

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Alison Foulis, City Clerk

Subject: Interview and make appointments to the Belvedere Planning Commission

Recommended Motion/Item Description

1. That the Council interview new applicants Ghazaleh Jamei and Claire Slaymaker for the open position on the Planning Commission as the first item on the agenda.
2. That the Council make appointments to two open seats on the Belvedere Planning Commission as the last item on the agenda.

Background

Two Commissioners, James Lynch and Paul Rosenlund, have terms expiring on the Planning Commission. Per City Council adopted soft policy, appointees to the Planning Commission should serve no more than three consecutive 4-year terms before taking a hiatus. Mr. Lynch was appointed to the Planning Commission in 2014 and has served one term. Mr. Lynch has requested to be reappointed. Mr. Rosenlund was appointed to the Planning Commission in 2006 and has served three full terms and one partial term to fill an unexpected vacancy. Mr. Rosenlund has termed out of his position on the Planning Commission. In addition to Mr. Lynch requesting reappointment, two additional applications have been received from Ghazaleh Jamei and Claire Slaymaker. Both new applicants will be present at the beginning of the meeting for an interview with the City Council.

Table of Appointments to be Made

PLANNING COMMISSION		Two Seats to Appoint
4-year terms: 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2022		
<i>Incumbent – Termed out</i>		<i>Paul Rosenlund</i>
Incumbent – Seeking reappointment		James Lynch
Applicant		Ghazaleh Jamei
Applicant		Claire Slaymaker

Attachments

Planning Commission applications.

From: James Lynch
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 6:53 PM
To: Alison Foulis - City Clerk
Subject: Re: Planning Commission Reappointment

Hi Ali,

My apologies for missing your prior email. Yes, I would like to be re-appointed.

By this email, can I please request of the Mayor that I be reappointed to the Planning Commission?

Thanks very much!

Best,

Jim

Mayor Marty Winter
450 San Rafael Ave.
Belvedere, Ca 94920

April 30, 2018

Dear Mayor Winter,

I am writing to submit my interest and qualifications to be considered for one of the current open seats for Belvedere Planning Commission.

I have been living in Belvedere for ten years now and just recently went through an approval process with the Planning Department for my residence in Belvedere. This has been an absolutely pleasant experience and I would like to volunteer my time and skills as a trained architect to assist in planning the future built environment of the City of Belvedere.

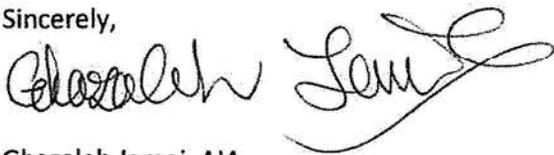
I bring to my position as a commissioner:

- **A Passion for perfection in built environment:** What has stimulated my interest in seeking appointment to the Planning Commission the most is my deep desire to preserve the natural beauty of Belvedere Island and contribute to improving and perfecting its built environment and architecture.
- **Background in Architecture.** I hold a master's degree in Architectural Engineering and I am a member of American institute of Architects. I have been practicing Architecture since 1999.
- **Knowledge and understanding of community issues:** Having lived in Belvedere for 10 years, I understand and have experienced the issues of our community.
- **The perspective of many peers in my generation:** At 45, I am a partner in an architectural firm in San Francisco and a mother of an 8 year old daughter in Reed School District.
- **A commitment to public service:** I believe that all citizens should take the opportunity to serve their communities and serving as a planning Commissioner provides this opportunity for me in line with my interests and experience.

I respectfully request your support in being appointed to the Belvedere Planning Commission and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ghazaleh Jamei, AIA

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From: Claire Slaymaker
Sent: Saturday, May 05, 2018 11:16 AM
To: Alison Foulis - City Clerk
Subject: Application for Planning Commissioners seat

Dear Marty,

I would like to put my name on the list for the Planning Commission's upcoming seat.

I interviewed with the City Council for the appointment as a Commissioner in June of 2016.

I have been a designer in San Francisco for 25 years. I feel with my design background, my ability to read and understand plans and my understanding of and experience with the Belvedere codes, I would be an asset to the Planning Commission. I have also completed two additions to my Belvedere home and numerous other remodels and additions for clients in Belvedere and have direct experience with the Commission as a result.

My husband and I have lived in Belvedere for 25 years and raised our son Christopher here. I have chaired block parties, and I am currently a block captain. I co-chaired the Belvedere millennium at the San Francisco Yacht Club. I have served as president of the San Francisco Yacht Club Auxiliary and been on its board for many years. I am a member of the Raccoons, a fundraiser for Marin General Hospital. I am a member of SFMOMA's Modern Art Council and have been a member of ASID, American Society of Designers for 29 years. I feel very fortunate to be a part of this wonderful Community and feel being a member of the Planning Commission would be a great way to give back to the community.

Sincerely,

Claire Slaymaker