



**NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT BY OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
TO BOARD OR COMMISSION**

TO: City Council

THROUGH: Todd Stermer, City Clerk

BY: Jerry P. Dyer, Mayor

 X Reappointment

 New Appointment

Name of person replaced: N/A

Name: Jon Dohlin

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Appointed to: Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission

Term: Through July 1, 2027

City Council 4/18/2024

Application Form**Profile****Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission: Submitted

Jon

First Name

F

Middle Initial

Dohlin

Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

Fresno

City

CA

State

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *☒ District 1

Home:

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

Briefly explain why are you interested in serving on this board or commission?

I am personally and professionally interested in the value of green space, nature play and the value of recreation and the arts as core constituents of equity, justice and quality of life within the urban space. As CEO of the Fresno Chaffee Zoo, I have the pleasure of leading a cultural institution that engages deeply with our city parks, outdoor recreation, and the value of nature.

Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

B.A. Biology Humboldt State University, Arcata CA M.Arch Parsons School of Design, New York, NY

Briefly explain your qualifications or areas of demonstrated expertise for this board or commission.

I have a long history of working with community and political groups around Parks Conservancy and Greenways protection. Additionally, I am an architect by training and understand many of the infrastructure and construction challenges facing our parks. I have served on the PARC Board for 2 years and I have enjoyed the work and learned a tremendous amount about the challenges and joys of recreational and cultural space use here in Fresno.

Do you or an immediate family member have any professional or financial relationship that may present a potential conflict of interest for this board, commission or similar body?☐ Yes ☒ No

Jon F Dohlin

Work History

Fresno Chaffee Zoo
Employer

CEO/ Zoo Director
Job Title

Work Address

[REDACTED]

City, State, Zip Code

[REDACTED]

Provide 3 Personal and Professional References. Provide name, address, and phone number where they may be reached during the day.

Kyle Kirkland, Kirkland Foundation, [REDACTED] Oliver Baines,
Central Valley NMTC Fund, [REDACTED] Cassandra
Little, Ph.D. FMBCC [REDACTED]

Question applies to multiple boards

The Political Reform Act of 1974 prohibits public officials from using their official positions to influence governmental decisions in which they have a financial interest. The Board Members in the designed positions must disclose their financial interests as specified in the agency's conflict of interest code.

I agree that I have read the above and agree to file a Statement of Economic Interest Form should I be appointed to a Board, Commission, or similar body according to the adopted resolution.

☒ I Agree

JON FORREST DOHLIN

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER; Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corp (2021-present)

Top executive at the leading cultural attraction in California's Central Valley, working with an executive team and over 225 staffers to create a family-friendly conservation experience that inspires care for animals, makes connections, builds community, and saves wildlife.

VICE PRESIDENT; Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) (2010-2021)

Part of senior management group that set priorities and goals and implements initiatives for the largest international conservation NGO in North America.

DIRECTOR; Wildlife Conservation Society's New York Aquarium (2008-2021)

Led day-to-day operations, programs and activities of the Wildlife Conservation Society's New York Aquarium, Brooklyn's most popular cultural institution with over 800,000 visitors annually

PROJECT MANAGER FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION; Department of Operations and Construction, Wildlife Conservation Society (2006 – 2008)

Construction Manager and Owner's Representative for major capital projects throughout WCS New York facilities:

ARCHITECTURAL PROJECT MANAGER; Exhibition and Graphic Arts Department, Wildlife Conservation Society (2003-2006)

Led WCS Design teams through the design of award winning exhibitry at the WCS Bronx Zoo and the WCS New York Aquarium.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER; Exhibition and Graphic Arts Department, Wildlife Conservation Society (1997-2003)

Member of the design teams that created industry leading and award winning exhibits at the WCS Bronx Zoo

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

VICE-CHAIR; Fresno Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission (PARC) (March 2021-present)

The Fresno PARC is a citizen oversight and advisory board that works with Fresno City's Mayor, Council, and Staff to evaluate and plan expenditures from Fresno's Measure P fund for improvements of existing parks, acquisitions of new parks, and the support of a varied and vibrant cultural arts program throughout the City of Fresno.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS; Kepler Neighborhood School (September 2022-present)

Member of the Board of Directors for Kepler Neighborhood School, a Fresno Unified School District supported Charter School providing a quality public education to the children of Downtown Fresno

BOARD OF DIRECTORS; Storyland/Playland (February 2021-present)

Member of the Board of Directors for Storyland/Playland, a non-profit 5013C overseeing the improvement, marketing and fundraising for two public amenities within Roeding Park.

