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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager

From: Tracey Dunlap, Director, Finance and Administration
Kathi Anderson, City Clerk

Date: July 23, 2009

Subject: Annual Review of Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Membership

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council appoint applicants to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to annual terms which end June 30, 2010.

Applications have been received from:

Representing hoteliers (3 seats)

Brian Flaherty, Vice President & General Manager, Woodmark Hotel, Yacht Club & Spa

Ryan Noel, General Manager, Courtyard by Marriott Hotel

Les Utley, General Manager, Heathman Hotel

Representing businesses (3 seats)

Shirley Day, Crab Cracker Restaurant, representing the Greater Kirkland Chamber of Commerce

Pat Howard, representing the Howard/Mandville Gallery & Pondera Winery

Daniel Mayer, representing the Kirkland Performance Center

Garett Slettebak, representing Pro-Motion Events

Council must also select a Councilmember to serve as Chair of the Committee. The present Chair is Councilmember Tom Hodgson.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

Ordinance 3798, which created the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, establishes the membership of the LTAC and requires the City Council to review the membership annually. The purpose of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee is to perform the functions described in RCW 67.28.1817 and KMC Chapter 5.19, and to be an ongoing advisory committee to the Kirkland City Council as to the use of the lodging tax fund revenue for tourism promotion. Membership of the LTAC is comprised of seven voting members appointed annually by City Council of which one shall be a city council member, three members shall be representatives of businesses required to collect tax under this chapter (hotels/motels) and three members shall be persons involved in activities authorized to be funded by, that benefit from the expenditure of, revenue from the lodging tax fund.

Following a recruitment which ended July 22, 2009, applications were received from the above nominated representatives, which have been forwarded to Council under separate cover.

c: Ellen Miller-Wolfe, Economic Development Manager