

STAFF REPORT

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: BRUCE BUCKINGHAM, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR *BB*
SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

BACKGROUND

The Grover Beach Planning Commission is a five-member planning agency authorized by law to grant or deny land use applications. Planning Commissioners are appointed to serve four-year terms, which are scheduled to expire at staggered intervals to provide some consistency on the Board. There is one Commission vacancy for a term that expired on May 31, 2013. Due to various circumstances, interviews for applicants interested in being considered for appointment were delayed until just recently. Staff advertised the Commission vacancy with press releases in the local newspapers, notices on the City website and government cable access Channel 20, and posted notices in City bulletin boards at City Hall, Post Office, and Train Station.

DISCUSSION

The Advisory Body Screening Committee, comprised of Planning Commission Vice Chair Karl Blum, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Lee, and Mayor Debbie Peterson, conducted interviews on Thursday, March 6, 2014. Applicants were informed that the City Council would be requested to confirm an official appointment at tonight's meeting. It should be noted that Commissioner Greg Alex graciously agreed to continue serving on the Planning Commission until the Council confirmed an official appointment. Further, all of the applicants interviewed were well-qualified and eager to serve the Grover Beach community as a member of the Planning Commission.

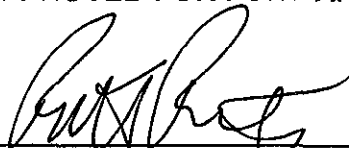
At the conclusion of the interviews, the Advisory Body Screening Committee recommended that the City Council appoint re-appoint Greg Alex to serve the remainder of the Commission term scheduled to expire on May 31, 2017.

ALTERNATIVES

The City Council has the following alternatives to consider:

1. Accept the Advisory Body Screening Committee recommendation and adopt the Resolution confirming the appointment;
2. Do not accept the Screening Committee's recommendation and direct staff to continue the recruitment process for applicants; or
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

APPROVED FOR FORWARDING



ROBERT PERRAULT
CITY MANAGER

Please Review for the Possibility of a Potential Conflict of Interest:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Identified by Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Bright |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peterson | <input type="checkbox"/> Marshall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lee | <input type="checkbox"/> Nicolls |

Meeting Date: March 17, 2014

Agenda Item No. 13

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Advisory Body Screening Committee recommends that the City Council:

1. Accept the Screening Committee's recommendation;
2. Adopt the Resolution re-appointing Greg Alex to serve the remainder of the Commission term scheduled to expire on May 31, 2017.
3. Upon appointment, re-introduce **Planning Commissioner Alex** to the City Council and members of the audience.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The agenda was posted in accordance with the Brown Act. All applicants were notified of the Screening Committee's recommendation and sent a copy of this staff report and agenda.

Attachments

1. Draft Resolution
2. Applications (*originals are on file in the City Clerk's Office and available for public inspection during regular business hours.*)

RESOLUTION NO. 14-XX

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH,
CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF GREG ALEX TO THE
GROVER BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission is a body of five lay citizens; and

WHEREAS, one (1) vacancy currently exists on the Commission due to the scheduled expiration of one four-year Commission term; and

WHEREAS, the City actively solicited potential candidates to serve on the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Advisory Body Screening Committee to interview prospective citizen candidates to the City's Advisory Bodies, and to make recommendations to the City Council for approval of appointments by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Body Screening Committee, consisting of Mayor Peterson, Mayor Pro Tem Lee, and Planning Commission Vice Chair Blum conducted interviews on Thursday, March 6, 2014, and at the conclusion of those interviews made a recommendation to the City Council for approval of appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Grover Beach does hereby accept the Advisory Body Screening Committee's recommendation and approves the re-appointment of **Greg Alex** to serve the remainder of a four-year term on the Planning Commission, scheduled to expire on May 31, 2017.

On motion by Council Member _____, second by Council Member _____, and on the following roll-call vote, to wit:

AYES:	Council Members
NOES:	Council Members
ABSENT:	Council Members.
ABSTAIN:	Council Members.

the foregoing Resolution was **PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California this 17th day of March, 2014.

DEBBIE PETERSON, MAYOR

Attest:

DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK

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City of Grover Beach

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON A CITY COMMISSION, COMMITTEE OR BOARD

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I wish to be considered for appointment to the following Commission, Committee or Board:
(Check only one. Submit a separate application if you are interested in more than one.)

Planning Commission Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission
 Traffic Committee Citizen Oversight Committee on Half-Percent Sales Tax

Name: Greg Alex Date: 7/30/2013
(Please print)

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: Same
(If different from home address)

Occupation/Employer: Fire Service / CAL FIRE

Home Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: _____ E-mail [REDACTED]

May we contact you at work? Yes No Years lived in Grover Beach: 5

Are you a registered voter of Grover Beach? Yes No

Are you related or married to any elected or appointed City official or employee? Yes No
If yes, name of relative and their position with the City of Grover Beach: _____

Community Service Experience:

Organization	Dates Served	Position
Five Cities Youth Baseball League	2-01-09 to 2-1-11	Board Member / Youth Coach
AG Babe Ruth Baseball League	2-1-11 to Present	Youth Coach
City of Grover Beach	5-1-09 to Present	Planning Commission

Employment History (If applicable):

Company	Dates Served	Position
CAL FIRE	7-10-89 to Present	Pre-Fire Engineer / Fire Captain

Other relevant experience, education, or training: American Planning Association Member

PLAN-315 - Intro to Community Planning / TECH-130 - Google Earth for Planners

TECH-230 - Google Earth Adv. Planning Analays

What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of the Commission, Committee or Board you are interested in serving on?

