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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Montgomery and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: David N. Carmany, City Manager

FROM: Liza Tamura, City Clerk
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DATE: May 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Select Members for City's Boards and Commissions

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council appoint/re-appoint members to the following City Board & Commission seats for a three year term.

Board of Building Appeals	4 Seats – (4 Members-At-Large)
Cultural Arts Commission	2 Seats – (1 Artist & 1 Business Community)
Library Commission	1 Seat – (1 Member-At-Large)
Parks and Recreation Commission	3 Seats – (1 Member-At-Large, 1 MBUSD Nominee & 1 Mira Costa Student)
Parking and Public Improvements	2 Seats – (1 Member-At-Large & 1 Business Community)
Planning Commission	3 Seats – (3 Members-At-Large)

THERE ARE NO CURRENT OPENINGS ON THE VECTOR CONTROL BOARD

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

The City Clerk's office placed an advertisement in the April 7, 2011 and April 21, 2011 edition of the Beach Reporter, on the City's web site (www.citymb.info) and on the City's posting boards. An e-notification was sent out asking community members to apply for upcoming vacancies on the City's Boards and Commissions and an announcement was made at the April 19, 2011 City Council meeting. 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

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. 3 is a Member-at-Large seat held by Jim Fasola who is eligible but not seeking re-appointment because he is moving out of the City.

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

Seat No. 5 is a Member-at-Large seat vacated by David Lesser when he was elected to the City Council.

Individuals interested in serving on the Planning Commission include:

- Cyrus Adami
- George Apostol
- Ben Burkhalter
- Christopher Conaway
- Christine Cronin-Hurst
- Stewart Fournier
- John Frazee
- Irene Fujioka
- Paul Gross
- Mike Kling
- Ed Lear
- Kathleen Paralusz (**Incumbent**)
- Lester Silverman
- Gary Stabile
- Eric Webster

Parking and Public Improvements Commission (2 Vacancies)

The Parking & Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) is responsible for making recommendations to the City Council on policy matters pertaining to public parking, Capital Improvement Program review, and activities in the public right-of-way.

The Commission consists of five seats, three (3) Citizen-at-Large Seats and two (2) seats representing the Business Community. The Citizen-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.

Seat No. 1 is a Member-at-Large seat held by Gary Stabile who is eligible for re-appointment.

Seat No. 2 is a Business Community seat held by Cyrous Adami who is eligible for re-appointment.

Individuals interested in serving on the Parking and Public Improvements Commission include:

- Cyrous Adami (**Incumbent**)
- George Apostol
- Stewart Fournier
- John Frazee
- Irene Fujioka
- Mike Kling
- Robert McMullen
- Gary Stabile (**Incumbent**)

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. Nancy Hersman was appointed to this Seat.

Seat No. 3 is a Member-At-Large seat held by Thomas Cajka who is eligible for re-appointment.

Seat No. 7 is appointed by Mira Costa High School (MCHS). Travis Taylor, 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:

- Cyrous Adami
- Russ Allen
- George Apostol
- Thomas Cajka (**Incumbent**)
- Stewart Fournier
- Margaret Gray
- Claudia Medl
- Maggie Movius
- Eric Noll
- David Sherwood
- Mark Sprague
- Sue Vogl

Cultural Arts (2 Vacancies)

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 is an Artist seat currently held by Peter DeMaria who is eligible for re-appointment. Seat No. 3 is a Business Community seat held by Susan Sweeney who is eligible for re-appointment.

Individuals interested in serving on the Cultural Arts Commission include:

- Cyrus Adami
- George Apostol
- Peter DeMaria (**Incumbent**)
- Stewart Fournier
- Donald Liebson
- Mona Lisa Lind
- Claudia Medl
- Lisa Mundt
- Francis Mohajerin
- Susan Sweeney (**Incumbent**)
- Sue Vogl

Library Commission (3 Vacancies)

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 not eligible for re-appointment due to term limits.

Individuals interested in serving on the Library Commission include:

- Cyrus Adami
- Cheryl Clemons
- John Frazee
- Maggie Movius

Board of Building Appeals (1 Vacancy)

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, then the City Council may appoint qualified members from other City Boards or Commissions. If there are insufficient applicants from current Boardmembers or Commissioners, the City Manager is then authorized to select the Building Official or designee.

Seat No. 1 is held by Rafael Menkes who is eligible for re-appointment but has not contacted us to express his interest.

Seat No. 2 is held by Mathew Peck who is eligible but not seeking re-appointment.

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

Seat No. 5 is held by David Pascu who is eligible for re-appointment but has not contacted us to express his interest.

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

- Cyrus Adami
- George Apostol
- Stewart Fournier
- Mike Kling
- Robert McMullen

CONCLUSION:

All Board and Commission seats which are appointed/re-appointed tonight will commence as of June 1, 2011 and will continue through May 31, 2014, with the exception of Seat No. 7 on the Parks and Recreation Commission, which has a one-year term; therefore will expire on May 31, 2012.

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 17, 2011.