



# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

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

**THROUGH:** David N. Carmany, City Manager

**FROM:** Liza Tamura, City Clerk *Liza*  
 Terri Aliabadi, Senior Deputy City Clerk *TA*  
 Sandy Shaw, Administrative Clerk *SS*

**DATE:** May 1, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Select Members for City's Boards and Commissions and Declare Vacant Commission Seats as Appropriate

### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council appoint/re-appoint members to the following City Board & Commission seats for a three year term and ratify the Mira Costa student nominee.

Cultural Arts Commission	2 Seats – (1 Member-at-Large & 1 Business Community Member)
Library Commission	1 Seat – (1 Member-At-Large)
Parks and Recreation Commission	3 Seats – (1 Member-At-Large, 1 Older Adult & 1 Mira Costa Student Nominee)
Parking and Public Improvements	1 Seat – (1 Member-At-Large)
Planning Commission	2 Seats – (2 Members-At-Large)

If a current seated Commissioner is appointed to a vacancy, Council must declare the subject seat vacant; direct the City Clerk to post the vacancy; and appoint a member to the vacant seat at the May 15, 2012 City Council meeting.

THERE ARE NO CURRENT OPENINGS ON THE  
 BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OR 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 advertisements in the March 22, 2012 and April 12, 2012 editions of the Beach Reporter, on the City's web site ([www.citymb.info](http://www.citymb.info)); on the City's posting boards; and an e-notification was sent out 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.

**DISCUSSION:**

**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. 3 is Business Community seat which is currently vacant due to resignation. This seat has a remaining term of 2 years. (If a vacant seat had 18 months or more remaining in its original term, the member would complete the original term and then be eligible for reappointment to one succeeding three-year term).

Seat No. 5 is Member-at-Large seat currently held by Susannah Rosenthal who is not eligible for re-appointment.

Individuals interested in serving on the Cultural Arts Commission include:

- Timothy De Baets
- Nancy Dunn
- Ed McPherson
- James Gill
- Gabriella Miller
- Steven Nicholson
- Loli Ramezani
- Lori Ross
- Russ Samuels
- Richard Zeif

**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 Josh Cooperman who is eligible for re-appointment.

Individuals interested in serving on the Library Commission include:

- Josh Cooperman (**Incumbent**)
- James Gill
- Steven Nicholson
- Loli Ramezani
- Lori Ross
- Russ Samuels

**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 not eligible for re-appointment due to term limits.

Seat No. 5 is an “Older Adult” seat held by Steven Nicholson who is not eligible for re-appointment due to term limits.

Seat No. 7 is appointed by Mira Costa High School (MCHS). Rebecca Roth was selected by the Manhattan Beach Unified School District to fill this seat for a period of one year.

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

- Thomas Allard
- Russ Allen
- James Gill
- Peggy Gray
- Brad Jacobson
- Gabriella Miller
- Loli Ramezani
- Russ Samuels
- Lester Silverman

**Parking and Public Improvements Commission (1 Vacancy)**

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. 5 is a Member-at-Large seat held by Carlos Vigon who is eligible for re-appointment.

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

- George Apostol
- William Boschelli
- Brad Jacobson
- Elaine Jeng
- Jenee John
- Gabriella Miller
- Deirdre Murray

- Steven Nicholson
- David Pedersen
- Lori Ross
- Carlos Vigon (**Incumbent**)

**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 not eligible for re-appointment due to term limits.

Seat No. 2 is a Member-at-Large seat held by Martha Andreani who is eligible for re-appointment.

Individuals interested in serving on the Planning Commission include:

- Cyrous Adami
- Martha Andreani (**Incumbent**)
- George Apostol
- William Boschelli
- Ben Burkhalter
- Deirdre Murray
- Steve Ortmann
- David Pedersen
- Jerry Saunders
- Lester Silverman
- Gary Stabile
- Diane Wallace

**CONCLUSION:**

All Board and Commission seats which are appointed/re-appointed tonight will commence as of June 1, 2012 and will continue through May 31, 2015.

**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 15, 2012.

Attachment: Roster of Board & Commission members



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### Board of Building Appeals

Seat	Member	Original Term Appointment	Current Term Expires
1.	Mike Kling	6/1/11	5/31/14
2.	Phil Reimert	6/7/11	5/31/14
3.	Louie Tomaro	5/19/96	5/19/98 5/31/02 5/31/05 5/31/08 5/31/11 5/31/14
4.	Bill Simone	6/1/10	5/31/13
5.	George Apostol	6/1/11	5/31/14

- Commission meets as necessary in the City Hall Conference Room.
- Staff Liaison: Carol Jacobson, Building Official, 310-802-5525.
- Members serve 3 year terms. There is no maximum tenure.