It is a Commission authorized by law to grant or deny land use approvals for the City Council. Review and make recommendation on the City General Plan, real estate projects, business uses, and city zoning.

Reasons you are interested in serving on this Commission, Committee or Board:

I'm interested in serving my community. I have enjoyed my time on the Commission and hope to continue to serve in this way.

You may attach additional pages or information that may be beneficial to the Advisory Body Screening Committee, City Council, and/or City official(s) when considering your application.

Please be advised that this application may be discussed by the City Council at an open meeting. Information provided to the City Council at open meetings is copied to the news media.

Have you ever attended a meeting of this Commission, Committee, or Board? Yes No

If yes, how many in the last year? 6 Why did you attend? As a Commissioner

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Signature: 

Your interest in serving the City of Grover Beach is sincerely appreciated!

Please submit completed application to: Office of the City Clerk
154 South 8th Street
Grover Beach, CA 93433

For Office Use Only

Interview Date: _____ Appointed: _____ Yes No

Re-interview Date(s): _____

Appointment is for: Unexpired Term Ending _____ Full Term Ending _____



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 Traffic Committee Citizen Oversight Committee on Half-Percent Sales Tax

Name: RANDY FREEMAN Date: 08/30/12
(Please print)

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: _____
(If different from home address)

Occupation/Employer: PACIFIC GAS and Electric

Home Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: _____ E-mail: [REDACTED]

May we contact you at work? Yes No Years lived in Grover Beach: 8

Are you a registered voter of Grover Beach? Yes No

Are you related or married to any elected or appointed City official or employee? Yes No
If yes, name of relative and their position with the City of Grover Beach: _____

Community Service Experience:

Organization	Dates Served	Position
<u>Sheriff Vol. Patrol</u>	<u>1997-2000</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>

Employment History (If applicable):

Company	Dates Served	Position
<u>PACIFIC Gas and Electric</u>	<u>12/98 - Present</u>	<u>Nuclear Security</u>
<u>American Protective</u>	<u>1/90 - 12/98</u>	<u>Nuclear Security</u>
<u>UNU D</u>	<u>12/86 - 1/90</u>	<u>Nuclear Security</u>

Other relevant experience, education, or training: A.A. Degree
Criminal Justice

What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of the Commission, Committee or Board you are interested in serving on?

To ensure proper growth and planning
for Grover Beach

Reasons you are interested in serving on this Commission, Committee or Board:

want to give back to community

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If yes, how many in the last year? _____ Why did you attend? I am planning
to go the next meeting

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 Traffic Committee Citizen Oversight Committee on Half-Percent Sales Tax

Name: Robert Robert Date: Sept 4, 2012
(Please print)

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: N/A
(If different from home address)

Occupation/Employer: Electrical Contractor

Home Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

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Are you a registered voter of Grover Beach? Yes No

Are you related or married to any elected or appointed City official or employee? Yes No
If yes, name of relative and their position with the City of Grover Beach: _____

Community Service Experience:

Organization	Dates Served	Position
Rotary Club of Grover Beach	Aug 2010 - July 2012	Club Service Chair
EcoRotary Central Coast	July 2012 - Present	Treasurer
AG/GB Chamber Of Comm	July 2012 to present	Member

Employment History (if applicable):

Company	Dates Served	Position
All Electric Service	Jan 1985-Feb 1991	Electrical Jounyman
R&R Electric	March 1991- Present	Owner- Electrican

Other relevant experience, education, or training: With over 30 years of construction experience, plan Reading and interpretation, work well with others, deal with confrontation with a cool head and

And respect others' opinions. I believe I would be an asset to the planning commission.

What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of the Commission, Committee or Board you are interested in serving on? The planning commission is responsible for Making decisions on land-use applications, including conditional use permits and tentative track parcels maps. The commission also reviews and makes recommendations to the City Council on general plan amendments, zone changes, and zoning code amendments. Decisions by the planning commission are available to the city Council under Chapter 2. 44 on the municipal code.

Reasons you are interested in serving on this Commission, Committee or Board:

I have a desire to serve my city and community and feel my background in construction would be a

Great asset to my city and community.

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If yes, how many in the last year? 15 Why did you attend? Concern for my city and community.

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- Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission
- Traffic Committee
- Citizen Oversight Committee on Half-Percent Sales Tax

Name: MARIAM SHAH Date: 10/22/13
(Please print)

Home Address: [Redacted]

Mailing Address: _____
(If different from home address)

Occupation/Employer: Stay-At-home Mother

Home Phone: [Redacted] Work Phone: [Redacted]

Fax: _____ E-mail: [Redacted]

May we contact you at work? Yes No Years lived in Grover Beach: 3

Are you a registered voter of Grover Beach? Yes No

Are you related or married to any elected or appointed City official or employee? Yes No

If yes, name of relative and their position with the City of Grover Beach: _____

Community Service Experience:

Organization	Dates Served	Position
See resume attached		

Employment History (If applicable):

Company	Dates Served	Position
See resume attached		

Other relevant experience, education, or training: During my seven years as a full-time corporate attorney, I often worked with city governments and advocated before various city councils on behalf of my clients.

What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of the Commission, Committee or Board you are interested in serving on?

The Planning Commission is responsible for implementing the General Plan for Grover Beach. The Planning Commission will likely play a large role in decisions involving the impending development of the Lodge/Hotel project that

Reasons you are interested in serving on this Commission, Committee or Board:

As a stay-at-home mother in the community, I am interested in the future development and well-being of Grover Beach. I hope to be involved in decisions that will fill vacant storefronts and bring more business to our town.

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Mariam Shah

E D U C A T I O N

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Juris Doctor, May 2001

GPA: 3.33/4.0, B+

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Bachelor of Arts with *High Distinction*, May 1998

Majors: American Culture (Society and Politics) & Spanish

GPA: 3.8

Admitted to Practice in: New York and Ohio

E X P E R I E N C E

Stay at Home Mother

8/08 – Present

Mother, cook, teacher and housekeeper to Bibi (age 4) and Bobby (age 1). Participated in local charity and government activities as listed below.

Roetzel & Andress LPA, Akron, OH

Litigation Associate

7/05 – 8/08

Independently handled numerous civil litigation matters and administrative hearings with minimal supervision in areas including contracts, property taxation and wrongful death. Participated in every aspect of trial preparation including preliminary interviews, depositions, document review, motions for summary judgment and trial. Represented area businesses and school districts in property taxation appeals.

McDonald Hopkins LLP, Cleveland, OH

Litigation Associate

10/03 – 5/05

Summer Associate

Summer 1999

Legal / Administrative Assistant

Summer 1998

Took active and independent role in civil litigation practice, including anti-trust, bankruptcy and civil procedure.

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, New York, NY

Litigation Associate

9/01 – 8/03

Summer Associate

Summer 2000

Exposed to all aspects of civil litigation practice including research, writing, discovery and depositions in disputes involving real estate, insurance, securities and contracts. 2001, 2002 recipient of Stroock Public Service Project Award in recognition of pro bono work.

Representative Dennis Kucinich, Washington, DC

Congressional Intern

1/00 – 4/00

Participated in daily affairs of Congressional office including answering constituent mail, attending press conferences and briefings, researching environmental issues and promoting a bill on genetically engineered foods.

Representative Lynn Rivers, Ann Arbor, MI

Campaign Intern

9/96 – 11/96

Participated in all aspects of organization of campaign / fundraising events, working closely with volunteer coordinator in staffing and attendance at events. Assisted in keeping database of campaign donations.

Embassy of Mexico, Political & Congressional Affairs Dept., Washington, DC

Intern

Summer 1996

Worked as liaison between the embassy and political organizations to inform the Mexican government about the 1996 elections. Downloaded, edited and prepared a daily report from Legislate for entire embassy.

S K I L L S

Spanish - ability to speak, read and write

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC INTEREST HIGHLIGHTS

- 2013 – Present – Office Volunteer Democratic Party Headquarters, San Luis Obispo
- 2013 – Member of City of Grover Beach Citizen Committee regarding City Charter
- 2008 – Present – Member of San Luis Obispo Womenade charity
- 2008 – 2011 – 5 Cities Mom’s Club, President 2010
- 2006 – 2008 - Women’s Endowment Fund of Akron, Spring Banquet Committee
- 2006 - 2008 - Coleman Professional Service of Kent, Ohio, Volunteer Mentor for Mentally Ill
- 2004 – Legal Aid Volunteer Attorney - Represented tenant in housing dispute with Landlord. Cleveland, Ohio.
- 2003 – New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI) Volunteer – Represented student seeking tuition reimbursement allowing him to attend school for children with dyslexia. New York, New York.
- 2002-2003 – Project Outreach – Mentor for high school student / aspiring attorney in low-income school district. Brooklyn, New York.
- 2001-2003 Member of the Disability Rights Task Force, a branch of the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
- 2001-2002 – NYLPI Volunteer – Drafted Will and Healthcare Power of Attorney for wife of firefighter killed in World Trade Center disaster. New York, New York.
- 2000 – NYLPI Volunteer - Assisted with legal research for artist seeking to release song containing possibly copywritten material. New York, New York.
- 1998-1999 – Tutor for Homeless Children – Tutored children as part of after-school program. Washington, DC.
- 1997 – Volunteer at Latino Family Services – Tutored third grade children as part of after-school program, assisted with preschool children. Detroit, Michigan.
- 1995 – Safewalk Volunteer at the University of Michigan – Safely escorting students to dormitories. Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 1993-1994 – Vice-President of Key Club community service organization. Strongsville, Ohio.