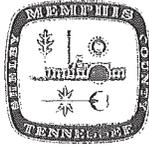


City of Memphis



A C WHARTON, JR.
MAYOR

TENNESSEE

November 15, 2011

The Honorable Harold Collins, Chairman
Personnel, Intergovernmental & Annexation Committee
City Hall - Room 514
Memphis, TN 38103

Dear Chairman Collins:

Subject to Council approval, it is my recommendation that:

Ken Nelson

be reappointed to the Memphis and Shelby County Film and Television Commission with a term expiring September 30, 2013.

I have attached biographical information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "A C Wharton", is written over the typed name and title.

A C Wharton
Mayor

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c: Council Members



City of Memphis

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION APPOINTMENT TO BOARD/COMMISSION

The Memphis & Shelby County Film and Television Commission
BOARD/COMMISSION

Name: Ken Nelson _____ Birthdate: 1/14/53

Business Address: The Peabody Hotel 149 Union Ave 38103 Phone: 901-529-4180

Business/Profession: Assistant Director, Catering and Conference Management

Education: BFA Memphis College of Art

Name of Spouse: Single Number of Children: none

Home Address: 2029 Union Avenue Phone: 901-726-5112

City: Memphis State: TN Zip: 38104

Resident of Shelby County: 30 years

Professional Organization/Associations: Am Heart Assn Volunteer/Memphis Heart Gala, Friends
for Life Volunteer

Other Organizations/Associations: _____

Other Interest: Movies and Television of course, Art and Art History, Gardening, Event
Design/Special Events

Ken Nelson
2029 Vinton Avenue
Memphis, TN 38104

After growing up in Virginia and Atlanta, 30 years ago I moved to Memphis to complete my art degree at The Memphis Art Academy, now Memphis College of Art. 10 months later, in August of 1982 I went to work for The Peabody Hotel as a waiter in order to assist me with school expenses and never left (The Peabody or Memphis).

I graduated with a BFA in Art History and Painting in 1986 from MCA, but along those four years I began to move into various positions at The Peabody and to consider myself a true Memphian. I moved from the position of Waiter, to Supervisor, then to Assistant Manager of Dux Restaurant, and then Manager of the restaurant.

In 1988 I moved from Restaurant Manager to our Catering Department where I would be able to use my art background creating events at "The South's Grand Hotel". In 1998 I was promoted to Assistant Director and retain that position today.

My community involvement has included volunteer work for American Heart Assn, Co-President of The Heart Gala Board, Dinner Chair and Decor Chair of The Heart Gala, volunteer work with The American Cancer Society, Decor Chair of The American Cancer Black Tie Ball, a graduate of The Leadership Academy, volunteer with The Alzheimer's Association as well as an annual participant in their Memory Walk. Also, I have been a volunteer with Friends for Life/Feast for Friends as well as a sponsor of their Monday Dinner program.

Over the past years with The Film and Television Commission I have hosted receptions for a holiday event, a wrap party for 21 grams, the German TV Commission, as well as worked closely with the cast and crew of the TV series "Police Women of Memphis". Additionally I have served as a liaison for the commission in meeting and greeting interested parties, actors, directors, writers, etc. considering our City and County for film projects.

In my "free" time I enjoy spending time with friends and family, traveling, gardening, painting, cooking, sports (go Tigers) and of course movies and television.

It has been an honor to have served on The Commission Board, and request that I continue to be a member of The Board in The City and County that I love and have come to call home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Ken Nelson