

DATE: August 27, 2009

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Susie Byrd

ADDRESS 2 Civic Center Plaza, 10th Floor TELEPHONE 915-541-4996

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of September 8, 2009

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Laura Foster Kissack to the Public Service Board Selection Committee by Representative Susie Byrd, District 2.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Public Service Board Selection Committee

NOMINATED BY: Representative Susie Byrd DISTRICT: 2

NAME OF APPOINTEE Laura Foster Kissack
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 2100 N. Stanton

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: 79902 PHONE: 915-867-2555

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: New Committee

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: N/A

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE): TERM EXPIRED: _____
RESIGNED _____
REMOVED _____

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 09/08/2009

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: Until replacement is appointed

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1st TERM: XX

2nd TERM: _____

UNEXPIRED TERM: _____

Laura Foster Kissack, AIA

Academic Background

1984 through 1988

University of Texas at Austin

Studied English Literature with minor in Architectural Studies

1988 through 1994

Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc)

Master of Architecture 1993

While in architecture school in Los Angeles, edited the design review, *Off-Ramp*.

Curriculum at SCI-Arc included focus on urban design.

Early Work History

Interned throughout school and upon graduation on a project basis with Coy Howard and Hodgetts and Fung in Los Angeles; Morphosis Architects and Kunio Hashimoto in Tokyo; and Ford, Powell and Carson, in San Antonio. Work featured in the exhibits "Rush City Revisited", Los Angeles, December 1992 and "Metropolis in Transition", Tokyo, April 1991.

El Paso Work History

1994 – 2000

Maswal Construction

Construction Estimator

Perspectiva, Inc.

Worked on teams producing construction documents for streetscape projects and schools.

Established marketing archive, produced presentations and proposals.

City of El Paso Department of Planning, Research and Development

Worked as part of team generating a pilot neighborhood planning process, during which, responsibilities included advancing and coordinating plan elements with the public, merchants and government agencies.

2001 – Present

Principal, Laura Kissack Architecture

Publications

Published articles with design and planning focus in *Texas Architect*, August 2008 and *El Paso inside and Out*, 2000 – 2004.

Community Service

Organizer: "Modernism on the Borderland", 2008.

Chinati Foundation, Marfa Texas, active member 1994 - 1997

Memorial Park Improvement Association, active member, 1994 - 1998

Lecture Organizer for AIA El Paso

Christmas in April, team member, 1999

Building Imaginations 2000 (Lego Event), Central Business District

Rim University Association, Conservation Overlay Plan Committee, 1999 - 2001

City of El Paso Fair Housing Taskforce Member 1998 - 2000

City of El Paso Public Art Commission and Master Plan Selection Committee 2001 – 2003

Get the Lead out Coalition, 2007