



TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL

FROM: DEPUTY CITY CLERK DEBRA WOODS FOR MAYOR BREMAN AND COUNCILOR PURSER

DATE: MAY 7, 2024

AGENDA TEXT: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT – A request to approve the appointment of Leona Manuppella to the Arts and Culture Board to fulfill an unexpired term to expire in July of 2027

BACKGROUND

Arts & Culture Board member Justice Sweet Baker resigned from the Arts and Culture Board on April 8, 2024, thus creating a vacancy. Her term was due to expire in July of 2027.

On December 21, 2023, Leona Manuppella submitted her application for appointment to the Arts and Culture Board; however, there were no vacancies at the time. Staff sent Leona a letter explaining that her application would remain on file at the City Clerk’s Office in the event that a vacancy should arise.

On April 16, 2024, Mayor Breman and Council Liaison (at the time) Purser interviewed Ms. Manuppella.

Mayor Breman and Councilor Purser subsequently recommend the appointment of Leona Manuppella to the Arts and Culture Board to fulfill Justice Sweet Baker’s unexpired term to expire in July of 2027. If Ms. Manuppella is appointed, there will still be two (2) remaining vacancies on the Arts and Culture Board. One vacancy occurred when the City Council directed staff to remove Council Liaisons as voting members of the City’s Boards and Commissions. The other vacancy is due to the expiration of Nancy Patterson’s term in May of 2024 as she has informed staff she will not be seeking reappointment. Staff will continue to advertise these two vacancies.

It should be noted that with the appointment of Council Liaisons to Boards and Commissions on this agenda under Council Reports and Actions, Councilor Andrea Stolarczyk will be the Council Liaison to the Fruita Arts and Culture Board going forward.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Boards and Commissions provide valuable input to the City and help establish goals and objectives. They provide a link between citizens of Fruita and city government.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

1. Appoint Leona Manuppella to the Arts and Culture Board to fulfill an unexpired term to expire in July of 2027
2. Instruct staff to publish a notice of vacancy and repeat the interview process.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of Mayor Kincaid and Councilor Purser that the City Council by motion:

- **APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LEONA MANUPPELLA TO THE ARTS AND CULTURE BOARD TO FULFILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO EXPIRE IN JULY OF 2027**