



## **Staff Report**

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### DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING OPTIONS FOR FINANCE COMMISSION VACANCY

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

#### **Summary**

There will be a vacancy on the Finance Commission due to the pending recent resignation of Chair Korn. Council could choose from a variety of options regarding this vacant seat, as outlined below.

#### **Background and Discussion**

Commissioner Sue Korn, who has served on the Finance Commission since June of 2003, will resign her seat effective immediately following the Commission's April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting. Her term expires in March of 2000. The Council recently interviewed and made appointments to its various commissions. One applicant applied for either the Planning or the Finance Commission (Kay Bell), but was appointed to neither commission. The focus of his interview was on Planning. He could remain on an active list for a future Planning Commission opening, and he could be considered for this Finance Commission vacancy.

Listed below are pros and cons for the various options to consider regarding this vacancy:

- Option 1. Do nothing and leave the position vacant.  
*Pro: It's not uncommon for commissions to experience absences where less than a full contingent of members is present.*  
*Con: Potential for quorum issues or tie votes; there is almost a full year to go before the next round of recruitment will take place.*
- Option 2. Interview the one applicant not appointed who had expressed desire for the Finance Commission (in addition to the Planning Commission).  
*Pro: Eliminates the need to advertise, and Council would have already interviewed the applicant under consideration.*  
*Con: The applicant may not have the skill set desired for this Commission; the focus of Council's recent interview of this applicant was on planning issues, not finance; one applicant only provides no choices to the Council.*

- Option 3. Open the application process for 30 or 60 days (or some other period) and direct staff to solicit applicants.

*Pro: Soliciting additional applicants may result in a sufficient pool from which to consider. It is assumed that if this option is exercised, Mr. Bell's application would be added to the pool.*

*Con: There's not much downside to this option other than the expenditure of staff and Council time to recruit, interview, and appoint someone to this Commission position.*

**General Plan/Vision Statement**

No impact.

**Fiscal Impact**

Little, if any. Even if Council wishes to recruit applicants, staff could utilize non-cost options (such as press releases, notification through neighborhood associations, and the reader board at Twin Pines Park) and eliminate the purchase of display ads, which historically do not result in many applications anyway.

**Public Contact**

This item was posted on the agenda.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that Council discuss the options presented to determine the best course of action.

Respectfully submitted,

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