



City of La Quinta

CITY / SA / HA / FA MEETING DATE: June 2, 2015

AGENDA CATEGORY:

ITEM TITLE: INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS OF RESIDENTS TO VARIOUS CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BUSINESS SESSION: 1

CONSENT CALENDAR:

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Make appointments to fill vacancies on boards and commissions, and set a three-year term of office for the alternate positions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- During April and May, the City advertised for representatives to fill open positions on various City boards and commissions. Ten applications were received (Attachment 1).
- The City Council will interview and appoint applicants to the vacancies, by ballot, after a random drawing to determine the order in which applicants will be interviewed (Attachment 2).
- An alternate position for each board/commission was created by the City Council in January; however, a term of office was not set. Staff recommends setting a three-year term for the alternate positions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The following Council-approved amounts (per member, per meeting attended) are included in the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget:

Architectural & Landscaping Review Board	\$75
Community Services Commission	\$75
Investment Advisory Board	\$75
Planning Commission	\$100

The stipend paid to La Quinta's representative by the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District per meeting attended is \$100.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Council has established boards/commissions to facilitate broader participation in City governance, to solicit a broad range of opinions on City issues, and to introduce citizens to the municipal government process.

All existing board and commission members whose terms were expiring this year, as well as applicants from the last round of appointments who were not seated, were e-mailed an invitation to reapply. Recruitment is ongoing throughout the year and special efforts will be made to seek applicants for the Historic Preservation Commission (an insufficient number of applications were received).

Applications were received from the following residents:

ARCHITECTURAL & LANDSCAPING REVIEW BOARD

(open: one alternate)

James Crall

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

(open: one alternate, one mid-term vacancy)

Kathleen Boylan	Doug Hassett
Felice Chiapperini	Doriel Wyler

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

(open: one alternate, one professional, one non-professional)

Linda Williams (non-professional seat, incumbent)

INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD

(open: one alternate, one full term)

George Batavick	Mike Krmpotich
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PLANNING COMMISSION

(open: one alternate)

Javier Lopez	Andrea Spirtos
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COACHELLA VALLEY MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL BOARD

(open: mid-term vacancy)

Newly vacated – no applications

Several changes to the board/commission chapters of the Municipal Code were adopted by Ordinance 516, which took effect in August 2013. Changes included standardizing all terms to three years; establishing term rotations; no preference consideration if applicants apply to multiple boards/commissions; random drawing determinations for order of interviews/appointments; and retention of Council authority to extend terms.

In January 2015, Council addressed unscheduled vacancies with policy changes that allow for the appointment of numbered alternates and year-round recruitment. With this round of appointments, alternates will be appointed for the first time and a term

of office needs to be established. Since appointments are made annually, the term for all alternates may be one year, or the term may match the three-year term set for all board/commission members. Staff recommends a three-year term to give alternates greater odds for stepping in to fill a mid-term vacancy.

ALTERNATIVE:

Council may choose to delay appointments to one or more positions, and may set the term of office at one year for all alternates.

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Report approved for submission by: Frank J. Spevacek, City Manager

Attachments: 1. Applications
 2. Ballots

