



Staff Report

RESOLUTIONS MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, FINANCE COMMISSION AND THE PARKS AND RECREATION (ADULT AND YOUTH) COMMISSION

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

All applicants and incumbents for the Parks and Recreation, Planning, and Finance Commissions have been interviewed, and this is the time set for Council to vote for and make appointments to these commissions.

Background

Applications for the various commissions were accepted throughout the month of January, with an extension to mid-February for all but the Parks and Recreation Adult seats, in order to seek a larger pool of candidates. A number of applications were received, and some of the incumbents requested reappointment. The attached list outlines the status of all applicants.

The Parks and Recreation Commission has three seats available for two-year terms expiring on March 1, 2010. Two Youth Parks and Recreation seats are also available, for one-year terms expiring on March 1, 2009. The Planning Commission has three seats available, two of which are for three-year terms expiring March 1, 2011, and one vacant seat whose term expires March 1, 2010 (the seat vacated by Councilmember Wozniak). The Finance Commission has three seats available, two of which are for three-year terms expiring March 1, 2011, and one vacant seat whose term expires March 1, 2009 (the seat vacated earlier last year).

One incumbent Park and Recreation Commission youth member is not eligible for reappointment, since he will be graduating from high school this year, and one Finance Commissioner is not seeking reappointment.

Discussion

Council should choose the order of the balloting, and then vote for candidates for each commission. Successful candidates must receive a minimum of three votes to be appointed. Staff is prepared for multiple rounds of balloting if the need arises. It is recommended that balloting for the Planning and for the Finance Commission seats, regardless of length of term, be done simultaneously, and then Council can decide which candidate will fill the full term slots and which will fill the shorter term vacant slots. Please note that each set of terms requires a separate resolution (i.e., the shorter term position for Finance and Planning would be handled separately from the full three-year terms). Staff will guide you through this process.

Some of the applicants for one commission also expressed interest in another commission. Their names

will appear on both ballots, with a notation of their primary request.

General Plan/Vision Statement

No impact.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

Public Contact

A press release was issued, and the Twin Pines Reader Board was utilized to announce the application period. In addition, notification was made to all of the neighborhood association presidents. For the youth commission seats, the information was also forwarded to the local schools. Since the application period coincided with the process for seeking appointments to the Citizen's Green Advisory Committee, display ads were also published in various newspapers.

Recommendation

Staff recommends voting for and adopting resolutions appointing the Commissioners. It should be noted that Council is not obligated to fill all positions, and it could choose to hold any position open to seek additional applicants. A number of candidates who interviewed for the Green Committee also expressed an interest in a commission seat should they not be appointed to that committee. Council may wish to give direction to staff regarding inclusion of any of those applicants to the commission process, and it may wish to continue the appointment process for any remaining vacant commission seats in order to re-interview those applicants for a commission.

Alternatives

1. Do not make appointments at this time and extend the term of current commissioners.
2. Extend the application period to seek more applicants
3. Continue this matter and give direction to staff to set up interviews for non-appointed Green Committee applicants
4. Take other action

Attachments

- A. Resolutions
- B. List of Applicants
- C. Sample Ballots (Council only)

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Cook
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2008 COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

Parks & Rec (3 seats)

Judy King – reapplied
Art Andrews - reapplied
Jonathan Gervais - reapplied

New applicants

Kevin Sullivan
Chuck Velschow (also Planning)
~~Jeffrey Hyman (withdrawn)~~
Dave Warden
David Oare
Rebecca Gray

Parks & Rec Youth (2 seats)

Lauren Moissiy – reapplied
Chris Lyon – not eligible

New applicants

Alberto d’Souza
Zane Rafi
Stephanie Menzel
Monica O’Dell

Planning (2 seats plus one vacancy)

Kenn Parsons – reapplied
Rick Frautschi – reapplied
(one vacant position)

New applicants

Broderick Page
Sonny Gulati
Chuck Velschow (also P&R)
Wayne Westphal
Michael Sirota (also Finance)
Eric Reed
Pamela Fondacabe

Finance (2 seats plus one vacancy)

Gennady Troyan – did not reapply
Marcie Dompier - reapplied
(one vacant position)

New applicants

Michael Sirota (also Planning)

Green Committee Applicants who would consider a commission:

Dianne Keogh (Park & Rec)
Gladwyn D’Souza (Planning)
Celeste Pagan (Park & Rec or Planning)
Lily Avida (Park and Rec or Finance)
Risa Horowitz (Planning)
Eleanor Lewis (Planning)