
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Alison Foulis, City Clerk
Subject: **Make appointments to various volunteer committees and commissions**

Recommended Motion/Item Description

That the Council interview the applicants at the beginning of the meeting and make appointments to the various committees and commissions.

Background

The following committees have current vacancies. A matrix detailing the committee vacancies and applications is included as Attachment 1.

Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation Committee

At the end of May 2016, Cathy Frymier resigned from her position as Belvedere resident committee member on the Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation Committee. To date, no applications have been received from interested residents.

Parks and Open Space Committee

There is one vacant committee member position on the Parks and Open Space Committee formerly held by Molly Hofmann. To date, two applications have been received from interested residents, Bryan Kemnitzer and Melissa Feder. Both applicants will be present at the beginning of the meeting for an informal interview with Council.

Marin County Commission on Aging

At their June 13, 2016, regular meeting, the Council appointed Vera Gertler to continue serving as the Belvedere representative to the Marin County Commission on Aging. At that time, Ms. Gertler made it known that she did not want the position to remain vacant and would continue serving, but that she would like a replacement to take her place as representative should anyone apply. Since then, James Mitchell has submitted an application and will be present at the beginning of the meeting for an informal interview with Council.

Attachments

1. Matrix of appointments to be made.
2. Parks and Open Space Committee applications from Kemnitzer and Feder
3. Marin County Commission on Aging applications from Mitchell.

ATTACHMENT 1**APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE**

BEL-TIB JOINT RECREATION COMMITTEE 2-year term: 6/1/2015 – 5/31/2017		One Seat to Appoint
Incumbent – Not reapplying		Cathy Frymier
Applicants		<i>None</i>

PARKS & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE 3-year terms: 6/1/2016 – 5/31/2019		One Seat to Appoint
Incumbent – Not reapplying		Molly Hofmann
Applicants		Bryan Kemnitzer
		Melissa Feder

MARIN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING 3-year terms: 7/1/2016 – 6/30/2019		One Seat to Appoint
Incumbent – <i>(willing to serve temporarily)</i>		Vera Gertler
Applicants		James Mitchell

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June 1, 2016

VIA EMAIL ONLYClaire McAuliffe
450 San Rafael Ave.
Belvedere, CA 94920-2336
clerk@cityofbelvedere.org**Re: *Parks & Open Space Committee Opening***

Dear Claire,

It is my understanding that there are two openings on the Parks & Open Space Committee and I would like to apply to join the committee.

My wife and I came to Belvedere in 1986, thirty years ago, to raise our family and become members of the community. Nancy has committed a substantial amount of time and energy to Belvedere, particular on the Planning Commission. Although I have participated in some community activity, such as the clean up days, I have not contributed significantly and I believe now would be an appropriate time to join a committee and help.

Belvedere is such a wonderful place, not only because of its geographical location, but because of the amazing number of people who have volunteered over the years to do so much for the community. I would like to be a part of the volunteer committee to help keep Belvedere the wonderful place that it is.

Over the years, we have enjoyed the parks and open space in Belvedere, and it is imperative that the parks and open space remain because they are such a special part of Belvedere. Our daughter Kristin, her husband Adam, and their three month old daughter Mimi now live in Belvedere, and it is important for current and future generations that the parks, lanes, and open space are made available to all.

I have reviewed recent meeting agendas, have spoken with Jerry Fair, the current chair of Parks & Open Space, and have reviewed the City of Belvedere Parks, Recreation, & Open Space map. I would enjoy working with other members of the committee, along with city staff, to address the various issues relating to parks and open space. I would hope that if selected to be on the committee I could assist in identifying projects for Parks & Open Space, review funding issues, and possibly assist in any legal issues regarding easements and encroachments.

