



STAFF REPORT

SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA TITLE:

Council discussion regarding setting a date for a special meeting to conduct interviews of 10 to 12 applicants for positions on the Arts Commission, Historic Landmarks Board, Library Board and Sustainability Commission

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Set date for special meeting to conduct interviews of applicants to boards and commissions, or direct staff on a preferred alternative

SUMMARY

There are presently openings on the following City of Sausalito boards and commissions:

- **Arts Commission:** 4 regular voting members and 2 Advisory Members; 4 of the remaining positions are set to expire at the end of January 2008
- **Historic Landmarks Board:** 2 member positions (1 has been vacant for about a year, and one term expired in July 2007)
- **Library Board:** 1 Alternate position
- **Sustainability Commission:** 1 member position has been vacant for a number of months; 2 of the remaining positions will expire at the end of February 2008.

The City has received a number of new applications and has been told to expect additional applications, so that there will be from ten to twelve applicants ready to be interviewed. Due to the heavy load on upcoming regular City Council agendas, it will be difficult to schedule interviews before Closed Sessions. Since there is a sense of urgency on some of the boards and commissions to fill a significant number of vacancies, staff is suggesting that the Council set a special meeting date in order to interview the new pending applicants. It is anticipated that the interview meeting would need to be scheduled for a period of two to two and a half hours.

ISSUES

Due to the resignations by 4 regular members and 2 Advisory Members of the Arts Commission, that group has difficulty in achieving a quorum of members in order to conduct its business. They are quite anxious to re-establish a full membership to their Commission.

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The Historic Landmarks Board has had a vacant seat for about a year since the resignation of Sharon Berman. Mike Monsef's short unexpired term expired at the end of July 2007 and should be considered for appointment for the new term. (Mr. Monsef has continued to serve on the HLB until a Council decision is made.) The membership situation presently poses a potential problem in achieving a quorum of members to conduct its business.

The Library Board Alternate position has been vacant since July 2007, and there are two applicants who wish to be considered for the position. Although the illness of one of those applicants necessitated postponement of the appointment until she was able to attend an interview, it would be helpful to these two applicants to have resolution on the appointment.

The Sustainability Commission is anxious for appointments because of the following factors:

1. There has been one vacant seat for several months.
2. Two terms on the Commission are due to expire at the end of February 2008.
3. Members of the Commission have reported attendance problems with two members of the group which should result in their removal in accordance with the regulations of Ordinance No. 1130.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council set a date for special meeting to conduct interviews of boards and commissions applicants, or that Council direct staff on a preferred alternative approach to conducting the interview process.

ATTACHMENT

List of current membership of the affected boards and commissions

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**Current Membership of Arts Commission, HLB,
Library Board and Sustainability Commission**

Arts Commission Term Expires

Jeffrey Axelrod	January 2008
Mary Lee Bickford	January 2008
Pippa Murray	January 2008
Stacy Nimmo	January 2008
Joshua Goldstein	January 2010
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2008
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2009
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2010
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2010
<i>Vacant/Alternate</i>	NA
<i>Vacant/Alternate</i>	NA

HLB Term Expires

Thomas Theodores	July 2008
Vicki Nichols	July 2008
Jason Weisberger	July 2008
Mike Monsef	July 2007
<i>Vacant</i>	July 2007

Library Board Term Expires

Ciji Ware	July 2008
Myralin Whitaker	July 2008
Patricia DeLuca	July 2010
Nancy Kaltreider	July 2010
Betsy Stroman	July 2010
<i>Vacant/Alternate</i>	NA

Sustainability Commission Term Expires

Abe Christensen	February 2009
Sue Currier	February 2009
Richard Fortmann	February 2009
Ray Gergus	February 2010
Brett Van Emst	February 2010
Monica Towers	February 2010
Dane Faber	February 2008
Ken Kurtzig	February 2008
<i>Vacant</i>	February 2009
Greg Christie, BCRS representative	NA