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# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Cohen and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Geoff Dolan, City Manager

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

**DATE:** May 5, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Select Members for City's Boards and Commissions

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council **APPOINT/RE-APPOINT** members to the following City Board & Commission seats for a three year term; **APPOINT/RE-APPOINT** a member to the Los Angeles County West Vector Control Board for a two or four year term; and **RATIFY** the nomination for Parks and Recreation Seat No. 7 from Mira Costa High School.

Planning Commission	(2 Seats – Member-At-Large)
Parks & Recreation Commission	(2 Seats – Member-At-Large)
Parks & Recreation Commission	(1 Seat - Appointed by Mira Costa High School)
Cultural Arts Commission	(1 Seat – Member-At-Large)
Library Commission	(1 Seat – Member-At-Large)
Los Angeles County West Vector Control Board	(1 Seat - Board of Trustee Seat)

### **THERE ARE NO CURRENT OPENINGS ON THE PARKING & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION OR BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS**

### FISCAL IMPLICATION:

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

### BACKGROUND:

The City Clerk's office placed advertisements in the April 16, 2009 edition of the Beach Reporter; on the City's web site ([www.citymb.info](http://www.citymb.info)); on the City's posting boards; and sent out an e-notification asking community members to apply for upcoming vacancies on the City's Boards 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. 1 is a Member-at-Large seat held by Sandra Seville-Jones who is eligible for re-appointment.

Seat No. 2 is a Member-at-Large seat which is currently vacant due to Wayne Powell's recent election to the City Council.

Individuals interested in serving on the Planning Commission include:

- Richard Ackerman
- Martha Andreani
- Sherrie Brand
- Ben Burkhalter
- Josh Cooperman
- Ted Fatuross
- Stewart Fournier
- Paul Gross
- Phil Jacobson
- Michael Kling
- Daniel Kurz
- Ed Lear
- Rafael Menkes
- James Rupp
- Russ Samuels
- Jerry Saunders
- Francey Seckinger
- Sandra Seville-Jones (incumbent)
- Lester Silverman
- Gary Stabile
- Susan Sweeney

**Parks and Recreation (3 Vacancies)**

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

Seat No. 4 is a Member-At-Large seat held by Deirdre Murray who is eligible for re-appointment.

Seat No. 5 is a Member-At-Large seat held by Steven Nicholson who is eligible for re-appointment.

Seat No. 7 is appointed by Mira Costa High School (MCHS). Jennifer Rosenthal, a Junior at MCHS, was chosen to fill this seat for a period of one year.

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

- Richard Ackerman
- Sherrie Brand
- Josh Cooperman
- Stewart Fournier
- Brad Jacobson
- Phil Jacobson
- Wayne Johnston
- Michael Kling
- Daniel Kurz
- Fred Manna
- Claudia Meld-Rilling
- Deirdre Murray (incumbent)
- Steven Nicholson (incumbent)
- Steven Rothans
- James Rupp
- Francey Seckinger
- Russ Samuels
- Mark Sprague
- J.J. Turkmany
- Eugene Yee
- Richard Zeif

**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. 5 is a Member-At-Large seat and is held by Susannah Rosenthal who is eligible for re-appointment.

Individuals interested in serving on the Cultural Arts Commission include:

- Sherrie Brand
- Josh Cooperman
- Stewart Fournier
- Virginia Gembica
- Fred Manna
- Steven Rothans
- Susannah Rosenthal (incumbent)
- Francey Seckinger

**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. 5 is a Member-at-Large seat held by Virginia Gembica who is eligible for re-appointment.

Individuals interested in serving on the Library Commission include:

- Sherrie Brand
- Josh Cooperman
- Stewart Fournier
- Virginia Gembica (incumbent)
- Brad Jacobson
- Steven Nicholson
- Steven Rothans
- Russ Samuels
- Jerry Saunders
- Mark Sprague

**Los Angeles County West Vector Control Board**

The primary objective of this Board is to create an environment favorable to humans and animals by lessening the effect that mosquitoes and other vectors have upon our lives.

The Los Angeles County West Vector Control Board - Board of Trustee Seat, is currently held by Collin Ron Cooper who is eligible for re-appointment. If Mr. Cooper is re-appointed to this Seat, he will serve a four-year term. First time appointees are appointed for a two-year term.

Individuals interested in serving on the Los Angeles County West Vector Control Board include:

- Collin Ron Cooper (incumbent)
- Stewart Fournier
- Jerry Saunders
- Mark Sprague

**CONCLUSION:**

All Board and Commission seats which are appointed/re-appointed tonight will commence as of June 1, 2009 and will continue through May 31, 2012, with the exception of Parks and Recreation Seat No. 7 (Mira Costa High School Student) which is a one-year term and the Los Angeles County West Vector Control Board – Board of Trustee Seat which will be a two or four year term.

While the deadline for the Boards and Commissions Interviews have passed, the City Clerk’s office is still accepting applications until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. All applications received after the printing of this staff report will be made available to the City Council at the City Council meeting of May 5, 2009.

**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 19, 2009.