



Agenda Report

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Agenda Date: 1/12/2021

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Action on Appointment of Members to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

COUNCIL PILLAR

Deliver and Enhance High Quality Efficient Services and Infrastructure

BACKGROUND

The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) was established by City Council in May 1991 to act as an advisory body to City Council for the development of safe bicycle lanes on City streets. In March 2014, by City Council action, the BAC's name and role was changed to become the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). It is a committee composed of nine members and is presently chaired by Councilmember Karen Hardy, with Councilmember Raj Chahal as the alternate. The BPAC represents a cross section of Santa Clara's bicycling and pedestrian community, contributing their knowledge to the City regarding bicycle and pedestrian-related issues and projects.

DISCUSSION

Members serve for three-year terms with the option to apply for additional terms. The terms for members Ken Kratz and Thanh Do expire on December 31, 2020, and only member Kratz indicated that he was interested in serving another term. The BPAC membership openings were advertised on the City's website, social media, the City's channel 15, and on Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition's social media channels to allow potential candidates to apply for membership. Seven membership applications were received from Lloyd Cha, Margaret Horoszko, Chris Howden, Issa Ibrahim, Ken Kratz, Perry Penvenne, and Atisha Varshney (Attachment 1). After receipt, Chris Howden and Perry Penvenne withdrew their applications, which resulted in five candidates being considered for two vacancies.

The existing procedure for BPAC membership is for the BPAC to accept applications and advise Council on the appointment of new members. At the December 10, 2020 BPAC meeting, Committee members voted to recommend to the City Council that Lloyd Cha and Atisha Varshney be appointed to serve, with terms expiring on December 31, 2023.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a government organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no additional cost to the City other than staff time and expense.

COORDINATION

This item was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the BPAC, and the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, email clerk@santaclaraca.gov <<mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov>>. In addition, this item was discussed at the City's BPAC meeting on December 10, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint Lloyd Cha and Atisha Varshney to serve three-year terms on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, expiring on December 31, 2023.

Reviewed by: Craig Mobeck, Director of Public Works

Approved by: Deanna J. Santana, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. BPAC Membership Applications