



Agenda Item #: _____

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Tell and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: David N. Carmany, City Manager

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

DATE: March 6, 2012

SUBJECT: Declare Vacancy: Cultural Arts Commission, Seat No. 3 (Sweeney)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council pass a motion to DECLARE VACANT Cultural Arts Commission Seat No. 3 (Sweeney).

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

BACKGROUND:

The Cultural Arts Commission consists of five (5) members and 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.

DISCUSSION:

On February 21, 2012, the City Clerk's Office received a letter from Susan Sweeney, who holds Seat No. 3 on the Cultural Arts Commission, indicating her resignation from the Commission. There are 27 months remaining in the current term for Seat No. 3.

If a vacant seat has 18 months or more remaining in its term, the new member will complete the original term of office and then be eligible for reappointment, by the City Council, to one succeeding three-year term. The 18 months or more served during the original term of office constitutes a complete 36 month term for purposes of calculating the 72-month term limitation.

Upon Council's approval to declare this vacancy, staff will post the vacancy on the City Hall bulletin boards, on the City's web site and an "e-notification" will be sent out in order to make an appointment at the March 20, 2012 City Council meeting.

Attachment: Resignation Letter

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February 21, 2012

To: ✓ Mayor Nick Tell
Councilman Richard Montgomery
Councilman Wayne Powell
Councilwoman Amy Howarth
Councilman David Lesser

From: Susan Sweeney, Cultural Arts Commissioner

Dear Manhattan Beach City Council, and the City Leadership,

It is with total respect for the City Council and the Cultural Arts Commission, that I hereby submit my resignation from active duty as a Cultural Arts Commissioner.

I have greatly appreciated the opportunity, feel it has been a wonderful experience, and I am thankful to all of those who have been so kind to have worked with me. I believe that we have accomplished some rather remarkable things over the past five years.

Given that, my situation has changed and other priorities are tugging at me at this point, and I, like a lot of things in life, have to make decisions and priorities that are in the best interest of the City Council, the Cultural Arts Commission and me. It is important that I focus on other priorities and give the City Council and the Cultural Arts Commission the opportunity to select someone who can have their priorities more in line with what needs to continue in Cultural Arts.

With that, I respectfully wish nothing but the best, and if there are any questions or things I can do in regards to information, or general support, you can count that I'll be there and make myself available. I wish the City Council and the Cultural Arts Commission the best of luck. I know that whoever they select, they will do an admirable job.

cc: Cultural Arts Commission Chair Peter DeMaria
Cultural Arts Commissioner Susanna Rosenthal
Cultural Arts Commissioner Nancy Humbarger
Cultural Arts Commissioner Russ Samuels
✓ City Manager David Carmody
Director Parks and Recreation Richard Gill

