



Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council

THREE APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION

(City Clerk Myra Maravilla)

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council appoint three members to the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission to fill three terms ending June 30, 2029.

Executive Summary:

At its special meeting on June 24, 2025, Council conducted interviews for three upcoming vacancies to the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission. Council interviewed nine applicants in the order below:

1. Thomas Moroney
2. Todd Tullis
3. Katherine Walden
4. Cammie Herbert
5. Frankie Szynskie
6. Lauren Pizer Mains
7. Jani Lange
8. Elka Worner
9. Isabel Rodriguez

Staff recommends City Council appoint three members to serve the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission with terms ending June 30, 2029.

Background:

At its meeting of May 10, 2025, City Council directed the City Clerk to immediately advertise and request applications from interested parties to fill three upcoming vacancies on the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission.

In accordance with Hermosa Beach Municipal Code Chapter 2.28, the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission shall consist of five members who are bona fide residents of the City and appointed by the City Council for four-year terms.

Key duties of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission are to:

- Serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to the Community Resources Department;
- Cooperates with other governmental agencies and civic groups on the advancement of sound leisure, cultural, social services and educational programming;
- Provides guidance and approvals for certain special events held within the City; and;
- Formulates policies on the services, programs and lease agreements of the Department, subject to approval of the City Council.

The commission meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

Past Council Actions

Meeting Date	Description	Votes
May 13, 2025	City Council directed the City Clerk to advertise and request applications for three upcoming vacancies to the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission.	<p>Ayes (4-0-1) (Jackson, Francois, Keegan, Saemann)</p> <p>Absent (1) (Detoy)</p>

Discussion:

The application period for the vacancy closed on Wednesday, June 4, 2025. Staff received twelve applications. One applicant was disqualified as they did not meet the residency requirement and two applicants withdrew from the recruitment process. Nine applicants were interviewed at the special meeting on June 24, 2025.

To ensure continuity and effectiveness of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Advisory Commission, staff recommends Council appoint three members to fill the commission with terms ending June 30, 2029.

General Plan Consistency:

This report and associated recommendation have been evaluated for their consistency with the City’s General Plan. Relevant Policies are listed below:

Governance Element

Goal 1. A high degree of transparency and integrity in the decision-making process.

Policies:

- **1.1 Open meetings.** Maintain the community's trust by holding meetings in which decisions are being made, that are open and available for all community members to attend, participate, or view remotely.
- **1.4 Consensus oriented.** Strive to utilize a consensus-oriented decision making process.
- **1.7 Diversity of representation.** Strive to reflect a comprehensive cross section of the community in appointments to Commission and Advisory Committees.

Goal 2. The community is active and engaged in the decision-making process.

Policies:

- **2.3 Public participation guidelines.** Establish parameters and guidelines to ensure public participation is promoted through diverse methods.
- **2.6 Responsive to community needs.** Continue to be responsive to community inquiries, providing public information, and recording feedback from community interactions

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

Attachments:

1. Thomas Moroney Application
2. Todd Tullis Application
3. Katherine Walden Application
4. Cammie Herbert Application
5. Frankie Szynskie Application
6. Lauren Pizer Mains Application
7. Jani Lange Application
8. Elka Worner Application
9. Isabel Rodriguez Application

Respectfully Submitted by: Myra Maravilla, City Clerk

Approved: Steve Napolitano, Interim City Manager