



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: 11/26/2013

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Hershel Lee, Fire Marshal

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE: CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM WISKO AND APPOINTING ROBERT STEINBOMER TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 71.008 – FIRE CODE.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Hershel Lee

Danny Hobby

Jim Connolly

Commissioners Court

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MEMORANDUM

To: Travis County Commissioners Court

From: Hershel Lee, Travis County Fire Marshal

Date: November 26, 2013

Subject: **Consider and take appropriate action on accepting the resignation of William Wisko and appointing Robert Steinbomer to the Travis County Board of Review pursuant to Chapter 71.008 – Fire Code.**

The Travis County Board of Review was established pursuant to Chapter 71.008 of the Fire Code that was adopted by Travis County on February 1, 2005. The Board of Review is charged with reviewing recommendations of the Fire Marshal's Office about variances and denials of Building Permits and meets as needed to review these cases. Five members were appointed for staggered terms ranging from one to three years in the initial appointment process. The Fire Code states that after the initial appointment, members will be appointed to four year terms maintaining the staggered appointment process.

Mr. Wisko has served on the board for 8 years and has submitted his resignation due to a busy travel schedule. The Fire Marshal's Office recommends accepting Mr. Wisko's resignation.

Robert Steinbomer is a local architect with more than 40 years of experience in construction and architecture. Mr. Steinbomer is a qualified candidate and is willing to serve for a four year term. The Department of Emergency Services and the Travis County Fire Marshal recommend the appointment of Mr. Steinbomer to the Travis County Board of Review. Mr. Steinbomer's CV is attached.



ROBERT A. STEINBOMER, AIA, LEED AP - PRESIDENT

Robert A. Steinbomer, AIA, has been recognized for design and artistic talent throughout school and professional practice. His 32 years of architectural and project management experience is enhanced by seven years of hands-on construction experience, prior to graduating with Highest Honors in architecture from the University of Texas at Austin. He is a scholar on the history of architecture and brick-making in Texas and has been a consultant to many architects and historians in researching the history of masonry buildings. His articles have been published in Texas Architect Magazine, Perspective (the journal of the Texas Society of Architectural Historians) and the Texas Historic Preservation Handbook. He is a former President of the Texas Fine Arts Association and a past chairman of the Texas Historic Resources Committee of the Texas Society of Architects.

Robert has maintained a continued involvement in non-profit community and organizations. His experience ranges from serving as a board member of the Nueces County Community Action Agency in 1972 (an OEO program), to participating in the Fine Arts Advisory Committee for Austin Independent School District's Forming the Future. He has also volunteered for the Laguna Gloria Art Museum and School, the Austin Child Guidance Center, the Texas Fine Arts Association, Women and Their Work of Austin and the Austin Film Society.

As the President of Steinbomer, Bramwell & Vrazel, Architects, Robert plays an integral role in the office's work. Available and involved as lead designer, guide or advisor to both the client and staff, Robert facilitates a smooth design process and quality assurance in each stage of a project's development.

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, Bachelor of Architecture 1977
Magna Cum Laude

EXPERIENCE

Steinbomer, Bramwell & Vrazel, Architects, Austin, TX	President (2011-Present)
Steinbomer & Associates, Architects, Austin, TX	President (1990-2010)
Rio Group Architects and Planners, Austin, TX	Full Partner (1987-1990)
Renfro and Steinbomer, Austin, TX	Full Partner (1982-1987)
Sinclair Black, Architect, Austin, TX	Project Architect (1977-1981)
Construction Electrician, Journeyman	Project Foreman (1966-1974)
Corpus Christi, TX	Job Steward

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Texas Society of Architects	1982 to present
American Institute of Architects, AIA Austin	1982 to present

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CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Gaslight-Baker Theater , Lockhart
Austin Film Society
Building Committee
Texas Fine Arts Association (Now The Contemporary)

Austin Museum of Art
Forming the Future, Austin Independent School District
Nueces County Community Action Agency/OEO

Advisory Board Member (2013)
Board Member (2002-2006)
Member (2000-2002)
Board President (1993-1995)
Board Member (1989-1997)
Committee Member (1986-1999)
Member Art Sub-Committee (1983)
Board of Directors (1972), Vol'tg Mem.

PANELS/INDIVIDUAL HONORS, SELECTED

Casas for CASA (Children's Advocacy) Fundraiser 1992-1994
San Antonio Conservation Society Awards Juror (1987)
Architectural Delineation Competition, Austin, AIA 1984
Texas Historic Resource Fellowship to research and 1977
produce a history of the Texas Clay Brick Industry
Dean's List (each semester) 1974-1977
Dean's Committee on Academic Excellence Member
Search Committee, New Dean for University of Texas Member (1977)
Elected to Phi Kappa Phi, Honor Society
Elected to Mortar Board, Honorary Leadership 1976
and Scholastic Organization
Awarded Four-Year Scholarship of \$10,000 by the 1974-1977
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Awarded the Bartlett Cocke Scholarship to prepare 1976
measured drawings to HABS standards
Outstanding Student, School of Architecture, 1976
University of Texas at Austin, nominated for
campus-wide outstanding student

TEACHING

University of Texas School of Architecture Lecturer in Design (1984-1985)
Visiting Juror (1978-1979)

SELECTED RELEVANT PROJECTS

Mr. Steinbomer has served as Project Principal and/or Project Architect for the following projects:

Caldwell County Judicial Center (Convert 50,000 SF WalMart to courtrooms, security, etc.) 2013
Texas Association of Counties, Austin (High Rise office building 94,000 SF and enclosed garage)
Austin Film Studios/City of Austin Bond Project 2006 (Conversion of five airplane hangers into film stages. All new fire suppression, sound control, conditioning.)
University of Texas at Austin Battle Hall, 2007 (Restoration feasibility analysis of a 1906
Cass Gilbert historic building, (including fire control, fire suppression sprinkler studies)
Public School Renovations, Additions, Austin ISD, 1984, 1989, 1999, 2006
United States Border Stations, Brownsville, Laredo (New and renovated US facilities) 1989-1990

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