



Agenda Item C.1
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
Meeting Date: July 17, 2018

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Deborah S. Lopez, City Clerk

CONTACT: Liana Campos, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Commission Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Conduct candidate interviews for the Parks and Recreation Commission; and,
- B. Appoint one candidate to fill the remainder of the term of a vacant seat on the Parks and Recreation Commission, and one candidate to fill the vacant Student Commissioner term on the Commission.

BACKGROUND:

There are two vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission: one for the unexpired portion of a term ending January 2019; and, one to fill the vacant student member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is a seven member body with responsibility to provide citizens a platform to discuss the needs, opportunities and current offerings of parks and recreation activities in the City. Each Parks and Recreation commissioner is appointed by the City Council on an at large basis.

DISCUSSION:

On April 4, 2018, Jose Tolis notified staff that because he was graduating, he would be resigning from the Parks and Recreation Commission. On April 17, 2018, the City Council affirmed Councilmember Bennett's appointment of Anne Linn to the Planning Commission, which created a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission, as Ms. Linn had been serving as a Parks and Recreation commissioner. Accordingly, there is an opportunity for the Council to appoint two new commissioners, one to serve the unexpired portion of the term ending January 2019 left by Ms. Linn, and one to fill the vacant student position with a term of one year.

Requests for applications were published on Channel 19, the Monarch Press, The Independent and posted at various locations throughout the City, as well as, Dos Pueblos High School. The City received two applications for the student position from Nora Kelly and Julianna Ibarra (Attachments 1, and 2). Staff has confirmed interview times for these applicants. The City has received two applications from Claudia Dato and Richard Dennison for the regular position vacancy on the Commission (Attachments 3 and 4).

This agenda item allows the City Council the opportunity to conduct interviews and consider the appointment of the candidates. The table below lists the candidates and their interview scheduled times.

Scheduled Time	Candidates	Status
1:55 p.m.	Claudia Dato	Applicant
2:05 p.m.	Richard Dennison	Applicant
2:15 p.m.	Nora Kelly	Applicant – Student Member
2:25 p.m.	Julianna Ibarra	Applicant – Student Member

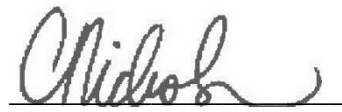
FISCAL IMPACTS:

There is no direct fiscal impact of the appointment of members to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The funding of \$2,100 for commission compensation is supported by the Neighborhood Services and Public Safety Department FY 2017/18 and 2018/19 budget in the Parks and Recreation Program (Program 6500).

ALTERNATIVES:

Council is under no obligation to make appointments at this time. Council could direct staff to reopen the recruitment and advertise for additional candidates.


Reviewed By:


Carmen Nichols
Deputy City Manager

Legal Review By:


Michael Jenkins
City Attorney

Approved By:


Michelle Greene
City Manager

Attachments:

1. Application Claudia Dato
2. Application Richard Dennison
3. Application Nora Kelly
4. Application Julianna Ibarra

Attachment 1:

Application Claudia Dato

Profile

Claudia

First Name

Dato

Last Name

Middle Initial

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Goleta

City

CA

State

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Employer

Job Title

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Parks and Recreation Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Do you reside in the City of Goleta?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

If yes, number of years in the City of Goleta:

3

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently serving on a City of Goleta Board, Commission or Committee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If your answer is yes, please specify.

Question applies to multiple boards

Specify your current or prior service on various boards, commissions or committees:

No prior service on boards or commission; however, I served as a staff liaison to the Goleta Parks & Recreation Commission, Grant Funding Review Committee and Fire Station 10 Ad Hoc Committee.

Question applies to multiple boards

Board Members/Commissioners are required to attend meetings on a regular basis. If appointed, will you be able to attend meetings regularly and devote the time necessary to fulfill your duties as a member?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

Do you or immediate family members have any relationship (professional, financial, other) that may present a potential conflict of interest for this board, committee or commission?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

If yes, please explain.

Not applicable

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

Why are you interested in serving on a board, commission or committee?

I am a resident of Goleta and have a strong interest in improving the quality of life for all Goleta residents. I feel I can make a difference because I care about what happens to and in this community.

Question applies to multiple boards

Describe your qualifications, experience, and education, and list any technical or professional requirements you have relative to the duties of the board, commission or committee to which you are applying.

I worked for the City of Goleta for 9 1/2 years, the last several as a Senior Project Manager. During this time, I worked on the redevelopment of Nectarine Park and the design of the Hollister/Kellogg Park, as well as components of the San Jose Creek Bike Path through my management of the CDBG program. I conducted numerous studies having to do with the Goleta Community Center, and wrote several grants which facilitated the acquisition of several open space parcels for the City.

Question applies to multiple boards

What are your goals in serving on the board, commission, or committee to which you are applying?

