



City of La Quinta

CITY / SA / HA / FA MEETING DATE: March 4, 2014

AGENDA CATEGORY:

ITEM TITLE: APPROVAL OF PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY NOMINATIONS

BUSINESS SESSION: 1

CONSENT CALENDAR:

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Pillars of the Community nominations as submitted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- Each year residents submit applications to nominate individuals for the Pillar of the Community Award. These nominations are first reviewed by staff to assure program requirements are met and then submitted to the City Council for approval.
- Once approved, the names of the individuals are added to the Pillar wall near the Spirit of La Quinta fountain and inscribed into the "Book of Deeds." An acknowledgment event is then held for award recipients.
- As a part of the event, the City Council recognizes each of the Pillars with a glass plaque and a certificate of appreciation.
- Senior Inspiration Award recipients are also included in the "Pillars of the Community" acknowledgement event.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost, which includes adding the names to the pillar wall and creating the glass pillar plaques, will be approximately \$300. There is sufficient funding in the Community Services Special Events budget.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On February 19, 2002, the City Council approved criteria for the “Pillars of the Community” program, which requires candidates to have contributed significantly to the development of the City, received City-wide recognition, and has signatures of 25 residents stating support for the candidate. To date, five nominations have been submitted for consideration. These nominations include:

Name	Residency Since	Contributions
Robert Radi	2007	Member of the Cove Neighborhood Association, Designer of the 9/11 Memorial Art Piece
Ed Alderson	2000	Served on the Planning Commission
Joan Rebich	1992	Served on the Community Services Commission
Richard Anderson	2003	La Quinta Rotarian, served on the Trilogy Board of Directors and Trilogy Community Services Organization
Angel Rojas	2003	Community Services Martial Arts Instructor

Pursuant to City Council direction, the County of Riverside’s Senior Inspiration Award program recipient would automatically be included in the “Pillars of the Community” recognized that year. One person from each valley city is selected for the program. Local service groups nominate an individual and present them to the Community Services Commission, who then recommends the applicant to the City Council. Ms. Phyllis Stuchul, 2013 Senior Inspiration Award recipient, will be recognized this year.

Once the City Council approves the names of those individuals to be recognized, invitations will be sent for the Pillars of the Community event scheduled for March 27, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

ALTERNATIVES:

Approve nominations per program guidelines for any or all nominations received.

Report prepared by: Tustin Larson, Recreation Supervisor

Report approved for submission by: Edie Hylton, Community Services Director

- Attachments:
1. Robert Radi Nomination
 2. Ed Alderson Nomination
 3. Joan Rebich Nomination
 4. Richard Anderson Nomination
 5. Angel Rojas Nomination