



Agenda Item # _____

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Fahey and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

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

DATE: May 3, 2005

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, 2005 through May 31, 2008) and **CONTINUE** the ratification of Parks and Recreation Seat Nos. 2 and 7 pending nominations from the Manhattan Beach Unified School District and Mira Costa High School:

Planning Commission: Seat Nos. 3, 4 and 5
Parking and Public Improvements: Seat No. 1
Parks and Recreation: Seat Nos. 2, 3, 6 and 7
Cultural Arts: Seat Nos. 1 and 3
Board of Building Appeals: Seat Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

Recently the City 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 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.

All interested applicants were invited to interview with the City Council on April 26, 2005.

DISCUSSION:

Planning Commission (3 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. 3 is a Member-at-Large seat held by Bruce Kuch who is not eligible for re-appointment due to term limits.

Seat No. 4 is a Member-at-Large seat which is currently vacant due to the resignation of Richard Montgomery because of his election to the City Council.

Seat No. 5 is a Member-at-Large seat held by Gerry O'Connor who is eligible for re-appointment.

Individuals interested in serving on the Planning Commission include:

- **Cyrous Adami**
- **Martha Andreani**
- **Bob Bohner**
- **Jim Fasola**
- **Stewart Fournier**
- **Paul Gross**
- **Lynn Harris**
- **Loren Lavi**
- **Ed Lear**
- **David Lesser**
- **Allen Lynch**
- **John "Rocky" Miller**
- **Ron Miranda**
- **Dierdre Murray**
- **Gerry O'Connor (Incumbent)**
- **David Pedersen**
- **Wayne Powell**
- **Jim Schlager**
- **Sandra Seville-Jones**
- **Rod Spackman**
- **Gary Stabile**
- **David Watson**

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. 1 is a Member-at-Large seat held by Karen Ackland who is eligible for re-appointment.

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

- **Cyrous Adami**
- **Karen Ackland (Incumbent)**
- **James Gill**
- **Paul Gross**
- **TJ Morgan**
- **Dierdre Murray**
- **Gerry O'Connor**
- **Kathleen Paralusz**
- **David Pedersen**
- **Jim Schlager**
- **Francey Seckinger**
- **Sandra Seville-Jones**

Parks and Recreation (4 Vacancies)

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, and one (1) Mira Costa High School student.

Seat No. 2 is an appointed seat by the Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD). Seat No. 7 is an appointed seat by Mira Costa High School (MCHS). MBUSD and MCHS have informed the City Clerk's office that they are still in the process of selecting these appointees and that the appointments will be available for Council ratification at the May 17, 2005 City Council meeting.

Seat No. 3 is a Member-at-Large seat and is currently held by Ed Lear who is eligible for re-appointment.

Seat No. 6 is a Member-at-Large seat which is currently vacant due to the resignation of Terry Spazek. Per Ordinance 1975, if a vacant seat has more than 18 months remaining in its term, the new member would complete the original term and then seek reappointment via the regular procedures for the next three (3) year term. As such, the new member will be appointed to complete the original term of office (expiring May 31, 2007) and then be eligible for reappointment to one succeeding three-year term.

Individuals interested in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission include:

- **Cyrous Adami**
- **Shawn Bookin**
- **Heather Donaleshen**
- **James Gill**
- **Lynn Harris**
- **Ed Lear (Incumbent)**
- **Allen Lynch**
- **John “Rocky” Miller**
- **Ron Miranda**
- **Dierdre Murray**
- **Gerry O’Connor**
- **Kathleen Paralusz**
- **David Pedersen**
- **Shelby Phillips**
- **Lisa Popovich**
- **Sara Sellars**
- **Francey Seckinger**

Cultural Arts (2 Vacancies)

The Cultural Arts Commission is responsible for the development of the Cultural Arts program, encouraging and supporting the community’s art education programs, and assisting in the Arts in Public Places program. The Commission consists of three (3) Member-at-Large seats, one (1) Artist and one (1) representative from the Business Community (an owner, employee or officer of businesses located and operating within the City).

Seat No. 1 represents an Artist seat and is held by Shelby Phillips who is eligible for re-appointment.

Seat No. 3 represents a Business Community seat and is held by Alison Wright who is not eligible for re-appointment due to term limits.

Individuals interested in serving on the Cultural Arts Commission include:

- **Charlie Bean**
- **Don Ferris**
- **John “Rocky” Miller**
- **TJ Morgan**
- **Dierdre Murray**
- **Kathleen Paralusz**
- **Shelby Phillips (Incumbent)**
- **Sara Sellars**

Library Commission

There are currently no vacancies on the Library Commission.

Board of Building Appeals (4 Vacancies)

The Board of Building Appeals meets on an as-needed basis and pursuant to provisions of the Uniform Building Code, hears requests for interpretation of the Uniform Code provisions, alternative materials and methods of construction. Per adoption of Resolution No. 5702 at the September 18, 2001 City Council Meeting, members shall be qualified by experience and training to review matters regarding Manhattan Beach construction codes, such as sub-standard building, housing conditions, dangerous structures, disabled access and matters related thereto. If there are insufficient applicants from the City’s electors, then the City Council may appoint qualified members from other City Boards or Commissions. If there are insufficient applicants from current Boardmembers or Commissioners, the City Manager is then authorized to select the Building Official or designee.

This is the only City Board or Commission in which there are no term limits.

Seat No. 1 is held by Gary Stabile who is eligible for re-appointment.

Seat No. 2 is held by Allen Lynch who is eligible for re-appointment.

Seat No. 3 is held by Louie Tomaro who is eligible for re-appointment.

Seat No. 5 is held by Cyrus Adami who is eligible for re-appointment.

Individuals interested in serving on the Board of Building Appeals include:

- **Cyrus Adami (Incumbent)**
- **Paul Gross**
- **Loren Lavi**
- **Allen Lynch (Incumbent)**
- **John “Rocky” Miller**
- **Dierdre Murray**
- **Gerry O’Connor**
- **David Pedersen**
- **Gary Stabile (Incumbent)**
- **Kevin Tilley**
- **Louie Tomaro (Incumbent)**
- **David Watson**

CONCLUSION:

All Board and Commission seats which are appointed/re-appointed tonight will commence as of June 1, 2005 and will continue through May 31, 2008, with the exception of Parks and Recreation Seat No. 6 which will expire on May 31, 2007 due to an unscheduled vacancy and 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 17, 2005.