

# Missoula City Council Public Safety, Health and Operations Committee Minutes

April 13, 2022  
2:05 PM  
ZOOM Webinar

**Members present:** Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

**Members absent:** Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan

## 1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

### 1.2 Approval of the Minutes

#### 1.2.1 Minutes of the April 6, 2022 PSO meeting

Minutes approved as submitted.

## 3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### 3.1 Appointment to the Food Policy Advisory Board

2:10 - 2:25 Grant Melton Interview

2:30 - 2:45 Rebecca Elderkin Interview

2:50 - 3:05 Katie Karas Interview

Grant Melton gave some background on himself and why he would like to sit on the Food Police Advisory Board. He has 10 years in food media and as a political organizer. He worked for the Biden/Harris Campaign. Would like to see the Board focus on equitable and affordable foods, more accessible food and also, teach people how to cook. Sees food as a way of solving problems.

Rebecca Elderkin graduated with a degree in public health. She now works at All Nations Health Center and has a focus in food accessibility and climate change.

Katie Karas expressed her interested in the position. Her focus of interest is in food justice, access to food and growing and cooking food. She is a part-time therapist and works with the Department of Social Work faculty at the University.

Heidi West made a motion to nominate Rebecca Elderkin and John Contos made a motion to nominate Katie Karas.

**Moved by:** Heidi West

appoint Rebecca Elderkin to serve as an alternate member on the Food Policy Advisory Board for a term beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2024.

AYES: (6): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, Mike Nugent, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

NAYS: (3): Stacie Anderson, John P. Contos, and Jennifer Savage

**Vote results: Approved (6 to 3)**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

3:18 p.m.