



STAFF REPORT

Date: May 13, 2015
To: Bryan H. Montgomery, City Manager
From: Libby Vreonis, City Clerk/Paralegal
Subject: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Oakley to Appoint a Representative to the Contra Costa County Library Commission for a Two-Year Term (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017)

Approved and Forwarded to City Council:


Bryan Montgomery, City Manager

FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE OAKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 26, 2015

Summary and Recommendation

The current term for the representative to the Contra Costa County Library Commission will expire June 30, 2015. Staff recommends the City Council review two applications submitted for the next two-year term and appoint a representative to the Contra Costa County Library Commission.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Background Information

The Contra Costa County Library Commission was established in 1991 to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian. The Library Commission is comprised of 29 members representing towns and cities in Contra Costa County, Contra Costa County, the Central Labor Council, the Contra Costa Council, the Contra Costa Community College District, the Superintendent of Schools, and the Friends Council. Members representing towns and cities are appointed by the town/city councils.

The term for the current appointee representing the City of Oakley on the Contra Costa Library Commission will expire June 30, 2015. Staff advertised for applicants through press releases, the City's website and FYI distribution to the City's Constant Contacts list. Staff also notified the current representative and alternate to re-apply. The upcoming term will extend from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 (a two-year term).

Staff received two applications which are attached to this report for the City Council's consideration. Both applicants have been invited to attend the Council meeting to be held May 26, 2015 should the City Council have any questions for the applicants. A list of potential questions will be provided to the City Council should it choose to interview the applicants.



Conclusion

Staff recommends the City Council review the two applications submitted and appoint a representative to the Contra Costa County Library Commission for the next two-year term.

Attachments

1. Applications submitted by Arthur Mijares and Arnold Fitzpatrick, Jr.
2. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Oakley to Appoint a Representative to the Contra Costa County Library Commission for a Two-Year Term (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017)

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BY:

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
BY THE OAKLEY CITY COUNCIL
TO THE
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION*
(Please Print Clearly)**

Name: ARTHUR MIJARES _____

Home Address: 504 BROOKS DRIVE _____
OAKLEY, CA 94561 _____

Mailing Address: _____
(if different) _____

Home Phone: (925) 679-9901 _____

Work Phone: (925) 852-3153 CELL _____

Fax: _____

E-Mail: arthur1209@att.net _____

Statement of interest in the position:
(Please attach additional pages as needed. Please use no more than 200 words.)

As you may know, I have served on various advisory committees throughout my years as a resident here in Oakley since moving to here in May 2004. These include Transportation, Alcohol & other Drugs and the Advisory Council on Aging. During my term on Transportation, East County was one of the prime issue on the agenda as well as Hwy 4 transfer of Hwy from 160 through the city which is now Main Street. Also the Plans for increasing Laurel Road to eventually becoming Oakley's main route with 6 lanes.

While with A&OD, we were active in stopping the legalization of Marijuana in our state as well getting information out to our communities' resources regarding alcohol, and drug abuse. My most recent service with the ACOA ended recently with my resignation after serving approx.

2 ½ years. During this time, I was able to assist in many issues regarding senior needs in our County as well as here in Oakley. I joined the Oakley Senior Citizens in their efforts to establish a stable Center here in Oakley which continues to be an on-going work. I was not able to complete all that I hoped to finish but was glad to contribute my support and also voted to extend this project to include our Veterans as co-partners and co-use of the building. I must admit that this assignment was the most difficult at both the county level and the city level. There were differences of opinions at the local level. Also that Oakley gets over looked at the county level. I did make sure that ACOA group knew we were here and working hard to achieve our local goals without support that is available in other cities (i.e. CC Café and other county supported programs located in more populated cities).

Today, my focus has changed to Library issues, hence, my application to once again offer to serve the City of Oakley on this committee. I am a member of the CCC Library and have visited many of the libraries in our county. I see the need for a new location for our city library (hopefully to our civil center area) and have participated in the fund-raising events to help get this started.

While attending college at SFSC, I worked in the library and over the years have developed a passion for its use and development for all citizens in our community (children through our Seniors).

With all this knowledge and experience on these advisory committees for and here in Oakley, I may some day run for City Council here in Oakley if I am still able. I do know, I have a heart to serve our community and assist wherever I am needed and called.

Qualifications:

(Please describe educational, work and other experience, which would make you a valuable addition to the Commission for which you are applying. Please use no more than 200 words.)

In addition to the above information, I have a background in computer technology while

I attended Diablo Valley College-2 yrs., BA Degree in Sociology from SFSC and 35 years of on-the-job with the State of CA in Counseling, working with physically, mentally, learning impaired citizens in their efforts in employment as well as learning to live, work and play in their communities. Also I was the office computer resource person. I worked in the library while attending SFSC, helped start libraries at two different small Christian Schools in Brentwood and Pittsburg. I make it a point to visit and use county libraries and have done so in the cities of Brentwood, Oakley, Pittsburg, the two Antioch libraries, Concord, Danville, Walnut Creek, Point Richmond and Los Medanos College.

