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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Liza Tamura, City Clerk
Terri Aliabadi, Senior Deputy City Clerk

DATE: May 2, 2006

SUBJECT: Select Members for City's Boards and Commissions

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council **APPOINT/RE-APPOINT** members to the following City Board and Commission seats for a three year term (June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2009) and **RATIFY** Parks and Recreation Seat No. 7 from the Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD) and Mira Costa High School:

Planning Commission: Seat Nos. 1 and 2
Parking and Public Improvements: Seat No. 2
Library Commission: Seat No. 5
Parks and Recreation: Seat No. 7 (Appointed by MBUSD)

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no budget or financial implications associated with the recommended action above.

BACKGROUND:

Recently the City Clerk's Office advertised on the City's web site (www.citymb.info), at the Joslyn Community Center, at Manhattan Heights Park, at the Library, on the display board south of the front entrance to City Hall and also placed two advertisements in the Beach Reporter announcing vacancies on the City's Boards and Commissions asking community members to apply. Interested individuals submitted applications to the City Clerk's office. The City Clerk's office also contacted current Commissioners and those individuals who submitted an application within the last three years expressing an interest in one of the Boards/Commissions listed above to ascertain if they were interested in participating this year.

DISCUSSION:

Planning Commission (2 Vacancies)

The Planning Commission is responsible for planning activities, including use permits, commercial planned development permits, zone changes, code amendments, and modification to long-range planning documents, including the City's General Plan and Local Coastal Plan.

Seat No. 1 is a Member-at-Large seat held by Muriel Savikas who is eligible for re-appointment

Seat No. 2 is a Member-at-Large seat held by David Simon who is not eligible for re-appointment due to term limits.

Individuals interested in serving on the Planning Commission include:

- **Cyrus Adami**
- **Martha Andreani**
- **Patricia Baraz**
- **Portia Cohen**
- **Jim Fasola**
- **Stewart Fournier**
- **James Gill**
- **Paul Gross**
- **Bob Hoersch**
- **Loren Lavin**
- **Edward Lear**
- **John "Rocky" Miller**
- **Ron Miranda**
- **Dierdre Murray**
- **Kathleen Paralusz**
- **David Pedersen**
- **Wayne Powell**
- **Jerry Saunders**
- **Muriel Savikas (Incumbent)**
- **Sandra Seville-Jones**
- **Rod Spackman**
- **Gary Stabile**

Parking & Public Improvements Commission (1 Vacancy)

The Parking & Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) is responsible for making recommendations to the City Council on policy matters pertaining to public parking, Capital Improvement Program review, and activities in the public right-of-way.

The Commission consists of five seats, three (3) Citizen-at-Large Seats and two (2) seats representing the Business Community. The Citizen-at-Large Seats are available to any member of the community, while the Business Community representatives must be owners, employees or officers of businesses located and operating within the City.

Seat No. 2 is a Business Community Member seat held by Jerry Saunders who is not eligible for re-appointment due to term limits.

Individuals interested in serving on the Parking and Public Improvements Commission include:

- **Patrick Donahue**
- **James Gill**
- **Paul Gross**
- **Loren Lavi**
- **TJ Morgan**
- **Dierdre Murray**
- **Kathleen Paralusz**
- **David Pedersen**
- **Leslie Silverman**

Parks and Recreation (1 Vacancy)

The Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for the play and recreational needs of all residents. Specifically, the Commission consists of five (5) Member-at-Large seats, one (1) representative nominated by the Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD), and one (1) Mira Costa High School student.

Seat No. 7 is an appointed seat by Mira Costa High School (MCHS) and Alex Rachmiel was chosen.

Library Commission (1 Vacancy)

The Library Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council regarding library services provided by the Los Angeles County Library System to the citizens of Manhattan Beach.

Seat No. 5 is a Member-at-Large seat held by James Gill who is not eligible for re-appointment due to term limits.

Individuals interested in serving on the Library Commission include:

- **Charlie Bean**
- **Virginia Burns-Gembica**
- **Rosalie Olson**
- **David Pedersen**
- **Jerry Saunders**
- **Sara Sellers**

Cultural Arts

There are currently no vacancies on the Cultural Arts Commission.

Board of Building Appeals

There are currently no vacancies on the Board of Building Appeals.

CONCLUSION:

All Board and Commission seats which are appointed/re-appointed tonight will commence as of June 1, 2006 and will continue through May 31, 2009, with the exception of Parks and Recreation Seat No. 7 (Mira Costa High School Student) which is for a one-year term only.

ALTERNATIVE:

It is also important to note that should an existing Boardmember or Commissioner be appointed to fill a vacancy on a different Board or Commission then it would become necessary for the City Council to implement the following procedures:

- Declare the vacancy of the open seat;
- Direct the City Clerk's office to post the notice of vacancy; and
- Appoint a member to fill the Board or Commission noticed vacancy at the City Council Meeting of May 16, 2006.