

AGENDA TITLE:

Disband the Arts Commission and the Disaster Committee and begin recruitment for new members

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

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SUMMARY

Currently, the Arts Commission and the Disaster Committee have either no members or an insufficient number of members to hold meetings.

Previous Arts Commissions have been able to actively promote the arts in our community with such projects as art hangings in the Council Chambers, an active website and other projects. The Arts Commission has not had a full Commission for nearly a year, and these projects have ceased.

Similarly, the Disaster Committee has not met for at least a year and a half. As the City Council has become pro-active in their desire to educate the community in emergency preparedness, not having the support of a Disaster Committee to assist in this education also becomes a problem.

Based on these situations, it has been recommended that these two boards be disbanded in order to start with all new membership.

BACKGROUND

Both the Arts Commission and the Disaster Committee have undergone constant changes in memberships, either through resignations or attrition. To date, there is only one member on the Arts Commission whose term has not expired. All other positions on this Commission are vacant due to resignations or being unable to fill terms prior to their expirations. All positions on the Disaster Committee have expired.

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In order to start the Arts Commission up with all new membership, the Council must first remove the remaining member from office. Section 2.58.100 of the Sausalito Municipal Code states:

"All appointees to City boards, commissions or committees shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council and may be removed at any time with or without cause by the affirmative vote of three members of the City Council."

This statement was also affirmed in Resolution No. 4469, adopted on May 18, 1999, and in which item #9 states: "Members of the Arts Commission serve at the will of the City Council and may be removed by a majority of the City Council during a regular Council meeting without stated cause."

The remaining member of the Arts Commission has been notified that the Council is considering this action and has been informed that he will have an opportunity to address the Council if desired.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that Council remove the remaining Arts Commission member from office, disband the Arts Commission and the Disaster Committee and authorize recruitment to take place for the two boards.

ATTACHMENTS

None	
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