

**Memorandum
Mayor's Office**



To: Rock Island City Council
From: Mayor Mike Thoms
Subject: Beautification Commission and Arts Commission
Appointments Fire and Police Commissioners Board Reappointment
Date: March 17, 2023

Beautification Commission – The term is for three years, expiring June 2026.

Appointment of Chris Conwell – Mr. Conwell has been a machinist for the last 12 years while pursuing plants and landscaping as a hobby. He has been a member of the Rock Island community for 33 years. He was previously involved with the QC Metro Arts Mural Program. Mr. Conwell would bring 15 years of experience with tropical plants, his artistic talent, and desire to tackle tasks on the Beautification Commission.

Appointment of Samantha Lonergan – Ms. Lonergan is a Social Worker and has been a member of the community for 20 years. She has previously been involved with volunteering with shelters and thrift shops. She has always appreciated beautiful landscaping and would like to give back to her community by being a part of awarding those who go above and beyond to beautify the Rock Island community.

Arts Commission – The term is for two years, expiring June 2025.

Appointment of Meghan Hollister – Ms. Hollister is a Design Instructor, Curriculum Developer, and Arts Teaching mentor. She has been a member of the Rock Island community for 31 years. She is currently involved with Rock Island Backyard Food Forest, Hidden Grove Homestead, Game-U, and Studio 2. Her previous involvements include the East Moline School District, Rivermont Collegiate, The Adventure Orange Arts Cooperative, Riverdale Community School District, VSA Iowa, MoonCatlife Sustainability Project, Zola Gallery, The Figge Art Museum, Davenport Parks and Recreation, and Von Maur Corporate. Ms. Hollister would like to use her variety of extensive arts experience, adult/child education, and business experience to bring a unique perspective to Rock Island.

Fire and Police Commissioners Board – The term is for three years, expiring April 2026.

Reappointment of John Wright – Mr. Wright has been a member of the Fire and Police Commissioners Board since 2020 and would like to renew his term to continue serving the Rock Island community.

Recommendation: Approve the appointments as recommended.

Submitted by: Mike Thoms, Mayor

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