of the information that was submitted that encouraged my selection of this nominee.

Mr. Coelho has been an advocate for parks for a number of years. As a resident of Lynnwood for nearly ten years, he has frequented many city and county parks. He has served as a member of Lynnwood's Parks & Rec Advisory Board since early 2019, chairing the board for two years during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. His advocacy earned him recognition as Lynnwood's 2021 Park Champion. These experiences have provided him with an understanding of the challenges parks and recreation organizations face, as well as the opportunity we have to provide innumerable benefits to our community.

He has served on a number of other local boards and commissions, including the Lynnwood Parks' LOVE Co-Design Committee, the South Lynnwood Neighborhood Co-Design Committee, and the Sound Transit Everett

Link Community Advisory Group (CAG). These experiences provided a broad range of experiences from which to pull from on regional issues and those affecting our county's parks and recreation system. He believes public parks and open spaces play an important role in our community life and can mitigate issues associated with the rapid growth and development our region is seeing.

In his professional role as a business manager, he often deals with budgets, economic forecasts, event planning, coordinating with representatives of other organizations, and collaboration with diverse parties. As an entrepreneur, he's used to thinking outside the box and thrives on the creativity required in problem solving. Combined, these experiences, in addition to knowledge about the public sector that he gained when running for public office twice, gives him a wealth of information to contribute to the board. His additional volunteer activities include work with the Lynnwood Foodbank and Habitat for Humanity.

We believe his experience and passion will be a significant asset to the Parks Advisory Board.

Conclusion

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I am pleased to recommend the above appointment to fill the current vacancy as a representative member on the Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Snohomish County Boards & Commissions Application Form

SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM

NOMINEE: Please fill in this section

Name of Board/Commission: Parks Advisory Board

New Appointment

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one):

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Name Nicholas Coelho

Home Address

Mailing Address (if different) *Field not completed.*

City Lynnwood

State WA

Zip Code 98036

Telephone (Home)

Telephone (Work)

Email

Current Employer Around the Table LLC

Occupation Manager

Education Bachelors of Science in History & Interdisciplinary Studies

Licenses held (if applicable) *Field not completed.*

Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? I have the time, energy, and experience to be a productive member of the board, and my area should have a representative voice in these matters as Lynnwood and the surrounding area play a larger role in County affairs. I've been

a Parks advocate for a number of years, and this seems like a natural fit.

Please explain why you are a qualified candidate, including relevant professional experience, to serve on the board/commission.

I've lived in Lynnwood for nearly ten years and been a frequent parks goer during that time.

I've served as a member of Lynnwood's Parks & Rec Advisory Board since early 2019, chairing it for two years during the onset of the pandemic. I know what departmental stress and change looks like, as well as the challenges P&R departments normally face. I am also aware of the opportunities they have and the benefits they provide to the broader community.

I've served on a number of other boards and commissions, including the Lynnwood Parks LOVE Co-Design Committee, the South Lynnwood Neighborhood Co-Design Committee, and the Sound Transit Everett Link Community Advisory Group (CAG). These experiences have and continue to give me a broad range of experiences to pull from on regional issues and those affecting our county's Parks & Recreation.

My business involves me dealing with budgets, economic forecasts, event planning, coordinating with representatives of other organizations, and a lot of collaboration. As a millennial entrepreneur, I'm used to thinking outside the box and thrive on the creativity required in problem solving.

Combined, these experiences, in addition to all of the knowledge about the public sector that I gained when running for public office twice, gives me a wealth of information to contribute to the board.

Please list community involvement/volunteer activities

Besides all of the philanthropy my small business engages in, and the participation in government led or adjacent groups, I have volunteered at the Lynnwood Foodbank for two years beginning the summer of 2020, and began volunteering with Habitat for Humanity this month.

I've also run for local office a couple times, and during those campaigns made support for our city's parks and public spaces a central part of the platform. While the run itself isn't hugely relevant, I spoke to many many, many residents about the purpose of our parks and the important role they play in mitigating problems associated with the rapid growth and

development our region is seeing.

Let's just say I was volunteering as public parks advocate for a few years! My advocacy earned me recognition earlier this year as Lynnwood's 2021 Park Champion.

How did you learn of this opportunity?

A friend mentioned seeing this pop up on a news site and that I might make a good fit to represent our portion of South Snohomish County. After reading the position over, I do think I have an interesting perspective and something to contribute ... so I applied!

Do you currently serve on a Snohomish County board or commission?*

No

**2.03.060SCC - Candidates for appointment to county boards or commission must meet the following requirements:*

(1) Possess qualifications for the appointment sought, as shown by the candidate's written documentation and any hearing testimony;

(2) If a reappointment, demonstrate the continuing benefits of retaining the board member as discussed in the executive's recommendation and a satisfactory attendance record, as determined by adopted criteria of the particular board;

(3) Reside or work in Snohomish County, or show evidence of special interest in Snohomish County, PROVIDED That a candidate may not be a County employee.

****Please be advised, effective January 1, 2022 individuals joining identified boards and commissions will be required to pass a background check.**

By signing this Application Form, Nominee acknowledges that he/she will comply with all county policies, county code, and state law. Nominee also acknowledges that any record, including personal e-mail, prepared, owned, used, or retained by Nominee in the conduct of Board/Commission business is a public record, and Nominee agrees to produce said records to County upon request. Failure to comply with the above provisions may result in Nominee's removal from Board/Commission.

Signature

Nicholas Coelho

Date

08/05/2022

Please attach resume if available and either submit

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this form or print it and mail
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