



Date of Council Meeting: November 10, 2014

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Subject: Mason Enterprise Center Advisory Board Membership

Staff Contact: Marantha Edwards, Economic Development Director

Council Action Requested: A decision by Council is necessary to refill Mr. Steve Robin's vacancy on the Mason Enterprise Center (MEC) Advisory Board based on a formal recommendation from the Leesburg Economic Development Commission.

Staff Recommendation: I recommend that Town Council make an appointment based on the recommendation from the Leesburg EDC at their November 5th, 2014 meeting.

Commission Recommendation: The Leesburg EDC voted to send forward Ms. So Yun Maryn as their recommendation to Council as the appointee to serve on the MEC Advisory Board.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact on this appointment to the MEC Advisory Board.

Executive Summary: Mr. Steve Robins has resigned from the MEC Advisory Board and there is a request from that body to fill the vacancy.

Background: At the July 12th, 2011 Leesburg Town Council Meeting, an MEC Board of Advisors was established, to include representation from partner organizations including George Mason University, the Town of Leesburg, Loudoun County, Loudoun SBDC, the Loudoun Chamber and the business community at large. This group will be a self-governing body that will appoint their own Chairperson and hold monthly meetings to review the strategies and deliverables of the MEC. The current composition of the MEC Advisory Group follows;

Town of Leesburg – Four (4) including the Town Manager and the Economic Development Director. Current appointees - Kaj Dentler, Marantha Edwards, Ara Bagdasarian (EDC representative), Council representative is now vacant

Loudoun County – Three (3) including Tim Hemstreet and his designees
Current appointees - Buddy Rizer and Mary Porter Green

George Mason University – Three (3).

Current appointees - Susan Henson, Jody Keenan & Dennis Webb

Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce – Two (2).

Current appointees – TK Dean, one vacancy

SBDC – One (1) Mike Matteson

At – Large – Two (2) – Leigh MacDonald, Joe Paciulli

An advertisement was posted and responses were directed to Clerk of the Council. Those letters of interest were shared with the Leesburg Economic Development Commission for discussion and at their November 5th meeting, the body discussed applications from Ms. So Yun Maryn and Ms. Kimberly Hicks. There were no recommendations from the floor.

Attachments: (1) Resolution

PRESENTED _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

ADOPTED _____

A RESOLUTION: TO APPOINT SO YUN MARYN TO THE MASON ENTERPRISE CENTER LEESBURG, BOARD OF ADVISORS

WHEREAS, the Town collaborates with George Mason University to foster the growth of the Mason Enterprise Center – Leesburg (MEC) to serve as an incubator for entrepreneurial business development;

WHEREAS, the Leesburg Town Council established a Board of Advisors in July 2011 which allows for representation of the Town of Leesburg, the County of Loudoun, George Mason University, the SBDC, the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce and the business community At Large;

WHEREAS, Mr. Steve Robin resigned from the MEC Advisory Board as a Town Council representative and advertisements were placed to recruit interested parties as potential advisors;

WHEREAS, Ms. Kimberly Hicks and Ms. So Yun Mryn expressed interest and their resumes were presented and discussed by the Leesburg Economic Development Commission;

WHEREAS, the Leesburg EDC voted to support Ms. So Yun Maryn.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that Ms. So Yun Maryn be appointed to the MEC Board of Advisors.

PASSED this 10th day of November 2014.

Kristen C. Umstattd, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council