



Agenda Item #: _____

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Aldinger and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Liza Tamura, City Clerk
Terri Aliabadi, Senior Deputy City Clerk

DATE: May 6, 2008

SUBJECT: Select Members for City's Board and Commissions

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council **APPOINT/RE-APPOINT** members to the following vacant City Board and Commission seats for a three year term (June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2011) and **RATIFY** the nominations for Parks and Recreation Seat Nos. 2 and 7 from the Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD) and Mira Costa High School.

Planning Commission	(2 Seats – Member-At-Large)
Parks and Recreation Commission	(1 Seat – Member-At-Large) (1 Seat - Appointed by the MBUSD) (1 Seat - Appointed by Mira Costa High School)
Cultural Arts Commission	(1 Seat – Artist)
Library Commission	(1 Seat – Member-At-Large)
Board of Building Appeals	(3 Seats – Member-At-Large)

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommended action above.

BACKGROUND:

The City Clerk's office recently placed advertisements in the Beach Reporter and on the City's web site (www.citymb.info) asking community members to apply for upcoming vacancies on the City's Board and Commissions. Interested individuals submitted applications to the City Clerk's office. The City Clerk's office also contacted current Commissioners and individuals who submitted an application within the last three years to ascertain if they were still interested in being considered for any of the vacancies listed above.

DISCUSSION:

Planning Commission (2 Vacancies)

The Planning Commission is responsible for planning activities, including use permits, commercial planned development permits, zone changes, code amendments, and modifications to long-range planning documents, including the City's General Plan and Local Coastal Plan.

Seat No. 4 is a Member-at-Large seat held by Bob Bohner who is eligible but not seeking re-appointment.

Seat No. 5 is a Member-at-Large held by David Lesser who is eligible for re-appointment.

Individuals interested in serving on the Planning Commission include:

- Cyrus Adami
- Martha Andreani
- Patricia Baraz
- Mark Burton
- Christopher Conaway
- Joseph Di Monda
- Stuart Fournier
- Paul Gross
- Phillip Jacobson
- Loren Lavi
- David Lesser
- Allen Lynch
- Rafael Menkes
- Gerry Morton
- Kathleen Paralusz
- Matthew Peck
- David Pedersen
- Jan Rhees
- Jerry Saunders
- Robert Scott
- Rod Spackman
- Gary Stabile
- Carlos Vignon
- David Watson

Parks and Recreation (3 Vacancies)

The Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for the play and recreational needs of all residents.

Seat No. 2 is appointed by the Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD). Ned Gill was re-appointed to this seat.

Seat No. 3 is a Member-At-Large seat held by Edward Lear who is not eligible for re-appointment due to term limits.

Seat No. 7 is appointed by Mira Costa High School (MCHS). Max Rhodes was chosen to fill this seat for a period of one year.

Individuals interested in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission include:

- Cyrus Adami
- Patricia Baraz
- Sean Bednarz
- Mark Burton
- Thomas Cajka
- Christopher Conaway
- Heather Donaleshen
- Stuart Fournier
- Lynne Hook
- Phillip Jacobson
- Allen Lynch
- Fred Manna
- Gerry Morton
- Ken Nelson
- Matthew Peck
- David Pedersen
- Lisa Popovich
- Phil Reimert
- Jan Rhees
- Russ Samuels
- Robert Scott
- Sara B. Sellers
- John Sloway
- Mark Sprague
- Gary Stabile

Cultural Arts (1 Vacancy)

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 and art in public places.

Seat No. 1 represents an Artist seat and is held by Shelby Phillips who is not eligible for re-appointment due to term limits.

Individuals interested in serving on the Cultural Arts Commission include:

- Mel Abert
- Patricia Baraz
- Peter De Maria
- Heather Donaleshen
- Virginia Gembica
- Jean Gregory
- Lynne Hook
- Fred Manna
- T.J. Morgan
- Ken Nelson
- Matthew Peck
- Jan Rhees
- Gwen Vigon

Library Commission (1 Vacancy)

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.

Seat No. 4 is a Member-at-Large seat held by Lisa Popovich who is eligible for re-appointment.

Individuals interested in serving on the Library Commission include:

- Cyrus Adami
- Sean Bednarz
- Heather Donaleshen
- Lisa Popovich
- Phil Reimert
- Robert Scott
- Sara B. Sellers
- Mark Sprague
- Carlos Vigon

Board of Building Appeals (3 Vacancies)

The Board of Building Appeals meets on an as-needed basis and pursuant to provisions of the Uniform Building Code, hears requests for interpretation of the Uniform Code provisions, alternative materials and methods of construction. Per adoption of Resolution No. 5702 at the September 18, 2001 City Council Meeting, members shall be qualified by experience and training to review matters regarding Manhattan Beach construction codes, such as sub-standard building, housing conditions, dangerous structures, disabled access and matters related thereto. If there are insufficient applicants from the City's electors, the City Council may appoint qualified members from other Boards/Commissions. If there are insufficient applicants from current Board or Commission members, the City Manager is then authorized to select the Building Official or designee.

Seat No. 2 is held by Allen Lynch who is eligible for re-appointment.

Seat No. 3 is held by Louie Tomaro who is eligible for re-appointment.

Seat No. 5 is held by Cyrus Adami who is eligible for re-appointment.

Individuals interested in serving on the Board of Building Appeals include:

- Cyrus Adami
- Mark Burton
- Allen Lynch
- Rafael Menkes
- Matthew Peck
- Robert Scott
- Louie Tomaro
- David Watson
- Carlos Vigon

CONCLUSION:

All Board and Commission seats which are appointed/re-appointed tonight will commence as of June 1, 2008 and will continue through May 31, 2011, with the exception of Parks and Recreation Seat No. 7 (Mira Costa High School Student) which is a one-year term.

ALTERNATIVE:

It is also important to note that should an existing Board or Commission member be appointed to fill a vacancy on a different Board or Commission, it would become necessary for the City Council to implement the following procedures:

- 1) Declare the vacancy of the open seat.
- 2) Direct the City Clerk's office to post the notice of vacancy.
- 3) Appoint a member to fill the Board or Commission noticed vacancy at the City Council Meeting of May 20, 2008.