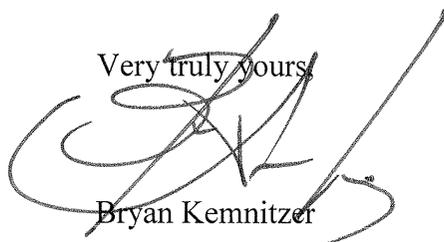
In the past I have been involved in a number of capital campaigns on boards, including Mount Tamalpais School and as head of the Partners Counsel for the National Consumer Law

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Center in Boston. In those positions, I worked very well with the members of the boards, particularly in raising a substantial amount of money; at Mount Tamalpais School we raised over \$4,000,000.00, and at the National Consumer Law Center we raised over \$8,000,000.00. I mention this because, after speaking with Jerry Fair, it is my understanding there are various projects that need to be funded and I would hope that with the other members of the committee we could identify necessary projects and explore issues of funding and maintenance for the long term.

Thank you for considering my request to be appointed to the Belvedere Parks & Open Space Committee. Please feel free to call if you have any questions. My cell phone number is (415) 999-5624.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Kemnitzer', is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Bryan Kemnitzer



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July 6, 2016

RE: Belvedere Parks and Open Spaces Committee

Dear Mayor McAuliffe,

As a resident of Belvedere for over three years, I am interested in getting involved in the community and joining the Belvedere Parks and Open Spaces Committee. I grew up in Marin County and have a huge appreciation for our beautiful parks and landscapes that remind us of our connection to nature and our communities. One of my key concerns and passions is to maintain that environment and its beauty.

I've studied essential oils with the renowned Aromatherapy expert, Jeanne Rose, here in the Bay Area and have been exposed to many of the medicinal properties of plants, their essential oils and their roles in healthy ecosystems. We are so fortunate in Belvedere, and I'd like to give back by offering time and energy in any ways that would serve our parks and open spaces.

Furthermore, as a small business owner of a retail consulting practice, I am well experienced in collaborating with groups of people to solve problems and achieve a desired outcome. I've worked with large clients (e.g., Levi's, Calvin Klein) and smaller start-ups and outdoor brands (e.g., HUF, Dakine) and across the board much of my experience has been focused on problem solving, solution design and assessment of options for any given environmental fit. I'm looking to apply some of that practical experience to the beautiful environment around us.

Belvedere is doing many things right on the parks and land use front, and I am happy to offer some of my time to any needed projects or tasks. It's a pleasure to live here, and I'm looking forward to giving back.

Thank you for considering me for the committee. Please let me know if there is any other specific information I should provide and feel free to give me a call at 415-867-8433 for any follow-up.

Respectfully,

Melissa Feder

Alison Foulis - City Clerk

From: James Mitchell
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 8:59 PM
To: Alison Foulis - City Clerk
Subject: Commission on Aging.

I am James Mitchell. I live at 3 Lagoon Road in Belvedere. I am 78 years old and have lived in Belvedere since 1972. I would like to be considered for the position on the Marin County Commission on Aging.

James Mitchell

Sent from my iPhone: I think/I hope.

James Mitchell

Residence: 3 Lagoon Road (since 1972)

Age: 78

Place of Birth: Edinburgh, Scotland

American Citizenship: 1970

Education: University of Edinburgh, College of Art and Architecture

Business: Lyons, Israel & Ellis Architects, London

Arthur D. Little – International Management Consulting Firm, Cambridge, Mass.

Public Affairs Counseling, San Francisco – Public Policy Consultants

Founder, The NonProfit Resource Group, Tiburon – Research into Management

Problems of NonProfits

Partner at Backen, Arrigoni and Ross, Architects, San Francisco (25 years)

Community Service:

Belvedere Planning Commission (4 year term)

Belvedere Tiburon Recreation (2 terms)

Founder: Tiburon Peninsula Soccer League

Tiburon Peninsula Foundation Board (16 years) two terms as president

Board Member Terwilliger Nature Education Center

Heritage and Arts Commission, Citizen of the Year

Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year

Volunteer Activities: Board Member of the following:

Gulf of the Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association 8 years

UCSF Ob/Gyn Foundation

UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women's Health

That Man May See: UCSF Foundation that supports Department of Ophthalmology

References: George Gness

John Pearson

Art Kern

Peyton Stein