



STAFF REPORT
5/26/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Luis Lopez, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: Consideration to Appoint Five (5) Coachella Residents to the Coachella Cultural and Arts Commission for alternating terms.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council appoint five (5) Art Commissioners from the applications received, attached to this staff report, or appoint any other qualifying Coachella resident prior to the hearing.

BACKGROUND:

Chapter 2.68 of the Coachella Municipal Code (recently amended) establishes a new Cultural and Arts Commission to be made up of five members, who are appointed to either 2 or 4-year terms that are staggered to coincide with the City Council seats. The Mayor and each council member is authorized to appoint one Commissioner subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council vote. Generally the Coachella Municipal Code states that all Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor, with approval by the City Council. Sub-section 2.23.010 of the Coachella Municipal requires all members of any Commission to be residents of the City.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

At the time that this staff report was written, the City Clerk had received the following 10 applications for Cultural and Arts Commissioners:

Maria Aceves

Yurema Arvizu

Keila Cupil

Javier Figueroa (1st choice Parks and Recreation, 2nd choice Cultural and Arts Commission)

Andrew Gallegos

Armando Lerma

Irene Ortiz

James Partida

Julio Ramirez

Jonathan Rivera

From the above list whose applications are currently on file with the City Clerk, the Mayor and City Council may consider appointments. The City Council may nominate one individual to serve on each city commission subject to appointment by the Mayor, with approval by the City Council and terms staggered to coincide with the City Council seats.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no direct fiscal impacts by appointment of Cultural and Arts Commissioners on the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 other than nominal costs for meals and training.

Attachments: Applications Received