Additional relevant comments:

Looking into the future, it will be important to see what is available to expand our local library facility. I understand that it takes finances and people who will serve towards these types of goals. An understanding of our County Library Commissions functions are vital to our local goals just as research is to a student or member of our community who is formulating a plan or even a business. My hope is for either me or someone else who wishes to serve our community step up and say, SEND ME, I WILL GO.

Date: 5-9-2015

Please return this application no later than 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2015 to:

City of Oakley
Libby Vreonis, City Clerk
3231 Main Street
Oakley, CA 94561
Phone: (925) 625-7013
Email: vreonis@ci.oakley.ca.us

***All information contained in this application is public data and will be made available for public review and copying for anyone requesting it, and may be posted on the website of the City of Oakley. All information in this application will be provided to the Oakley City Council in a public forum and will be reviewed in public. It will therefore be part of the public record. Although you are not legally required to provide any of the information requested in this application, the information may be needed to determine your suitability for appointment to the committee.**

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
BY THE OAKLEY CITY COUNCIL
TO THE
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION*
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MAY 12 2015

CITY OF OAKLEY

Name: ARNOLD FITZPATRICK, JR.

Home Address: 120 MIRA VISTA DR.
OAKLEY, CA. 94561-1554

Mailing Address:
(if different) _____

Home Phone: (415) 467-4998

Work Phone: (415) 467-4991

Fax: _____

E-Mail: ARNFITZ2000@JUNO.COM

Statement of interest in the position:

(Please attach additional pages as needed. Please use no more than 200 words.)

I HAVE A DEEP PASSION AND BELIEF THAT PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO SOCIETY IN GENERAL & INDIVIDUALS IN PARTICULAR. (FROM GOOGLE) LIBRARIES INSPIRE & EMPOWER. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. ALMOST ANYTHING CAN BE EXPLORED. THEY PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR INDIVIDUALS & FOR COMMUNITIES. AS THE ECONOMY STRUGGLES, MANY LIBRARIES ARE TRANSFORMING INTO JOB CENTERS. ONLINE JOB APPLICATION ASSISTANCE IS ONLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. HISTORICALLY, "ACCESS FOR ALL" IS WHAT DROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MOST PUBLIC LIBRARIES. THIS MISSION STILL RINGS TRUE TODAY. FOR MANY, THEIR LOCAL LIBRARY IS AN IMPORTANT SOURCE FOR FREE PUBLIC ACCESS TO COMPUTERS & THE INTERNET, IN THEIR

COMMUNITIES - AND FOR SOME, IT IS THEIR ONLY ACCESS. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IS OFTEN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER IN A WAY NO OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION CAN. YOU CAN HOLD A FORMAL MEETING, YOU CAN GATHER WITH COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS.

MORE JOBS, HIGHER PROPERTY VALUES, BETTER SCHOOLS, INCREASED WAGES... THE PUBLIC LIBRARY PLAY A ROLE IN ALL OF IT.

MANY STUDIES SUPPORT THE IDEA THAT DOLLARS SPENT ON LIBRARIES PROVIDE SOLID ECONOMIC RETURNS TO THE COMMUNITY.

Qualifications:

(Please describe educational, work and other experience, which would make you a valuable addition to the Commission for which you are applying. Please use no more than 200 words.)

- LOVE POETRY - WRITES POETRY, TWO POEMS IN VOLUME #4.
- "IN MT. DIABLO'S SHADOW" - SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF BRETTWOOD.
- U.S. AIR FORCE / 4 YRS • VALLEJO J.C. • CITY COLLEGE OF S.F.
- BUSINESS & ACCOUNTING • SKYLINE COLLEGE / SAN BRUNO.
- PARTNERSHIP IN SMALL BUSINESS FOR 7 YRS / LISTED ON DUNKIN & BRADSTREET • STRUCTURAL STEEL PAINT SUPERVISOR 7 YRS. • MENTOR OF YOUNG BOYS LIVING IN HUNTERS POINT (FOR 7 YRS) • TUTORED IN THE MISSION DISTRICT OF S.F.
- MEMBER OF THE INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION; UNITED RELIGIONS INITIATIVE (U.R.I.) 15 YRS.

A PASSION & BELIEF IN THE VALUE OF
LIBRARIES TO INDIVIDUALS, COMMUNITIES
& SOCIETY.

ATTENDED THE "CITY OF OAKLEY LEADERSHIP
ACADEMY."

Additional relevant comments:

I HAVE A SMALL CARBON FOOTPRINT.

Date: 11-MAY-2015

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLEY
TO APPOINT _____ TO THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
LIBRARY COMMISSION FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM
(JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017)**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Oakley that _____
to the Contra Costa County Library Commission for a two-year term (July 1, 2015
through June 30, 2017).

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City
Council of the City of Oakley held on the 26th day of May, 2015, by
Councilmember _____, who moved its adoption, which motion
being duly seconded by Councilmember _____, was upon voice
vote carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTION:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Doug Hardcastle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Libby Vreonis, City Clerk

Date