



Legislation Text

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TO:

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Appointments to City Boards and Commissions (City Clerk Tamura).

APPOINT

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council appoint or reappoint to the following City Boards and Commissions vacancies:

- **Cultural Arts Commission**
Two seats: one Member-at-Large and one Student Representative
- **Library Commission**
Three seats: Two Members-at-Large and one Student Representative
- **Parks and Recreation Commission**
Four seats: Two Members-at-Large, one Older Adult Representative, and one Student Representative
- **Parking and Public Improvements Commission**
One seat: One Business Community Representative

Included in the staff report is the list of interested applicants.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no fiscal implications associated with the recommended action.

BACKGROUND:

In preparation the Annual Boards and Commissions Interview and Appointment Process, the City Clerk's Office and staff liaisons have been in contact with current commissioners and applicants regarding upcoming scheduled vacancies.

To solicit interest in serving on the City's Boards and Commissions, the City Clerk's office placed advertisements in the February 7, March 7, and April 4, 2019, editions of the Beach Reporter and Easy Reader newspapers. Staff posted notices on the City's website, posted a news item on the

City's website, posted on the City's Facebook and Twitter pages, and sent e-notifications.

At the April 30, 2019, City Council meeting, interviews were conducted of applicants interested in serving on the City's Boards and Commissions.

DISCUSSION:

Staff has compiled a list of applicants from the community indicating interest in serving on the City's Boards and Commissions. Below is a breakdown of each commission vacancy, along with the applicant's expressed interest.

1. Cultural Arts Commission:

The Cultural Arts Commission is responsible for the continued development and implementation of the master plan for cultural arts in the City, encouraging and supporting art education programs in the community and schools, visual and performing arts in the Art in Public Places. The Cultural Arts Commission consists of six members: four members selected at-large, one member selected as an artist representative, and one student representative. The Commission meets the third Monday of every month at 6:00 PM.

Seat No. 2 - Member-at-Large

Seat No. 2 is a Member-at-Large seat currently occupied by Cultural Arts Commissioner Fred Manna. Commissioner Manna's term will expire on May 31, 2019, and he is eligible for reappointment. Commissioner Manna has expressed interest in reappointment. Below are the applicants that have indicated an interest in the seat.

Interested Applicants:

Laura Bunnell
Eduardo De Anda (Did not respond to interview requests)
Allen Kirschenbaum (Unable to attend interview)
Susan Matt
Fred Manna (Incumbent)
John Rendler
Wendy Stillman

Seat No. 6 - Student Representative

Seat No. 6 is a Student Representative seat currently occupied by Grayson Matsumoto. Commissioner Matsumoto's term is for one year and will expire on May 31, 2019. Below are the applicants that have indicated an interest in the seat.

Interested Applicants:

Georgia Bennett
Karina Parikh

2. Library Commission:

The Library Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council regarding library services provided by the Los Angeles County Library System to the citizens of Manhattan Beach. This Commission also serves as a liaison between the County, City, and public and private community groups supportive of library services. The Commission consists of six members: five members selected at-large and one student representative. The Commissions meets the second Monday of

every month at 6:00 PM.

Seat No. 2 - Member-at-Large

Seat No. 2 is a Member-at-Large seat currently occupied by Tracey Windes. Commissioner Windes' term will expire on May 31, 2019, and she is eligible for reappointment. Commissioner Windes has expressed interest in reappointment. Below are the applicants that have indicated an interest in the seat:

Interested Applicants:

Paul James
Allen Kirschenbaum (Unable to attend interview)
Susan Matt
John Rendler
Martha Washburn
Tracey Windes (Incumbent)

Seat No. 3 - Member-at-Large

Seat No. 3 is a Member-at-Large seat currently occupied by Randi Elasowich. Commissioner Elasowich's term will expire on May 31, 2019, and she is not eligible for reappointment. Below are the applicants that have indicated an interest in the seat:

Interested Applicants:

Paul James
Allen Kirschenbaum (Unable to attend interview)
Susan Matt
John Rendler
Martha Washburn

Seat No. 6 - Student Representative

Seat No. 6 is a Student Representative seat currently occupied by Nadia Owen. Commissioner Owen's term is for one year and will expire on May 31, 2019. Below are the applicants that have indicated an interest in the seat.

Interested Applicants:

Genevieve Jackson
Karina Parikh

3. Parks and Recreation Commission:

The Parks and Recreation Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council regarding the recreational needs of all citizens, and promotes supervised public recreation within the City. The Commission consists of seven members: four at large members, one representative from the Older Adult community (55+ years of age), one representative appointed by the Manhattan Beach Unified School District Board of Trustees and one student representative. The Commission meets the fourth Monday of every month at 6:00 PM.

Seat No. 1 - Member-at-Large

Seat No. 1 is a Member-at-Large seat currently occupied by Suzanne Karger. Commissioner Karger's term will expire on May 31, 2019, and she is eligible for reappointment. Commissioner

Karger has indicated interest in reappointment. Below are the applicants that have indicated an interest in the seat:

Interested Applicants:

Nellie Ambrose (Unable to attend interview)

Suzanne Karger (Incumbent)

Laurie McCarthy

Nichole Painter

John Rendler

Seat No. 5 - Older Adults Representative

Seat No. 5 is an Older Adults representative seat currently vacant. The seat's term will expire on May 31, 2021. Below are the applicants that have indicated an interest in the seat:

Interested Applicants:

Laurie McCarthy

Seat No. 6 - Member-at-Large

Seat No. 6 is a Member-at-Large seat currently occupied by J.J. Turkmany, Jr. Commissioner Turkmany's term will expire on May 31, 2019, and is eligible for reappointment. Commissioner Turkmany has indicated interest in reappointment. Below are the applicants that have indicated an interest in the seat:

Interested Applicants:

Nellie Ambrose (Unable to attend interview)

Laurie McCarthy

Nichole Painter

J.J. Turkmany, Jr. (Incumbent)

Seat No. 7 - Student Representative

Seat No. 7 is a Student Representative seat currently occupied by Jason Apostol. Commissioner Apostol's term is for one year and will expire on May 31, 2019. Below are the applicants that have indicated an interest in the seat.

Interested Applicants:

Genevieve Jackson

Karina Parikh

4. Parking and Public Improvements Commission:

The Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) makes recommendations to the City Council on public parking issues, capital improvement projects, traffic management and activities within the public right-of-way including encroachment permits. The Commission consists of five members: three Member-at-Large seats and two seats representing the Business Community. The Member-at-Large seats are available to any member of the community, while the Business Community representatives must be owners, employees or officers of businesses located and operating within the City. The Commission meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM.

Seat No. 4 - Business Community Representative

Seat No. 4 is a Business Community Representative seat currently occupied by Mark Lipps. Commissioner Lipps' term will expire on May 31, 2019, and he is not eligible for reappointment. A candidate for this seat must own or operate a business in Manhattan Beach in order to be eligible for the Business Community Representative seat. Staff has verified that the following applicants, who have indicated an interest in the seat, have been issued a business license:

Interested Applicants:

Sylvia Gayed
Ray Joseph
Steve Murillo

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

The City Clerk's office conducted extensive outreach regarding the vacant Boards and Commissions seats by placing advertisements in the February 7, March 7, and April 4, 2019, editions of the Beach Reported and Easy Reader newspapers. Staff posted notices on the City's website, posted as a "News" item on the City's website, posts on the City's Facebook and Twitter pages, and e-notifications were sent asking community members to apply for upcoming vacancies on the City's Boards and Commissions

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The City has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is necessary.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has reviewed this report and determined that no additional legal analysis is necessary.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Boards and Commissions Advertisement