Folsom City Council
Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	7/12/2022
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Appointment of At-Large Member to the Folsom Landscaping and Lighting District Advisory Committee to Represent the Willow Springs District
FROM:	City Clerk's Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff requests that the Mayor appoint Ajit Natu (with approval from the City Council) to the Folsom Landscaping and Lighting District Advisory Committee to represent the Willow Springs District for the term ending in December 2024.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

Folsom Municipal Code Chapter 16.56 establishes the Landscaping and Lighting District Advisory Committee (L&L Committee) and defines the Committee's purpose as helping to enhance the line of communication between city staff and elected/appointed city bodies. The citizens' committee may also make recommendations to the Landscaping and Lighting District Manager, the Community Development Director and the Public Works Director concerning the maintenance and associated costs to maintain and improve landscaping and lighting districts. The Committee is comprised of one person from each landscaping and lighting district. The members shall be registered voters and residents or owners within their respective landscaping and lighting district and serve for a period of four years.

POLICY/ RULE

Folsom Municipal Code Section 16.56.030(B) states that the mayor shall appoint each of the members, subject to the approval of the City Council.

ANALYSIS

The L&L Committee continues to have vacancies for certain districts, and staff maintains an open recruitment for these vacancies. One application has recently been received for the Willow Springs District vacant seat:

Staff has confirmed that the applicant's address is within the Willow Springs District and that the applicant is a registered voter and they are therefore eligible to be appointed.

ATTACHMENT

Application from Ajit Natu

Respectfully submitted,

Christa Freemantle, CMC
City Clerk

Folsom Commission and Committee
APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in serving on a Folsom commission or committee.

Before You Begin:
- Please read this form and instructions carefully.
- Complete all pages and sign the application.
- Applications remain active for six months after submittal.

Return completed applications to:
City Clerk's Department, Folsom City Hall, 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630

Applicant Information: (All information is required)

Name: Ajit Natu

Residence Address: [redacted] Folsom, CA, 95630

Email: ajitnatu@gmail.com

Phone: [redacted]

Employer and Occupation: IBM, Service

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee? If yes, please specify:

No

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification: Commission and Committee members must be residents and registered voters of Folsom.

Registered to vote? Indicate Yes / No Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training:

I understand that commission and committee members must file statements disclosing financial information. Indicate Yes / No: Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training. Indicate Yes / No: Yes

Truth and Accuracy: I certify that the information contained on this form is true and accurate:

Signature: Ajit D Natu Digitally signed by Ajit D Natu Date: 2022.06.23 10:19:36 -07'00' Date: 06/23/2022

Important Public Records Information: The city may receive requests from the public to review documents such as this form and the city is obligated to release these public records, including all information contained on the form.

FOLSOM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Applicant Name: Ajit Natu

Choice of Commission or Committee:
(If you are interested in multiple commissions, please rank them numerically according to your preference)

_____ Arts and Culture Commission

_____ Historic District Commission*

Please identify which seat you qualify for:

_____ representative who is actively involved with historic preservation
_____ representative who is a resident of the Historic District
_____ representative who owns a business within the Sutter Street Subarea
_____ Planning Commissioners
_____ representative from a Historic District business outside the Sutter Street Subarea
_____ architect, landscape architect, or other design professional with expertise in historic preservation

X Landscaping and Lighting District Advisory Committee*

Please advise which L&L District you live in:

District of Residence: Willow Springs Neighborhood

_____ Library Commission

_____ Parks and Recreation Commission

_____ Planning Commission

_____ Traffic Safety Committee*

Please identify which seat you qualify for:

_____ representative representing a wide cross section of interests
_____ representative who has demonstrated an interest in or a concern for pedestrian and bicycle safety

_____ Utility Commission

_____ Other: _____

***Application Supplement Required:**
Supplemental information is required for the Historic District Commission, Landscape and Lighting District Advisory Committee, and the Traffic Safety Committee. These boards have special qualification requirements for certain seats.

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FOLSOM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Applicant Name: Ajit Natu

Informational Questions: (you must answer all four questions, for all commissions or committees you are applying for):

1. Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee:

I am a Folsom Residence for last 15 years and I love Folsom. My goal is to help my city to be clean, beautiful, and improve the living of its residence and also importantly be mindful about the cost saving, unnecessary waste of energy and overall decor and functioning of the city, roads, road lighting that help traffic. Optimum lighting of the roads reduces risk of accidents.
At the same time, the City and neighborhoods should be clean where residents look forward to be on the road, feel pleasant while driving and walking, especially when children are accompanied. We teach children through our own action - and cleanliness, tidiness of roads is an indirect teaching.

2. What do you think is(are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee:

1. Optimum Road Lighting - When I go for a walk, agreed that City has taken lot of efforts to have roads lighted but still we encounter sudden portion of a longer road section that is dark which could be a risk to residents. It may due to light bulb worn out, damaged or not in place. Sometimes, I do observe that.
2. Adequate lighting and proper signals and stop signs, speed breakers help the traffic flow but more importantly the safety of residents and reducing the accidents. I understand the analysis must be done to evaluate if a STOP sign is needed or signal is needed or a speed breaker is needed but depending on the traffic, location, it proves to be a safety and a good investment because even one life saved is worth the expenses.
3. Landscaping is very important though not many people realize it. A broken sprinkler can waste lot of water and can cause annoyance to the people who walk by. City workers may not be able to cover every small area for such observation and this is where the Activist or volunteers help as they can report such occurrences more easily and promptly. In today's day and age where water is scarce and fear of drought is around. such local help is advisable and it is a great initiative by City to name such volunteers. Some residents have sprinklers every day, multiple times and over watering is done which also can be reported back.

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3. Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee:

I am very active in social life; I have been involved in the local Indian Association of Sacramento (IAS) for last 17 years and was its President and currently the Chairman, board of trustee. We serve the local community, invite local civil leadership to our events and I have attended several city meetings to see how the working is. Why I am saying this? To show that I am a concerned US citizen, a proud Folsom resident who have been doing work in social arena and want to improve the living standards of the locality. From time to time, I observe few items that I described above (such as lights not adequate or sprinkler issues etc), and I always wanted to do something about it. With this position, I will be able to be the medium to take the local issues to the city, I will be the 'can-do-it' for the local neighborhood residents if they want to report any issues. I want to help them and the city. My experience in social arena and also my mindset, character to help entities where we live will come in handy and it does qualify me for this position.

4. Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

I have attended several City consul meetings at the City Hall. I was/am impressed how Folsom city consul works, very systematic, with all due diligence and mainly I enjoyed the question by citizens (I think each Tuesday). One of the meeting had one issue discussed about the need for Signals on Empire Ranch road. City had done such a thorough analysis, data-driven, accident records, money required and so on due to which the city leaders were able to judge the issue not just qualitatively but also quantitatively and take the decision based on real data. Today, when I drive on that road, I see why it was important to have signals (people used to drive at crazy speeds before). Though this is one example that has stuck in my mind but I enjoyed several such meetings. I attended such meetings out of self interest and to be a responsible Folsomite!

END OF APPLICATION FORM

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