

DATE: 2/23/2011

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Rachel Quintana

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Please place the following item on the (Check one): CONSENT REGULAR

Agenda for the Council Meeting of March 1, 2011

Appointment of Geoffrey Wright to the City Plan Commission by Representative Rachel

Item should read as follows: Quintana, District 5.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: City Plan Commission

NOMINATED BY: Representative Rachel Quintana

DISTRICT: District 5

NAME OF APPOINTEE Geoffrey Wright

(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 2112 Murchison

CITY: El Paso

ST: TX

ZIP: 79930

PHONE: 915-533-3777

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

ST: _____

ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

WHO WAS THE LAST PERSON TO HAVE HELD THIS POSITION BEFORE IT BECAME VACANT?

Ruben Chavez

NAME OF INCUMBENT: _____

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: _____

10/31/2010

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE):

TERM EXPIRED:

RESIGNED

REMOVED

CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE: _____

03/01/2011

TERM BEGINS ON : _____

11/01/2010

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: _____

10/31/2012

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1st TERM:

2nd TERM:

UNEXPIRED TERM:

GEOFFREY WRIGHT, AIA, NCARB

PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT

BIOGRAPHY

Geoffrey Wright was raised in El Paso, Texas, received a Master of Architecture Degree from Texas A&M University (1970), a Bachelors of Architecture with Honors from The University of Texas at Austin (1974), and has been registered in Texas, as well as several other states, since 1978. He is fluent in Spanish and German, and has taught at architecture schools in Mexico, Florida, and Texas.

As a member of the City of El Paso Historic Landmark Commission, a local architect, and a collector of historical facts, Geoffrey Wright is well acquainted with local history and sensitive to the historic perspective, believing that our cultural heritage must be recognized and preserved to the extent possible. In 2006 Geoffrey led the effort to document historical and cultural resources in the Downtown Redevelopment Zone of El Paso at the request of Deputy City Manager Pat Adair. This work has been reviewed (and tacitly ratified) by the Texas Historical Commission and the San Antonio Office of Historical Preservation.

However, through multiple projects he has completed with the city and with commercial developers, he is also aware of the practical, technical side of things. He has worked on various commercial projects and office buildings in the downtown area including a study he is currently conducting for River Oaks property for the historic Buckler Building (Ellis Confectionary) at the corner of Mesa and Texas. He has previously worked on historic buildings for the Union Fashion, Santoscoy loans, and other buildings in the area. He is currently remodeling a warehouse building at 300 S. Florence for professional offices including Wright & Dalbin's offices.

As head Architect for the design/build company Cordel in the 1980's, Mr. Wright was personally responsible for designing and planning a variety of projects including hotels, apartments, and office buildings throughout the United States. This work valued at over \$500 million, involved selecting sites, hiring consultants, obtaining building permits, and administering construction contracts. More recently, Geoffrey Wright has performed Design and Construction Administration services for a variety of public works projects including school projects for the Fabens, Canutillo, San Elizario, Socorro, Ysleta, and El Paso Independent School Districts as well as for the University of Texas at El Paso.

Having established his practice in a rapidly growing city like El Paso has also given him the opportunity to see things from a larger scale, as someone working in conjunction the downtown plan would need to be able to do. In that regard, Mr. Wright has worked as a planner for many years. Master Planning projects include plans for and annexation of Vramontes Properties (236 acres in east El Paso); the 300-acre Land of Texas new-urbanist, mixed-use project in Horizon City, Texas; and, a 82-acre mixed-use project in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. Geoffrey Wright has kept abreast of major planning trends and has taught Urbanism at the Masters level at the Autonomous University of Ciudad Juarez in conjunction with the National Autonomous University of Mexico. As an intern architect Geoffrey Wright worked for Frei Otto designing the new government center for Saudi Arabia and planning the Moslem Pilgrimage to Mecca.

In short, Geoffrey Wright has had to see the big picture throughout his career. He has had not only to sell his ideas, but also to ensure they were buildable, usable, and doable within a given budget. He is able to see issues from multiple sides, as a land developer, as a planner, as a builder, as an

historian, as an urban sociologist, but most important of all, as a long time resident of El Paso and someone who truly believes in, and works hard towards its promising future.

Registrations

Texas, 1978 / Alabama / Colorado / Florida / Louisiana / Mississippi / New Mexico
National Council of Architectural Registration Boards certificate holder

Current Community Service

Vice President, American Institute of Architects - El Paso Chapter (2007)
Member, Board of Directors CCIM (2006 - Present) (Commercial Real Estate Brokers)
Member, Construction Specifications Institute - El Paso Chapter (2005 - Present)
Member, Historic Landmark Commission (2003 - Present)
Member, Past President, El Paso Tennis and Swim Club Board of Directors (1992 - Present)

Past Community Service

Member, Building and Zoning Advisory Committee (1999-2005)
Member, Public Utility Regulation Board (2000-2004)

Education

Masters of Architecture, Systems Development, 1976
Texas A & M University

Bachelor of Architecture with Honors, 1974
University of Texas at Austin

Fluent in English, Spanish, and German

Experience

1988 - Present: Wright and Dalbin Architects, Inc.
1982 - 1988: Condel Architects & Engineers
1978 - 1982: Self Employed Architect
1974 - 1978: Atelier Frei Otto