Council Agenda # _____
Meeting of March 9, 2010

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 incumbents and new applicants 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. 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 in 2012. Two Youth Parks and Recreation seats are also available, for one-year terms expiring in 2011. The Planning Commission has two seats available for three-year terms expiring in March of 2013. The Finance Commission has three seats available for three-year terms expiring in March of 2013.

Both incumbent Park and Recreation Commission youth members have requested reappointment. Both incumbent Planning Commissioners have reapplied. Two incumbent Park and Recreation Commissioners are seeking appointment, and the other seat was vacated with the election of Dave Warden to the City Council in November of 2009. One of the incumbent Finance Commission incumbents has requested reappointment, and the other two have not.

Discussion

Council should choose the order of the balloting, and then vote for candidates for each commission. It should be noted that several Parks and Recreation (Adult) applicants have also offered to be considered for the Finance Commission should they not be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Therefore, it's recommended that balloting commence with the Parks and Recreation.

Successful candidates must receive a minimum of three votes to be appointed. Staff is prepared for multiple rounds of balloting if the need arises.

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 recruitment. In addition, notification was made to all of the neighborhood association presidents. For the youth commission seats, the information was forwarded to the local schools, and outreach was made through the teen advisory group VOICES and the middle school-aged Youth Advisory Board. In addition, applicants from last year's recruitment who were not appointed were invited to reapply.

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.

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. Take other action

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

Respectfully submitted,

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2010 COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

Parks & Rec (2 seats plus 1 vacancy)
Judy King – Reapplied
Art Andrews – Reapplied
(one vacant position)

New applicants
~~Matthew Shafae~~ (withdrew)
Mike Davis
James F. Callan
Michael Hafalia (or finance)
Bill Klieves
Michael Berg (or Finance)
Tatum Clarke
Paul O'Leary
Jacqueline Piccini (or Finance)
Thaddeus Block

Parks & Rec Youth (2 seats)
Anna Wheeler -- Reapplied
Kayla Wright -- Reapplied

New applicants
Alexander Bartee
Cierra Reimche

Planning (2 seats)
Jacki Horton -- Reapplied
Eric Reed – Reapplied

New applicants
Daniel Kaul
Singh Rosa
Tracy Tumer Leckey

Finance (3 seats)
Joyce Montgomery – Reapplied
Natalie Melamed (did not reapply)
Richard Wood (did not reapply)

New applicants
William Barrons
Michael Hafalia (P&R primary)
Jerry Brooks
Michael Berg (P&R primary)
Hang Holoyda
Jacqueline Piccini (P&R primary)