I would like to provide input on any remaining features of the Hollister/Kellogg Park, participate in the development of the Parks Master Plan, and upgrades to many of our local parks. I would like to provide guidance in the development of a community garden and help the City find a suitable location for a dog park. I would also like to provide input on additional development or upgrades to the Goleta Community Center.

Question applies to multiple boards

What civic and/or volunteer activities have you participated in? You may include past or present activities.

I worked in local government for nearly 30 years, predominantly at the City of Chico and City of Goleta, but also with Santa Barbara County, as a Land use planner or Project Manager. For my 9+ years with the City of Goleta I worked on capital projects including parks.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

List your relevant experience as it relates to your experience in parks and recreation activities.

I worked for the City of Goleta for 9 1/2 years, during which time I worked on the redevelopment of Nectarine Park and the design of the Hollister/Kellogg Park. I also wrote and obtained several grants to acquire several open space parcels adjoining Elwood Mesa. Additionally, I oversaw several studies on the Goleta Community Center and the Civic Center Feasibility Study.

Question applies to multiple boards

Have you obtained any memberships in professional organizations?

Former member of the American Planning Association (APA).

Upload a Resume

Question applies to multiple boards

How did you hear about the position?

I saw that the City Council appointed one of the Park Commissioners to the Planning Commission.

Question applies to multiple boards

Have you attended meeting(s) or viewed meetings on the City's website (<http://www.cityofgoleta.org/i-want-to/news-and-updates/government-meeting-agendas-and-videos>) for the board, commission, or committee for which you are applying?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Demographics

Question applies to multiple boards

All Demographic information is optional.

Ethnicity

☐ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☐ Female



Date of Birth

Question applies to multiple boards

Please Agree with the Following Statement

File a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700)

☒ I Agree

Question applies to multiple boards

Please Agree with the Following Statement

Completion of the Code of Ethics and AB1234 Ethics Training:

☒ I Agree

NOTES

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SELECT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

*SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST/SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER
CITY OF GOLETA, 2008-2018*

Manage high profile capital projects (e.g. new fire station); manage CDBG and City Grant Programs; oversee property acquisitions; manage multiple contracts and consultants including invoicing and budgeting; perform grant writing; and manage other special projects on an as needed basis. Specific park related experience includes development of the Hollister/Kellogg Park, redevelopment of Nectarine Park, the Recreation Needs Assessment, special studies for the Goleta Community Center, and the Civic Center Feasibility Study.

GRANT WRITING EXPERIENCE (9 1/2 YEARS)

CITY OF GOLETA

Grant Applications: (Unless otherwise noted, acted as sole grant writer)

*California State Parks Proposition 84 (Prop 84) Grant
California State Parks Recreational Trails Grant
California State Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) Grant – Trails Category
California State Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) Grant – Riparian Habitat Category
Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) Grant
Davenport Institute Public Engagement Grant*

Examples of successful grant applications—funding awarded:

*\$910,000 Prop 84 Grant for Hollister/Kellogg Park
\$65,000 CREF Grant
\$58,750 CREF Grant
\$65,000 Habitat Conservation Fund Grant—Trails Category
\$10,000 Public Engagement Grant*

PROGRAMMATIC GRANT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE (9 1/2 YEARS)

*Community Development Block Grant Program
Municipal Grant Program for Area Non-Profits*

SPECIAL SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS

- ◆ Excellent writing abilities, organized, dependable, hard-working, reliable, responsive and punctual/timely
- ◆ Ability to communicate effectively and work productively with others
- ◆ Highly dedicated to working diligently, completing tasks satisfactorily, and exceeding all performance goals
- ◆ Proficient in corporate, foundation, nonprofit and government grants and proposals
- ◆ Superior attention to details and deadlines
- ◆ Diligent and tenacious researcher

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Attachment 2:

Application Richard Dennison



GOLETA

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

CITY OF GOLETA
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
GOLETA, CA 93117
P-(805) 961-7505/F-(805) 685-2635

Name: RICHARD DENNISON

Members:

The Parks and Recreation Commission shall be composed of seven (7) members. One members shall be a student (15 years or older).

Relevant experience/Background:

(Note: A Supplemental Questionnaire needs to be submitted, and one additional page of information, i.e. a resume, may be submitted)

Education: PORTLAND STATE COLLEGE

Present occupation:

SEMI-RETIRED

Memberships in organizations:

ELKS CLUB

Experience on policy-making boards, commissions or leadership roles:

41 continuous years of running my own successful media distribution (TV, movies) company.

Reasons why you believe you should be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission:

- (1) Bring a mature, collaborative, nonpolitical voice to the Commission with a common-sense approach to prioritizing projects and funding that merge into the needs, requirements and desires of our Goleta community.
- (2) Bring creative ideas to the Commission including encouraging and utilizing our local individuals and businesses to provide donated contributions to our Parks and Recreation Department's developments. See attached.

Note: All appointees must file Statements of Economic Interest per State Law.

