




MEMORANDUM

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

Council Meeting of May 17, 2007

TO: Members of City Council

FROM: Mayor Rick Baker 

RE: Confirmation of Reappointments to the St. Petersburg Housing Authority

I respectfully request that Council confirm the reappointment of Dr. David T. Welch and Dr. Arnett Smith, Jr. as regular members to the St. Petersburg Housing Authority to serve four-year terms ending 12/31/10.

Attached are copies of their resumes for your information.

RB/ea

Attachments

cc: Deputy Mayor Goliath J. Davis, III
D. J. Irions, Executive Director, St. Petersburg Housing Authority

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE
REAPPOINTMENT OF REGULAR MEMBERS
TO THE ST. PETERSBURG HOUSING
AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that this Council hereby confirms the reappointment of Dr. David T. Welch and Dr. Arnett Smith, Jr. as regular members to the St. Petersburg Housing Authority to serve four-year terms ending 12/31/10.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approved as to form and content

City Attorney or (Designee)

David T. Welch, Ed.D.
1600 25th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 896-4831 (h)
(727) 894-0511 (w)

EDUCATION

Ed.D.	Nova University - 1979 Management/Public Policy
Ed.S.	University of South Florida - 1978 Management/Public Policy
MS	Florida A&M University - 1959 Administration / Supervision
BS	Florida A&M University - 1957 Accounting/Finance

EMPLOYMENT

1966 - 1994	Assistant Director of Finance and Facilities Pinellas County School Board (Retired)
1963 - 1966	Financial Aide Officer Gibbs Junior College, St. Petersburg
1966 to Present	Welch Accounting Services, Owner Welch Rentals

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

City Council Member - 12 years:

1993-1997	City Council Member City of St. Petersburg (1993-1994 - Elected Vice Chair) (1996-1997 - Elected Vice Chair)
1981-1987	City Council Member City of St. Petersburg (1987-1989 - Elected Vice Mayor)

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PRESENT ORGANIZATIONS/BOARDS

Board Member - University of South Florida Campus Board
President - Front Porch of Greater St. Petersburg
Treasurer - Worknet of Pinellas
Executive Committee Member, Worknet of Pinellas (Finance)
Board Member - Weed & Seed of St. Petersburg
Board Member - WEDU Educational TV Station (Finance Committee)
Vice Chair - Governmental Affairs, St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce

PAST ORGANIZATIONS/BOARDS

Chairman - Pinellas Industry Council
Chairman - Manpower Development, Pinellas County
Treasurer - WEDU Educational TV
Board Member - Enterprise Florida (Appointed by Governor)
Chairman - Black Business Investments Tampa Bay
Treasurer - United Way of St. Petersburg
Board Member - USF Advisory Council, St. Petersburg Campus (6 years)

OTHERS:

Developed Financial and Training programs for training Saudi Arabian students in USA (St. Petersburg Vocational Education Center)

Advisor and Consultant to Government of St. Thomas and St. Croix in revising Vocational Training Curriculum and construction of new vocational schools.

Consultant - Various workshops for finance, management, church officials and school personnel

CHURCH AFFILIATION

Prayer Tower Church of God in Christ
President of Choir #1
Sunday School Teacher
Trustee Board Member

PERSONAL DATA

Married, 4 adult children, 5 grandchildren

Biography

Dr. Arnett Smith Jr.

Family: Born the fourth child of eight children. To Mr. & Mrs. Arnett & Eloise Smith (both deceased), on June 26, 1936, in Orange Lake, Marion County, Florida.

Married to Maggie L. McQueen Smith of Tallahassee, Florida; have three children: Pomona LaKay, Arenée Fanchon, and Antoine Feron. Four grandchildren: Charles, Evan~Myron, Devan~Myrick (deceased), and Lauryn~Maggie.

Education: Attended public schools in Marion County, graduation from high school in June 1953.

Bachelor and Master Degrees (1963 and 1972): Florida A&M University
Tallahassee, Florida

Graduate Studies (1968): Indiana State University
Terre Haute, Indiana

Doctor of Education degree (1977): University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Military: Two active duty tours

- September 1, 1954 – August 30, 1957
- September 1, 1961 – August 30, 1962

Honorable discharged from both tours

Employment

History: Teacher

- Williston, Levy County, Florida 1962-1963
- 16th Street Junior High School 1963-1969
- Bay Point Junior High School 1969-1971

Assistant Director Human Relations

- Pinellas County Schools 1971-1972

Assistant Principal
• Boca Ciega High School 1972-1975

• Pinellas Park High School 1976-1978

Administrator, U.S. Department of Education 1978-1997
Washington, D.C.

In charge of two branches which distributed over \$900 million in federal aid to school districts annually for the impact of federal activity, and audited for compliance. (Retired)

Community Service:

- Served on the NAACP's negotiating team for the School Choice Plan.
- Serves for the NAACP on the school committee for Pupil Assignment
- Serves on the Executive Board of the NAACP
- Serves on the Community Council on Housing for the St. Petersburg Housing Authority. Made trips to Washington, D.C. to assist in securing the Hope VI grant for the rebuilding of Jordan Park
- Serves on the Board of Variance for the City of St. Petersburg

Religious Service:

- Member of the United Methodist Church
- Serves on the Trustee Board for the United Methodist Children's Home in Enterprise, FL
- Serves on the Board of Trustees for the St. Petersburg District of the United Methodist Church
- Serves on the Board of Ordain Ministry for the St. Petersburg District of the United Methodist Church
- Serves as Chair Person for the Conference Commission on Religion and Race for the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church