CHAIR; Alliance for Coney Island (March 2015-2021)

The Alliance brings together Coney businesses, community organizations, and residents to assume management and maintenance tasks in Coney Island, plan new initiatives and programs, partner with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, and advocate for resources and policies that support the revitalization of Coney Island. Leading strategic planning and campaign for a new NYC B.I.D. and negotiations for a Parks Conservancy relationship with DPR.

CO-CHAIR; New York State's NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program for the Southern Brooklyn Peninsula (2013-2021). This program was established by the State of New York to provide additional rebuilding and revitalization assistance to Communities severely damaged by Hurricanes Sandy and Irene and Tropical Storm Lee; this program allocated \$25 million for planning in the most affected South Brooklyn communities

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; Coney Island Creek Conservancy (2019-2021). The Conservancy advocates for the ecological restoration, protection and improvement of the Coney Island Creek, the maintenance of diverse species in the Creek, and the recreational, educational and economic benefits that result from a restored Creek and positively impact the surrounding and interdependent communities.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL; Science and Resiliency Institute at Jamaica Bay (2012-2021). A public/private partnership, SRI@JB advances innovative thinking and learning about the resilience of urban coastal regions through programs of research and engagement in New York City's Jamaica Bay

ADVISORY COUNCIL; Climate Museum (2019-present)

Part of a group of New York City non-profit leaders that provides expertise and guidance to exhibitions and programming at The Climate Museum, a nonprofit organization in New York City and the first museum dedicated to climate change and climate solutions in the United States

MEMBER; WCS Women's Group (2016- 2021)

Member of WCS's first sponsored staff affinity group working to address challenges and build equity for women scientists within the WCS organization.

MEMBER; AZA Aquarium Affairs Committee (2017-2021)

The mission of the AZA Aquarium Affairs Committee is to create a forum for aquarium leaders to focus on aquarium-wide subjects and advance the professional standards and practices of AZA aquariums.

MEMBER; WAZA Aquarium Committee (2018-present)

Leading membership of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums to a better appreciation of the unique operational challenges of public aquariums and the opportunities for more robust conservation impact.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE; Parsons School of Design, New School University, New York, NY

BACHELOR OF ARTS, BIOLOGY; Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA

HONORS AND AWARDS (excerpted)

- **AZA Exhibit Award 2019** "Top Honors" Ocean Wonders: Sharks!
- **Community Mayors 2018** "Humanitarian Award"
- **New York City Fire Department 2018** "Good Samaritan Award"
- **Alliance for Coney Island 2018** "Innovation and Leadership"
- **New York State, NY Rising 2015** "Best Inclusion of Vulnerable Populations in Resiliency Efforts" South Brooklyn Peninsula
- **New York City Parks Department, Partnership for Parks, 2014** "Catalyst for Change: Advocacy, Protection and Restoration of Coney Island Creek"
- **Norwegian American Council of New York, 2011** "Grand Marshal, Norwegian Day Parade"

SAMPLE PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

<https://www.huffpost.com/author/jon-forrest-dohlin>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SfeyGCGEnM0>

<https://slate.com/business/2019/06/how-does-an-aquarium-director-do-his-job.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/nyaquarium/posts/ny-aquarium-director-jon-forrest-dohlin-went-on-anderson-cooper-full-circle-to-t/10157205119128399/>

<https://blog.nationalgeographic.org/tag/jon-forrest-dohlin/>

<https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-what-surgeon-tell-us-about-new-york-and-our-ecological-future-20190208-story.html>