



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2009

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2009**

**FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Appoint members to the Planning Commission and/or the Parks and Recreation Commission.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The City Council made appointments to both the Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission on January 20, 2009. Colin McCarthy and Stephen Mensinger were appointed to the Planning Commission; Jeff Mathews and Kim Pederson were appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

On August 25, 2009, Jim Fisler announced his resignation from the Costa Mesa Planning Commission. Mr. Fisler's term would have expired February 2011.

At their September 1, 2009 meeting, City Council directed staff to initiate recruitment for both Planning and Parks and Recreation Commissions, in order to allow anyone interested in serving on either Commission to apply, including current members of one Commission who may be interested in serving on the other Commission. Attachment 1 contains the minute excerpt from that meeting. The City Council included in their motion the consideration of the consolidation of the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission. A separate staff report has been prepared to address the topic of commission consolidation.

## **DISCUSSION:**

A total of 13 applicants have submitted Commission interest forms or letters of interest in response to the City's September 3, 2009 press release recruitment announcement. The current rosters of both Commissions and the applications are included as Attachment 2. Five applicants have requested to serve on either Commission. An asterisk next to an applicant's name identifies the *first* choice Commission preference for that individual.

The following lists the applicants for the Planning Commission, followed by those who submitted applications to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission (in alphabetical order):

**Planning Commission**

1. Robert Dickson, Jr.\*
2. Jim Fitzpatrick\*
3. Kemmer Fitzsimmons
4. Maryann Marks\*
5. Jeff Mathews
6. Chris McEvoy
7. Robert Norling
8. Christina Poulos
9. Eduard Schaum
10. Juliette Simpkins
11. Lynn Simpkins\*
12. Leonard Steinberg

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

1. Robert Dickson, Jr.
2. Jim Fitzpatrick
3. Maryann Marks
4. Christina Poulos\*
5. Lynn Simpkins
6. Daniel Skahill

Staff has verified, pursuant to City Council Policy 000-2.5 (Attachment 3), that all applicants are Costa Mesa residents and are registered to vote.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

Discussion on the possible consolidation of commissions is addressed in a separate report.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

None Required.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

None Required.

**CONCLUSION:**

Staff has provided this report identifying the applicants who wish to serve on the Planning Commission and/or the Parks and Recreation Commission, and summarizing the Commission appointment process. At this time, City Council is requested to appoint an applicant to fill the unexpired term on the Planning Commission, or make appointments on both the City’s Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission. The terms are to expire as noted in Council Policy 000-2.5.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 [Minute Excerpt – City Council Meeting of September 1, 2009](#)
- 2 [Current Commission Rosters & Commission Interest Forms / Resumes](#)
- 3 [Council Policy 000-2.5](#)