

**City of Palmer  
Action Memorandum No. 15-050**

**Subject:** Confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Helene Antel to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Advisory Board

**Agenda of:** May 12, 2015

**Council Action:** Confirmed

**Originator Information:**

**Originator:** Mayor Johnson – via City Clerk  
**Date:** April 21, 2015      **Requested agenda date:** May 12, 2015

**Department Information √:**

Route to:	Department Director:	Signature:	Date:
_____	Community Development	_____	_____
_____	Finance	_____	_____
_____	Public Safety	_____	_____
_____	Public Works	_____	_____

**Approved for presentation by:**

	Signature:	Remarks:
City Manager	<u><i>Joseph A. Hanson</i></u>	_____
City Attorney	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	_____
City Clerk	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	_____

**Certification of Funds:**

Total amount of funds listed in this legislation: \$ **50 per regular and special meeting\***

This legislation (√):

Has no fiscal impact       Creates a positive impact in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Creates a negative impact in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_\*

Funds are (√):

Budgeted      Line item(s): 01-19-90-6059  
 Not budgeted      Affected line item(s): \_\_\_\_\_

General fund unassigned balance (after requested budget modification): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enterprise unrestricted net position (after requested budget modification): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Finance Signature: *[Signature]*

**Attachment(s):**

- Application

**Summary statement:** Currently there are seven vacancies on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Advisory Board.

Ms. Antel has submitted her application and meets the code requirement for appointment as a non-city resident. Once appointed, Ms. Antel will fill seat D, with a term ending date October 2018.

**Administration recommendation:** Authorize action memorandum 15-050.



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**Board/Commission Application**

Date: 03/02/2015  
Name of Board/Commission: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resource  
Name: Helene M. Intel  
Residence address: 12050 E. Lady Slipper Ln, Palmer  
Mailing address: Same  
Phone number(s):  
Home: N/A Work: N/A Cell: 355-4838  
Email address: hmi@mtaonline.net  
Employer: self Occupation: Attorney

Member or active interest in the following organizations:  
Palmer Arts Council Food bank of Alaska  
Valley Mt. Baker & Lakes

Please explain your main reason for applying:  
\* Please see attached.

You are welcome to attach an outline of your education, work and volunteer experiences, and other interests. Please note: this form and all of the information contained on the form is subject to the Public Records Act. All information will be treated as public information.  
Signature Helene Intel Date 03/02/2015  
HELENE M. INTEL

**For office use only:**  
Date received: 3/6/15 By: Janette  
Board or Commission: PRCRAB  
Vacant seat: (D) - New seat Term ending date: Oct. 2017  
Attachments?  Yes  No

Updated: February 26, 2015

forwarded to Mayor on 3/6/15

**My main reason for applying is as follows:** I would like to share my enthusiasm for Palmer by working to promote continued, effective development of the City's recreational and cultural resources.

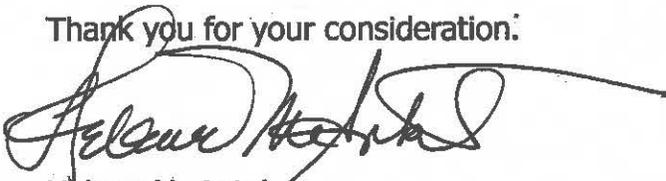
I understand the purposes of the City of Palmer's new Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Advisory Board are to develop, support, and advise the City Council on matters pertaining among other things to city parks, recreational, and cultural programs, and on the annual budget for such programs. I would enjoy working to provide the City Council and the Palmer Community with such support and advice. I have the skills, experience and passion for Palmer to do so effectively.

The Palmer community has a wealth of resources chief among which are the people who live here. The continued development of city parks, recreational opportunities and cultural programs is essential to the physical and emotional well being of all of us. Many people are able to appreciate our breathtakingly beautiful location, only from a distance. I would like to see Palmer further develop our outdoor recreational and cultural opportunities to increase their accessibility. I also would like to promote the growth of our local tourism industry. Palmer enjoys a unique and exquisite location. It should be a prime tourist destination.

I am an experienced attorney; I know how to advocate. I have studied and practiced mediation; I have the skills and maturity needed to promote collaboration. I have served on Boards and understand their challenges as well as their potential for accomplishment. I have run for public office and served as an elected official. I understand and appreciate the limits of government and the push and pull of divergent political and economic interests. I've always known how to talk, or so it seems. I'd like to think I've finally learned how to listen.

If selected to serve on this Committee, I will make it a priority. I will do the things with which I am tasked. I will probably do more. I am enriched daily by living here. This would be a way to give back.

Thank you for your consideration.



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hma@mtaonline.net



## **Summary Of Professional Experience**

**Attorney, Sole Practitioner** – (1991 to date), Also, Lecturer and Facilitator, Strategic Planning for Businesses; General Mediation and Advocacy Training; Rights and Interest Arbitration, Workshops dealing with Collaborative Bargaining; Administrative Hearing Preparation and Presentation.

**Executive Counsel** – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1547 (January, 2008 to June, 2010); **General Counsel** (1986 – 1991);

**Assistant Municipal Attorney** - Municipality of Anchorage (1985-1986), Human Resources, Labor Contract Negotiations, Litigation & Arbitration;

**Assistant District Attorney** State of Alaska, District Attorney's Office (1981-1985), Criminal Prosecution;

**Attorney, Commercial law** - Ely, Guess & Rudd (1983-1984), and Bogle & Gates (1979-1981), Commercial Litigation, Anti-Trust, Securities Law & Government Relations

## **Education**

State University of New York at Buffalo; Faculty of Law and Jurisprudence (Juris Doctor, 1979); State University of New York at Binghamton (B.A. Highest Honors, History, 1975); Bronx High School of Science (1970).

FMCS Intensive Mediator Training, Seattle Washington March, 2010; Continued Mediator Training, Pepperdine Law School; Strauss Institute for Alternative Dispute Resolution June, 2011

## **Elected and Appointed Offices and Boards**

Matanuska Susitna Labor Relations Board, Chair (2006 to December, 2011);  
Matanuska-Susitna Board of Adjustment and Appeals (BOAA), Co-Chair (2002 to 2008).

Mat-Su Borough Board of Education (Appointed, Jan. 1998, elected Oct. 1998-2002);

United Way Board, Mat-Su (Nov. 2000-May 2002);

Alaska Family Resource Center Board (2000-2001);

Alaska Taekwondo Institute Board 2000 to date.

### **PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

National Gold and Silver Medalist, 2001 U.S. Taekwondo Open (Seniors Division);

2nd Degree Black Belt; (3rd degree candidate), Taekwondo.

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Bar Association, Employment Law and ADR Sections
- Alaska Bar Association, Employment Law and ADR and Sections
- Certified Personal Trainer, 2013 (National Academy of Sports Medicine)
- Mediators without Borders, 2011 to date
- Alaska Industrial Relations Resource Group (1997 to 2010)

Admitted to practice in the

**Alaska State Courts, Federal District Court (Alaska),**

**Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals,**

and the

**United States Supreme Court**