

**REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL****TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

DATE: June 22, 2009

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION**Report in Brief**

This report presents a recommendation to make appointments to the Concord Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission.

Background

The annual recruitment for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission was announced on March 23, 2009 setting a deadline for receipt of applications for Friday, May 15, 2009.

There are three openings on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission. Two openings for two-year terms ending June 30, 2011, to fill the expiring terms of Elizabeth Lamach and Kandi Lancaster and one opening for the alternate member for a one-year term ending June 30, 2010 to fill the expiring term of the alternate member, Mark Sinclair. At the close of the recruitment period twelve applications had been received. Incumbents Kandi Lancaster and Mark Sinclair reapplied for appointment. Elizabeth Lamach, who has served on the commission since 2002, did not reapply.

Discussion

The Council Committee on Recreation and Cultural Affairs interviewed ten applicants on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 to fill the three vacancies. Appointments to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission are for two-year terms which have historically been staggered to ensure continuity in the program. Section 2-271 in the Municipal Code allows for the appointment of an alternate to a term length which coincides with the next recruitment period, if so desired.

Public Contact

News releases announcing the openings on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission were issued to the media and our current distribution list. Letters with news releases were sent to various agencies and the neighborhood partnerships in an effort to stimulate interest and broaden our recruitment efforts. Announcements were also posted in the City's agenda display case, Channel 28 (AT&T Broadband) and Channel 29 (Astound) Community Bulletin Boards, Concord Senior Citizens Center, Concord Police Department, Concord Library, and on the City's Internet site.

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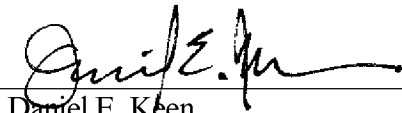
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Council Committee Recommendation

The Council Committee on Recreation and Cultural Affairs recommends the appointment of two applicants to a two-year term ending June 30, 2011, and one applicant to serve as an alternate to a one-year term ending June 30, 2010.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends appointing two applicants to a two-year term ending June 30, 2011, and one applicant to serve a one-year term ending June 30, 2010 as alternate.



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Attachment #1: Parks, Recreation & Open Space Commission Applicants Summary

Members: 7; 5
Openings: 3
Term: Two Years
Membership
Requirements:

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission

Applicants

Residents of Concord who hold no other municipal office in the City of Concord. This Commission consists of 5 adult commissioners and 2 youth members selected by the adult members.

Name	Occupation / Employer
Lisa Alessi	Office Manager City of Walnut Creek Aquatics Department
Cesyle Bruno	Ticket Office Leshar Arts Center
Lynn Deckert	Teacher Mt. Diablo Unified School District
*Kandi Lancaster	Teacher Walnut Creek Intermediate
Melvin B. Lee	President Edward B. Wong Insurance Services
Barry N. Mendelson	VP & Investment Sales Director Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.
Rosanne Nieto	Asset Manager/Planner General Services Administration
Svetlana Podkolzina	Math Instructor Diablo Valley & Solano Community
Ron Ragno	Western Region National Account Manager Navistar International (International Harvester)
Jason Andrew Ramey	Coker Operator Tesoro Petroleum
*Mark Sinclair	Staff Geologist DCM/GeoEngineers
Mark Weinmann	Senior Project Manager Chevron USA, Inc.