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TITLE:

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, ARTS, AND PLANNING COMMISSIONS

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE/CITY CLERK DIVISION

PRESENTED BY: BRENDA GREEN, CITY CLERK

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council make appointments as follows:

1. Parks and Community Services Commission - Make three (3) member appointments with a term expiration of January 2027 (Appointments by Council Member Marr, Chavez, and Reynolds) and one (1) member appointment with a term expiration of January 2025 (Appointment by Mayor Stephens)
2. Arts Commission - Make one (1) member appointment with a term expiration of January 2024 (Appointment by Council Member Harper)
3. Planning Commission - Make three (3) member appointments with a term expiration of January 2027 (Appointments by Council Member Marr, Chavez, and Reynolds) and one (1) member appointment with a term expiration of January 2025 (Appointment by Mayor Stephens)

BACKGROUND:

Parks and Community Services Commission (4 Appointments)

3 Commissioners /Term Expiration of January 2027

1 Commissioner / Term Expiration of January 2025

The Parks and Community Services Commission meets monthly, and advises and makes recommendations to the City Council on matters pertinent to public parks, recreation programs, equipment, facilities and improvements in operation and administration for the benefit of the residents of the City. Staff received fourteen (14) applications for the vacancies to be filled (applications attached). Council may appoint any applicant; there is no requirement to appoint within a Council Member's district.

1. Steve Doorly - District 1
2. Daniel Stone - District 1
3. Philip David Westfall - District 1
4. Terry Richard Wall - District 1
5. Syed Zia Hussain - District 2
6. Curt Rollison - District 2
7. Cristian Garcia Arcos - District 4
8. Judith E. Quezada - District 4
9. Luke Daskas - District 5
10. Kelly Anne Brown - District 5 (incumbent)
11. Travis Hartanov - District 5
12. Mathew Garcia - District 5
13. Shayanne Wright - District 6
14. Blake Maxwell - District 6

Arts Commission (1 Appointment)

1 Commissioner /Term Expiration of January 2024

The Arts Commission meets monthly, and consists of seven Council-appointed positions. Selection for the Arts Commission is at large, with a minimum of four Costa Mesa residents, and/or up to three non-residents involved with the Arts. The Arts Commission represents the Council's desire for ongoing policy focus, along with responsible oversight of the City's investments in the Arts.

To align with the motto of "City of the Arts", the City acknowledges the vital role the Arts play in the community. The Arts Commission shall ensure that the City of Costa Mesa is a place where creativity can flourish; a place where imagination, inspiration, and innovation are held in high regard; a place where Arts Education is essential to all; and a place where Arts and Culture can promote civic pride and enrich the daily lives of the Costa Mesa community. Staff received eight (8) applications for the vacancy to be filled (applications attached). Council may appoint any applicant; there is no requirement to appoint within a Council Member's district.

1. Tod Gerald Beckett-Frank - District 1
2. Syed Zia Hussain - District 2
3. Edward Huang - District 4
4. Fisher Derderian - District 4

5. Sean Keith “Skeith” DeWine - District 5
6. Rhonda Valles - District 5
7. Travis Gramberg - District 6
8. Talena L. Mara - Non-Resident

Planning Commission (4 Appointments)

3 Commissioners /Term Expiration of January 2027

1 Commissioner / Term Expiration of January 2025

The Planning Commission meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month and advises on planning, land-use, and development matters. The Commission is the final decision-making body for certain discretionary land-use approvals such as design review and conditional use permits. The Commission also functions as an advisory body to the City Council for Zoning and General Plan amendments.

Staff received twenty (20) applications for the vacancies to be filled (applications attached). Council may appoint any applicant; there is no requirement to appoint within a Council Member’s district.

1. Adam Christopher Ereth - District 1 (incumbent)
2. Steve Doorly - District 1
3. Daniel Stone - District 1
4. Philip David Westfall - District 1
5. Laurel Golden - District 1
6. Jason Coleman - District 1
7. Michael Seiden - District 1
8. Syed Zia Hussain - District 2
9. Curt Rollison - District 2
10. Tim Taber - District 3
11. Jon Gruber - District 3
12. Edward Huang - District 4
13. Monica VanDeusen - District 4
14. Angely Andrade Vallarta - District 4
15. Jimmy Vivar - District 4 (incumbent)
16. Dianne Louise Russell - District 5 (incumbent)
17. Rhonda Valles - District 5
18. Erika Murata - District 6
19. Bryan McNamara Russell - District 6
20. Blake Maxwell - District 6

ANALYSIS:

A total of 42 applicants have submitted applications for appointments to the Commissions in response to the City’s press releases that were sent on December 14, 2022, December 20, 2022, December 24, 2022, December 27, 2022, December 31, 2022, and January 4, 2023.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council may choose not to make appointments to the Commissions or to extend the recruitment

period.

FISCAL REVIEW:

Parks and Arts Commissioners will receive \$100.00 monthly. Planning Commissioners will receive \$400.00 monthly. The stipends are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Adopted Budget.

LEGAL REVIEW:

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

CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND PRIORITIES:

This item is administrative in nature.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the City Council make appointments to the Parks and Community Services, Arts, and Planning Commissions.