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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Richard Thompson, Interim City Manager

FROM: Liza Tamura, City Clerk
Richard Gill, Parks and Recreation Director
Terri Aliabadi, Senior Deputy City Clerk

DATE: January 19, 2010

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution Creating a new "Older Adult" Seat on the City's Parks and Recreation Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 6242 revising the membership requirement for Seat No. 5 on the Parks and Recreation Commission from a Member-at-Large Seat to that of an "Older Adult".

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

During the September 25, 2009 City Council Work Plan meeting, Council discussed the possibility of changing the eligibility of one Member-at-Large Seat on the Parks and Recreation Commission to that of an "Older Adult".

The Parks and Recreation Commission currently consists of seven (7) members: five (5) Citizen-at-Large members, one (1) representative nominated by the Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD), and one (1) Mira Costa High School (MCHS) student.

DISCUSSION:

Staff studied several options and determined that either Seat Nos. 1, 5 or 6 would be the most logical to change due to the fact that Seat Nos. 1 & 6 will expire in May of 2010 and Seat No. 5 is already occupied by an "Older Adult" who is currently attending the Senior Advisory Committee meetings on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Seat No. 1 is a Member-at-Large seat currently held by Marianne Fitzpatrick. While Marianne's term expires in May 31, 2010; she is eligible for reappointment.

Seat No. 5 is a Member-at-Large seat currently held by Steven Nicholson. Steven is currently serving his second term, which doesn't expire until May of 2012.

Seat No. 6 is a Member-at-Large seat currently held by Lynn Harris. Lynn's term expires in May of 2010; however, she is NOT eligible for reappointment due to term limits.

The Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) is made up of "Older Adults" (55+ years of age). The purpose of the Committee is to provide ongoing input to the City of Manhattan Beach on the provision and delivery of various senior citizen recreation, social, educational, health and community services. They meet on a monthly basis (every third Tuesday of the month).

If Council chooses to adopt Resolution No. 6242 revising the membership requirement for Seat No. 5, the Commissioner filling this Seat will represent the Parks and Recreation Commission at monthly SAC meetings. In the event that the Commissioner filling Seat No. 5 cannot attend a SAC meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission shall appoint an alternate.

Steven Nicholson is familiar with and currently attends SAC meetings as the liaison between the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Senior Advisory Committee and meets the "qualification" for "Older Adult".

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends revising Seat No. 5 of the Parks and Recreation Commission, currently held by Steven Nicholson, from a Member-at-Large Seat to that of an "Older Adult". Amendment pages to the Boards & Commission handbook reflecting this subject change will be completed upon City Council approval.

Attachments: Resolution No. 6242

RESOLUTION NO. 6242

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 5365 AND ANY OTHER RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT HEREWITH

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 10, Part 7, Division 1 of the Education Code of the State, Chapter 12, Title 2 and Chapter 2.44 of the City of Manhattan Beach Municipal Code and Resolution Nos. 3734 and 4991 of the Manhattan Beach City Council, a Park and Recreation Commission has been created and established; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to rescind previous resolutions and re-establish said Commission as set forth in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

that Resolution No. 5365, passed and adopted on the 3rd day of February, 1998 shall be and is hereby rescinded and Resolution 6242 is established as follows:

SECTION 1. A Park and Recreation Commission.

A Park and Recreation Commission ("Commission") is hereby established.

SECTION 2. Recreational Facilities.

The term "Recreational Facilities" shall mean all real property, suitable for public recreation, including parks, playgrounds, play parks, athletic fields, tennis or other play courts, ball parks, recreation centers, public school grounds, recreation camps and other public building structures, and all land and other improvements thereon to be used for public recreation.

SECTION 3. Duties and Responsibilities.

Among other such matters as said Commission shall find it proper and expedient to consider in connection with its work and activities, said Commission shall study and investigate the play and recreation conditions and needs of persons of all ages within the City, and wherever possible shall aid and promote supervised public recreation within the City.

SECTION 4. Membership.

(a) The Commission shall be composed of seven (7) residents of the City of Manhattan Beach, appointed, and subject to removal, by a majority of the City Council. All members, with the exception of Commissioner No. 7, shall also be qualified electors of said City.

(b) Commissioners No. 1, No. 3, No. 4, and No. 6 shall be nominated and appointed by the City Council.

(c) Commissioner No. 2 shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees of the Manhattan Beach Unified School District and thereafter appointed by the City Council at its discretion.

(d) Commissioner No. 5 shall be an "Older Adult" (55+ years of age) nominated and appointed by the City Council.

(e) Commissioner No. 7 shall be a high school student nominated by the principal of Mira Costa High School and thereafter appointed by the City Council at its discretion and shall serve for a term of one (1) year or at and during the pleasure of said Council. Said Commissioner shall take office effective July 1 of each year. The term of appointment and the position number may be modified at the discretion of the City Council.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall make this Resolution reasonably available for public

inspection within thirty (30) days of the date this Resolution is adopted.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 19th day of January, 2010.

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain:

Mayor, City of Manhattan Beach, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk