

STAFF REPORT

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: BRUCE BUCKINGHAM, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR *BAB*

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

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**BACKGROUND**

The Grover Beach Planning Commission is a five member planning agency authorized by law to grant or deny land use applications. Terms on the Planning Commission are four years and are scheduled to expire at staggered intervals to provide some consistency on the Board. There are currently two Commission vacancies for terms that expired on May 31, 2014. Staff advertised the Commission vacancies 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 and the Post Office.

**DISCUSSION**

The Advisory Body Screening Committee (comprised of Planning Commissioner Chris Long, Council Member Bill Nicolls, and Mayor Debbie Peterson) conducted interviews on Thursday, September 4, 2014. Applicants were informed that the City Council would be requested to confirm official appointments at tonight's meeting. It should be noted that all of the applicants were well-qualified and eager to serve the Grover Beach community as members of the Planning Commission.

At the conclusion of the interviews, the Advisory Body Screening Committee recommended that the City Council reappoint *John Laferriere* and *Karl Blum* to the Planning Commission. The four-year terms of office on the Planning Commission are scheduled to expire on May 31, 2018. At the request of the Screening Committee, staff notified the other two applicants, *Robert "Jack" Hunter* and *Frank Lamas*, of additional opportunities to serve the community as a member of another City advisory body or as a citizen volunteer.

**ALTERNATIVES**

The City Council has the following alternatives to consider:

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

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**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  |

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Advisory Body Screening Committee recommends that the City Council:

1. Accept the Screening Committee's recommendations; and
2. Adopt the Resolution reappointing John Laferriere and Karl Blum to the Planning Commission for four-year terms of office, scheduled to expire on May 31, 2018.

Upon appointment, **Planning Commissioners Laferriere and Blum** will be reintroduced 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 recommendations 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-\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING JOHN LAFERRIERE AND KARL BLUM TO THE GROVER BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION**

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

**WHEREAS**, two (2) vacancies currently exist on the Commission due to the scheduled expiration of two (2) four-year Commission terms; 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, Council Member Nicolls, and Planning Commissioner Chris Long conducted interviews on Thursday, August 28, 2014, and at the conclusion of those interviews made a recommendation to the City Council to approve appointment of two of the candidates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Grover Beach hereby accepts the Advisory Body Screening Committee's recommendations and authorizes the Mayor to reappoint **John Laferriere** and **Karl Blum** to serve on the Planning Commission for four-year terms of office, scheduled to expire on May 31, 2018.

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 -
- RECUSED: 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

  
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 DEBBIE PETERSON, MAYOR

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
DONNA L. McMAHON, CITY CLERK



## City of Grover Beach

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

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*(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: Karl Blum Date: 5/14/15  
(Please print)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different from home address)

Occupation/Employer: Education San Luis Coastal USD

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you at work?  Yes  No Years lived in Grover Beach: 19

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
G.B. Planning Comm	2006 → Present	Commissioner

#### Employment History (If applicable):

Company	Dates Served	Position

Other relevant experience, education, or training: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

*Having served for the past 8 years, I understand the roles + responsibilities of the Planning Commission*

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

*Continue my community service for the city of Grover Beach.*


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.

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

If yes, how many in the last year? *7-8* Why did you attend? *Commissioner / Public*

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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 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grover Beach, CA 93433

**For Office Use Only**  
Interview Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Appointed: \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No  
Re-interview Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: ROBERT J. (DACK) HUNTER Date: 7.14.14  
(Please print)

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different from home address)

Occupation/Employer: RETIRED

Home Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

May we contact you at work?  Yes  No Years lived in Grover Beach: 30+

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
AMATEUR RADIO	1999-2004	EMERG. COORD.
CAND CONSERVANCY	2008-PRESENT	ENGR. CONSULTANT
HOSPICE	2011-2012	COUNSELOR

#### Employment History (If applicable):

Company	Dates Served	Position
COUNTY	1966-1981	VARIOUS
CENTRAL COAST ENGINEERING	1981-2000	PROF. ENGR.
WESTLAND ENGR	2000-2011	PROF. ENGR.

Other relevant experience, education, or training: 34 YEARS DEALING WITH DEVELOPMENT, LAND USE, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

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

USING STAFF INPUT, COUNCIL GUIDANCE, EXPERIENCE, AND COMMON SENSE TO EVALUATE PROPOSED LAND USE APPLICATIONS

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

I NOW HAVE THE TIME TO PUT MY EXPERIENCE TO USE HELPING OTHERS

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CITY OF GROVER BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT APPLICATION  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I have lived in this County since December, 1955 and in this City since October, 1983. I am 70, widowed, and in reasonably good health.

**Volunteer Experience**

- I was involved as a volunteer for Amateur Radio emergency communications for many years. I was the coordinator for this County for 2½ years and the Tri-Counties for 6 years. Additionally, I wrote an operations manual for the volunteers that was used by other organizations and a nationally published article in the American Radio Relay League's magazine about the operation of the local emergency organization.
- I worked with Hospice briefly as a grief counselor after my Wife's death in 2011 teaching a class on dealing with grief using humor.
- I am currently a volunteer with the Land Conservancy acting as an unpaid engineering consultant on the Octagon Barn restoration. This assigned to me while I was at Westland Engineering and I took it with me when I retired as a favor to the Principal.
- I was involved with CDF / Cal Fire as a volunteer on their first appeals board.
- I was unable to pursue much volunteer activity from about 2004 to 2011 because of my Wife's terminal illness.

The last four years of the employment with the County was in the Office Division (now Development Services) dealing with subdivisions. I received my Land Surveyor's License in 1980. In 1981 I left the County and began work in the private sector as a Land Surveyor and Project Manager / designer. This included designs, planning issues, environmental issues, and presentations to various boards. This experience gave me a decent grasp of the planning process. Included with my County experience was being LAFCo's surveying consultant. As a Project Manager and/or designer I was responsible for more projects than I can actually remember, but they included San Luis Golf and Country Club, The Cloisters, and Ranchita Estates.

I now have the time to begin doing some volunteer work. Given my experience, it seems logical that I should use what I have learned to help the Community and the Planning Commission seems to be the best fit. Please note that I am neutral on land development. I have no strong bias for or against any development. The community needs, Council guidance, Staff input, Code requirements, and environmental concerns are the tools needed to evaluate projects.

Robert J. (Jack) Hunter





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

Name: John Laferriere Date: 21 May 2014  
*(Please print)*

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If different from home address)*

Occupation/Employer: None (Volunteer Activities + Personal Investing)

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

Fax: (same if coordinated in advance) E-mail [REDACTED]

May we contact you at work?  Yes  No Years lived in Grover Beach: 10

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
City of Grover Beach	August 2005 - July 2009	Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commissioner
County of San Luis Obispo	May 2005 - June 2010	Elections Pollworker & Lead Inspector
City of Grover Beach	July 2010 - Present	Planning Commissioner
City of Grover Beach	April 2012 - Present	Oversight Board Member for former Redevelopment Agency

### Employment History (If applicable):

Company	Dates Served	Position
Lockheed Martin Missiles & Space Co, Sunnyvale, CA	June 1989 - April 2004	Various Aerospace Jobs in Engineering, progressing through Systems Engineering and Program Management

**Other relevant experience, education, or training:** UC Davis BS in Engineering allows me to read, understand, and visualize proposed structures from engineering drawings. Service on 3 Grover Beach Advisor Boards/Commissions familiarizes me with Grover Beach's needs, goals, and citizen collaboration.

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

- 1) Participating in the Planning Commission's process for new development projects and use permits whereby applicants are insured a fair interpretation of project guidelines established by the City Council and existing ordinances while nearby affected residents are provided the opportunity to voice their concerns. 2) Provide recommendations to the City Council on planning and policy matters. 3) Active in recommendations to the General Plan as those elements are periodically reviewed. 4) Support the Community's vision for the City.

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

I have enjoyed my last 4 years and want to continue working to make Grover Beach all that it should be. Looking forward to FY15-16 Work Program of revising: sign ordinance, parking, and PUD standards. Also hoping to see more development permit applications as the local economy continues to recover.

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If yes, how many in the last year? 12+ Why did you attend? As a Planning Commissioner and Citizen Charter Committee Member

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Name: FRANK LAMAS Date: 7-29-14  
(Please print)

Home Address: [REDACTED] Grover Beach, CA 93433

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different from home address)

Occupation/Employer: WS Packaging, Group

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

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

May we contact you at work?  Yes  No Years lived in Grover Beach: 8 1/2 YEARS

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:

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Big Brothers <sup>SLD</sup> by Sister	06/14 - 06/15	"Big"

### Employment History (if applicable):

Company	Dates Served	Position
WSPACKAGING Group	06/10 - 08/12	SUPERVISOR
WSPACKAGING Group	08/12 -	ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE
Ambient Solutions	09/02 - 04/09	OPERATION MANAGER

Other relevant experience, education, or training: Leadership Training,  
Operation Manager, SUPERVISOR, SALES

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

Reviewing proposed plans for Business development

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

I'm local resident and I would like to have a positive  
Impact on the growth & development of my community

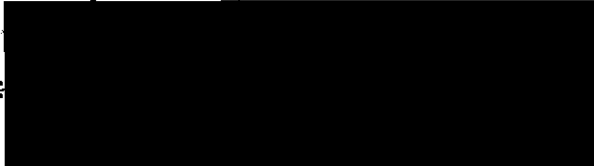
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