



CITY OF COSTA MESA

Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

File #: 24-241

Meeting Date: 6/18/2024

TITLE:

APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE/CITY CLERK DIVISION

PRESENTED BY: BRENDA GREEN, CITY CLERK

CONTACT INFORMATION: BRENDA GREEN, CITY CLERK, (714) 754-5221

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council make the appointment as follows:

1. Parks and Community Services Commission - Make one (1) member appointment to fill vacancy with term expiration of January 2025. Appointment by Council Member Gameros.

BACKGROUND:

On Thursday, May 9, 2024, Cassius Rutherford informed the City that he was stepping down as Parks and Community Services Commissioner and his last Commission meeting would be May 9, 2024. The City posted the vacancy notice on May 14, 2024 and began the recruitment. The recruitment period ran from May 14, 2024 to June 3, 2024.

Parks and Community Services Commission (1 Appointment)

1 Commissioner/Term Expiration of January 2025

The Parks and Community Services commission meets on the second Thursday of each month and serves as an advisory body to the City Council and works with various City departments on issues pertaining to parks, parkways, recreation, and community services.

Staff received eight (8) applications for the vacancy to be filled (applications attached). The one appointment will be made by Council Member Gameros, who may appoint any applicant, as it is not a requirement to appoint within a Council Member's district.

1. Nancy Whitlock - District 1
2. Yessenia Delgado - District 1
3. Syed Zia Hussain - District 2
4. Erik William Roberts - District 2
5. Brandice Lea Leger - District 3
6. Julia C. Hoigaard - District 4
7. Kenneth E. Smith - District 5

8. Marla Ogelvie - District 6

ANALYSIS:

The City opened the recruitment on May 14, 2024, and press releases were sent on May 14, 2024, May 20, 2024, May 24, 2024, May 29, 2024, May 31, 2024, and June 3, 2024. The recruitment was also featured on the City Hall Snapshot on May 17, 2024, May 24, 2024, and May 31, 2024. In response to the City's outreach efforts, a total of 8 applications were received.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may choose to defer the appointment to the Commission or to extend the recruitment period.

FISCAL REVIEW:

Parks and Community Commissioners receive a stipend of \$100.00 per month. The stipend for Commissioners is included in the FY 2023-24 Budget.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has reviewed the report and has approved it as to form.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND PRIORITIES:

This item is administrative in nature.

CONCLUSION:

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