

APPOINTMENT

Approving the reappointment of Karen Wolk Feinstein to serve as a Member of the Parks and Recreation Commission of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

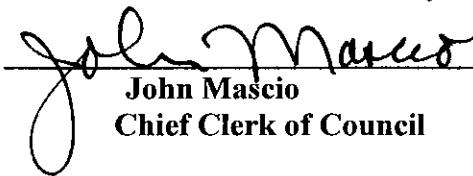
In Council February 7 2006.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:



John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council



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Honorable President and Members
Allegheny County Council
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Please find the attached resume of Karen Wolk Feinstein, whom I am recommending for reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission of Allegheny County.


The commission is intended to augment the policy-making powers of the Chief Executive and County Council in improving the parks, not replace them. The commission is a county agency as defined in the Administrative Code and is subject to all provisions within the code relating to agencies. I am recommending Ms. Feinstein to serve another 4 year term ending on December 31, 2009.

Ms. Feinstein is the President of the Jewish Healthcare Foundation of Pittsburgh, a regional foundation funding a broad range of activities to advance the health of the residents of Western Pennsylvania. She has served as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission of Allegheny County since 2003.

I appreciate your consideration, and ask you to act on this appointment as quickly as possible. Ms. Feinstein will make herself available for review before the appropriate committee if members of Council wish to speak with her.

Sincerely,

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CC: Karen Wolk Feinstein, Ph.D.



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Karen Wolk Feinstein, Ph.D.

Karen Wolk Feinstein is the President of the Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) of Pittsburgh, a regional foundation funding a broad range of activities to advance the health of the residents of Western Pennsylvania. In 1997 Dr. Feinstein became the founding Co-chair of the Pittsburgh Regional Healthcare Initiative (PRHI), with former Treasury Secretary and Alcoa CEO, Paul O'Neill. The initiative aspires to make the region a leader in healthcare system performance.

PRHI's unparalleled learning and improvement network includes hundreds of clinicians, 30 hospitals, four major insurers, more than 30 healthcare purchasers, dozens of corporate and civic leaders, and Pennsylvania's attorney general. PRHI supports local providers in several activities designed to achieve performance excellence leading to perfect patient care.

As a result of PRHI's early efforts, Southwestern Pennsylvania is the only region in the country where competing hospitals now share data on medication errors, hospital-acquired infections and six other clinical conditions and have formed a partnership for shared learning and process improvement.

Current board memberships

- Co-chair, Transition Team for health, for Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell
- Allegheny Conference on Community Development (and Executive Committee)
- National City Bank of Pennsylvania
- Presbyterian University Hospital and Shadyside Hospital Joint Board
- United Way of Allegheny County
- United Jewish Federation
- Jewish Association on Aging
- Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
- Western Pennsylvania Women's Forum
- Chair, Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness
- Member, Advisory Board, Brandeis University Institute for Health Policy
- Technical Board of Milbank Memorial Fund
- Advisory Board, University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development
- Pittsburgh Opera Advisory Board

Education

- Bachelor's Degree, Brown University
- Master's Degree, Boston College
- Ph.D., Brandeis University

Former affiliations

- Senior Vice President, United Way of Allegheny County, directing Resource Management and Community Initiatives Department
- Adjunct Professor of Public Policy and Social Planning, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Carnegie Mellon University
- Associate Professor of Social Planning, Boston College
- Past Chair, Grantmakers in Health
- Editor, The Urban and Social Change Review

Awards

- 1997 Honorary Degree from Chatham College, Doctor of Public Service
- 1997 Carlow College Woman of Spirit Award
- 1996 Vocational Rehabilitation Center Mulach Award
- 1989 YWCA Tribute to Women Award



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RON FRANCIS, JR.
DISTRICT 1

Dear Ms. Feinstein:

JAN REA
DISTRICT 2

This is to inform you that an Appointment Review Committee Meeting has been scheduled for 4:00 PM, **Thursday, February 2, 2006** in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

EDWARD J. KRESS
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DISTRICT 4

Your presence has been requested to discuss your nomination for reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission of Allegheny County.

VINCE GASTGEB
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If you have any questions regarding this please contact me at 412-350-6495

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MEMO:

DATE: February 2, 2006

TO: John DeFazio, Chair
Members of County Council's Appointment Review Committee

FROM: Karen Wolk Feinstein, PhD

SUBJECT: Nomination for Reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission of Allegheny County

Why you cannot attend either meeting?

February 2, 2006 I am vacationing in Idaho and will not be back in Pittsburgh until February 6.

February 16, 2006 I will be speaking at a conference in Florida from February 15 to the 18th.

In no way should my absence from these County Council proceedings be construed as a lack of interest in serving on the County Parks Commission.

What are the highlights since you have been on the board of the Parks and Recreation Commission of Allegheny County?

The Parks Commission has:

- Facilitated the donation of 14.14 acres of land to South Park at a value of \$250,000 from the Mellon Foundation to the County Park System.
- Financed and enabled the study of comparable "Park Systems of Excellence" located in eight states to explore the common denominators of success.
- Conducted twelve regional Parks Commission Meetings open to the public accepting input for management and needs of the parks. These meetings were in rotating park locations over the past two years.
- Developed a strategy to secure the lead grant of mineral rights to Settler's Cabin Park to enable the Botanic Garden to develop its master plan.
- Secured the venue for the successful flood victim fundraiser concert at Heinz Hall.

- Coordinated a meeting amongst the Council of Friends groups with the Pennsylvania Park and Forest Foundation.
- Provided input and creative thinking on important dilemmas, e.g., dredging of North Park lake
- Assisted the County Executive to identify and review options for a nonprofit fundraising entity
- Provided support and input into extension of the Great Allegheny Passage from McKeesport to Pittsburgh

What are your future goals for the Commission?

The Parks Commission hopes to:

- Consider the advantages and disadvantages of consolidating some or even all of the City and County Parks functions to the benefit of both entities and the public who cherishes and uses these invaluable resources; participate in an open dialogue and pros and cons
- Support the new nonprofit County Parks entity to generate additional resources (financial, programmatic, public relations, etc) for strengthening an already strong Parks system
- Review and advance opportunities to connect the County Parks to a robust trail system
- Ensure that the farsighted and highly popular County Parks Strategic Plan continues to receive the attention it deserves and help implement its finest recommendations
- Work with County Council, the Friends associations, and other interested partners in moving the Allegheny County parks system to the status of Excellence among national park systems.
- Generate resources to ensure the successful completion of deferred maintenance in our County Park System.
- Develop a cost analysis of park facilities.

Thank you.

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JOHN DeFAZIO, AT- LARGE
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February 15, 2006

Karen Wolk Feinstein, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Feinstein,

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 7, 2006, Council approved your reappointment to serve as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission of Allegheny County for term to expire on December 31, 2009.

Congratulations on your appointment and best of luck in this undertaking. We look forward to receiving your recommendations and stand willing to assist you in any way you believe appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John DeFazio".

John DeFazio
At-Large Representative

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