AGENDA SUMMARY: A Resolution of the Council of the City of Knoxville confirming the appointment of Patricia Henao Mesa and the reappointment of Polly Doka and Carly Baskette to the Better Building Board of the City of Knoxville.

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

BACKGROUND

Appointment

Patricia Henao Mesa 2/25/2020-1/31/2023
The Real Estate Firm
1537 Western Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37921

Patricia was born and raised in Colombia, South America, and moved to Knoxville in 1999. She founded Bee Bilingual LLC in 2010 and for ten years taught Spanish classes for kids and adults, as well as translation and interpretation services to multiple agencies in the area. In 2012, Patricia started Bell Investors, a real estate business, and became a subcontractor for Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Her work focused on foreclosure preservation activities, which included inspecting and assuring the safety of properties until they sold.

Since 2016, Patricia has worked as a family liaison for Knox County Schools, where she serves as a language and cultural bridge and between limited English proficient parents and the schools.

In 2017, Patricia obtained her real estate license. She first worked with Keller Williams Realty, and is now part of The Real Estate Firm team.

In 2019, Patricia was instrumental in founding a Knoxville Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals-NAHREP and was elected as the first president of the chapter. The organization exists among other things, to educate and empower real estate professionals working with the Latino community, and to advance sustainable Hispanic homeownership.

Reappointments
Carly Baskette 2/25/2020- 1/31/2023
5703 Dogwood Road
Knoxville, TN 37918

Carly earned her Bachelor’s degree in Marketing Management from East Tennessee State University and currently works for Regal Entertainment Group.

Polly Doka 2/25/2020- 1/31/2023
4804 Tomache Drive
Knoxville, TN 37909

Polly Doka is a long-time neighborhood advocate and has lived in Knoxville over 30 years. She has served as a member of the Council of Involved Neighborhoods, the West Neighborhood Advisory Council, an officer and on the Administrative Board of Community Action for Affordable Housing, Community Action Council and the Blighted Property Task Force. Polly currently serves on the Board of the Lonas Drive Community Association.

Polly is a graduate of the University of Louisville. In addition to her neighborhood advocacy, she also volunteers for the Smoky Mountain Blues Society Board, UT Gardens, and Knoxville Botanical Gardens.

OPTIONS

RECOMMENDATION

ESTIMATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

FISCAL INFORMATION

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