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To: Auburn Planning Board

From: Megan Norwood, Planning Coordinator

Re: ITEM #3: Appointment to Sustainability and Natural Resources Management Board (SNRB) - Planning Board Chair to appoint Planning Board Member to SNRB.

Date: October 08, 2024

I. BACKGROUND: The purpose of the SNRB shall be to advance Auburn’s commitment to sustainability by serving as a research, advisory and advocacy group on environmental issues and natural resource management within the City. The SNRB is created with the purpose of improving the relationship and communication between the City Council, existing committees, and staff with the aim of creating more effective organization of city sustainability efforts.

This board consists of six members, including representatives of the city council, planning board, and four standing working groups on agriculture, conservation, the community forest, and sustainability. The planning board chair and the mayor may either serve on this board or appoint a representative to serve as members of the SNRB for a term of two years. The standing working groups on agriculture, conservation, the community forest, and sustainability shall nominate one representative each for approval by the Council; these members shall serve staggered three-year terms. There shall be one ex officio member of the board, consisting of the city manager or his/her designee.

Time commitment: Staff estimates this board will meet once per month.

II. PLANNING BOARD ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: The Planning Board Chair shall appoint one member to the SNRB at the October meeting.

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