



Item No. 8 Town of Atherton

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – REGULAR AGENDA

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER**

FROM: ANTHONY SUBER, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER/ CITY CLERK

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2022

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PARK AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

RECOMMENDATION

Review applicant for one (1) vacant seat on the Park and Recreation Committee for a term expiring June 2026.

BACKGROUND

Staff has conducted a continuous recruitment for vacant seats on several Town Committees. The Park and Recreation Committee received a resignation in August for a term set to expire in June 2026, this vacant seat was added to the recruitment. We currently have vacant seats on the following committees:

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (2 Vacancies)
2. Park and Recreation Committee (1 Vacancy)
3. Environmental Programs Committee (1 Vacancy)
4. Transportation Committee (1 Vacancy)

Park and Recreation Committee (1)

The Park and Recreation Committee has one (1) vacancy. The vacancy is the result of a member resignation and will be to fill a term expiring on June 30, 2026.

There was one (1) applicant for this opening.

· Robert Roeser

Appointment Process

The Park and Recreation Committee has only one applicant for the open seat. It is recommended that the Council consider the appointment to the Committee by making a motion for the

candidate and the City Clerk will conduct a roll call vote. If the candidate receives a majority vote the seat will be filled. If the candidate does not receive a majority vote the Council can direct staff to continue the recruitment for the vacant seat.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

GOAL ALIGNMENT

This Report and its contents are in alignment with the following Council Policy Goals:

- Goal Area B – Preserve Small Town Character and Quality of Life
- Goal Area E – Strengthen Community Engagement and Transparency

POLICY FOCUS

The Council is not obligated to appoint any of the candidates to any of the positions and may choose to extend the candidate recruitment process as it deems necessary. The Council reserves complete discretion in appointments.

Town Commissions and Committees represent a key component of civic engagement within the community. The participation of the members is a vital part of the Town's public engagement and review process. These groups have the ability to gather public input on an issue and provide feedback and recommendations to the City Council for consideration.

When evaluating applicants for Commissions and Committees, the City Council should consider the role of each committee, the amount of oversight needed, cost effectiveness, efficiency in decision-making, and the desire of the City Council for direct policy involvement on particular issues.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with this agenda item being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting in print and electronically. Information about the project is also disseminated via the Town's electronic News Flash and Atherton Online. There are approximately 1,200 subscribers to the Town's electronic News Flash publications. Subscribers include residents as well as stakeholders –to include, but be not limited to, media outlets, school districts, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, service providers (water, power, and sewer), and regional elected officials.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE FEEDBACK/REFERRAL

This item has not been before a Town Committee or Commission

ATTACHMENTS

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1. Park and Recreation Applicant
2. Commission and Committee Roster
3. Committee and Commission Governing Resolution