Members shall be qualified by “experience and training” (per Resolution No. 5702).



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### Cultural Arts Commission

Seat	Member	Original Term Appointment	Current Term Expires
1. Artist	Peter De Maria	6/1/08	5/31/11
2. Member At-Large	Nancy Humbarger	6/1/07	5/31/10 5/31/13
3. Business Community ***	<b>Vacant as of 2/21/12</b>	5/1/07	5/31/08 5/31/11 5/31/14
4. Member At-Large	Russ Samuels	6/1/10	5/31/13
5. Member At-Large	Susannah Rosenthal	6/7/05	5/31/06 5/31/09 5/31/12

- Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.
- Staff Liaison: Gina Allen, Cultural Arts Manager 310-802-5406.
- Members serve 3 year terms. They may serve a maximum of two terms (6 years).

\*\*\* If a vacant seat had 18 months or more remaining in its original term, the member would complete the original term and then be eligible for reappointment to one succeeding three-year term.



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## Library Commission

Seat	Member	Original Term Appointment	Current Term Expires
1.	Susan Adams	6/1/07	5/31/10 5/31/13
2.	Lynne Hook	6/1/07	5/31/10 5/31/13
3.	Jan Rhees	6/1/07	5/31/10 5/31/13
4.	Cheryl Cleamons	6/1/11	5/31/14
5.	Josh Cooperman	6/1/09	5/31/12

- Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.
- Staff Liaison: Mark Leyman, Recreation Services Manager 310-802-5405.
- Members serve 3-year terms. They may serve a maximum of two terms (6 years).



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### Parking & Public Improvements Commission

Seat	Member	Original Term Appointment	Current Term Expires
1. Member At-Large	Gary Stabile	06/19/07	5/31/08 5/31/11 5/31/14
Business Community	Cyrous Adami	6/1/08	5/31/11 5/31/14
2. Member At-Large	Stewart Fournier	6/1/11	5/31/14
3. Business Community	Lester Silverman	6/1/07	5/31/10 5/31/13
3. Member At-Large	Carlos Vigon	1/27/09	5/31/09 5/31/12

- Meets 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. City Council Chambers.
- Staff Liaison: Nhung Madrid, Management Analyst 310-802-5540.
- Members serve 3 year terms. They may serve a maximum of two terms (6 years).





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### Parks and Recreation Commission

Seat	Member	Original Term Appointment	Current Term Expires
1.Member At-Large	Steve Rothans	6/1/11	5/31/10 5/31/13
2.M.B. Unified School District Nominee	Nancy Hersman	6/1/11	5/31/14
3.Member At-Large	Thomas Cajka	6/1/08	5/31/11 5/31/14
4.Member At-Large	Deirdre Murray	6/1/06	5/31/09 5/31/12
5.Older Adult	Steven Nicholson	6/1/06	5/31/09 5/31/12
6.Member At-Large	Fred Manna	6/1/05	5/31/07 5/31/13
7.Mira Costa H.S. Nominee	Travis Taylor	6/1/11	5/31/12

- Meets 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.
- Staff Liaison: Richard Gill, Parks and Recreation Director, 310-802-5403.
- Members serve 3 year terms. They may serve a maximum of two terms (6 years).
- Seat 7, Mira High School Student, member serves a maximum of one year.



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## Planning Commission

Seat	Member	Original Term Appointment	Current Term Expires
1.	Sandra Seville-Jones	5/1/07	5/31/09 5/31/12
2.	Martha Andreani	6/1/09	5/31/12
3.	Chris Conaway	6/1/11	5/31/14
4.	Kathleen Paralusz	6/1/08	5/31/11 5/31/14
5.	Paul Gross	6/1/11	5/31/14

- Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. City Council Chambers.
- Staff Liaison: Laurie Jester, Acting Community Development Director, 310-802-5503.
- Members serve 3 year terms. They may serve a maximum of two terms (6 years).



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### Los Angeles County West Vector Control Board

Seat	Member	Original Term Appointment	Current Term Expires
Board of Trustee	Collin Ron Cooper		5/31/13

- First time appointees are appointed for a two-year term. Re-appointed members may serve either a two-year or four-year term. There is no maximum tenure.