Date Received _____ Date distributed to Mayor and Council _____

(If appointed)

Nominated by _____

Date _____

Term expires _____

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

a. List your relevant experience as it relates to your experience in parks and recreation activities

Individually responsible for creating and operating senior's bowling tournaments for 120 participants, including marketing, advertising, scoring and follow on publicity. Also organized multiple neighborhood golf and pool tournaments.

Strong advocate and voice for concerns of pet owners relative to our Commission's park plans. Traveled twice to New Orleans for Animal Relief volunteer work after Katrina Hurricane receiving letter of commendation from Humane Society of United States.

Free-lance writer as a hobby with various published works (non-fiction) on golf, fishing and race cars including novelty golf book (Just Fore Laughs) and front page article in SB News Press. (Available upon request.)

Long time participant in various Parks and Recreation activities and local sports including softball, golf, etc.

There is limited senior citizen representation on the current P&R Commission. I offer a very necessary voice for the mature segment of our community who want the opportunity to utilize our Parks and Recreation facilities.

- ☒ Senior citizen perspective and voice. ☒ Businessman's perspective and voice.
☒ Creative, cost effective ideas for enhancing P&R's effectiveness.

ALL THREE BOXES CHECKED!



Doggone it, that's a good place to sit

— Dave Mason

September 6, 2017 6:09 AM

Chico, Richard and Kim Dennison's 7-year-old Maltese poodle mix, relaxes on the dog bone-shaped bench the Goleta couple donated to Tucker's Grove Park, 805 San Antonio Creek Road, Goleta. The Santa Barbara County Parks Division recently installed the bench at the park, where Mr. and Mrs. Dennison like to take their rescue dog. "The dedication plaque reads 'For the love of dogs, donated by Richard and Kim Dennison,' " Mr. Dennison told the News-Press. "We both love dogs and have had dogs over the years. We thought it would be a nice thing to do."

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Attachment 3:

Application Nora Kelly

Profile

Nora

First Name

A

Middle Initial

Kelly

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Goleta

City

CA

State

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Employer

Job Title

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Parks and Recreation Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Do you reside in the City of Goleta?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

If yes, number of years in the City of Goleta:

3

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently serving on a City of Goleta Board, Commission or Committee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If your answer is yes, please specify.

Question applies to multiple boards

Specify your current or prior service on various boards, commissions or committees:

I currently service on the Dos Pueblos Nutrition Task Force. We are a group of campus and community leaders that discuss how to make healthy and nutritious food options available to all students regardless of financial status. Our goal is to help encourage students in making healthy choices when it comes to the food that we eat, which is a major part of the discussion at our monthly meetings. I joined this committee because I have passion for giving back to the community, starting by helping the students on my own campus in any way I can.

Question applies to multiple boards

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

Do you or immediate family members have any relationship (professional, financial, other) that may present a potential conflict of interest for this board, committee or commission?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

If yes, please explain.

N/A

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

Why are you interested in serving on a board, commission or committee?

As a student, our voices are often underrepresented. Many people believe that what we have to offer to the conversation is not important or not significant enough. So why I am interested in in serving on a commission? It's simple, I believe students including myself add an extremely important and new point of view, and I enjoy being able to share my own unique perspectives, especially on the leadership level. However, I only hold that kind of passion for the causes that I personally value in my own life, which includes parks and recreation. At least once a week, when I am either stressed out by math homework or an upcoming test, I take a walk to clear my head. Usually by the end of my walk I end up in Bella Vista Park, where I lay back in the grass and listen to my music or try and draw some of the pine trees in my sketchbook. It has become a place for me to unwind and relax in the midst of hectic school week, and is now something I could not live with out. For that reason, I especially would love to be a part of the Parks and Recreation Commission and give back to an aspect of my life I really enjoy.

Question applies to multiple boards

Describe your qualifications, experience, and education, and list any technical or professional requirements you have relative to the duties of the board, commission or committee to which you are applying.

A large part of my involvement on campus is in leadership positions or extracurricular activities. After being accepted into The Image Yearbook Staff as the only freshman last year and demonstrating my strong work ethic and enthusiasm, I was appointed the current portraits editor on the editorial team. Now as an editor, I manage the entire portraits section of our book, work closely with school administration and help run a class of thirty one students. In addition, I am also a two year varsity member of Dos Pueblos's highly recognized mock trial team, winning several awards and honors at our various tournaments. Through my work with these two major programs, I have learned to become a stronger leader and an expert in time management, to say the least.

Question applies to multiple boards

What are your goals in serving on the board, commission, or committee to which you are applying?

I want to help expand and preserve the parks and habitats that make Goleta so special. One of the projects that I have been paying close attention to is the Ellwood Mesa Trail and Habitat Restoration Project. I want to help in any way that I can to make sure that areas such as the Ellwood Mesa are getting the attention and proper restoration that they need. Areas like these are what sets Goleta apart, and in being on this commission, I want to add to the effort in ensuring that these beautiful parks and trails remain their very best, because at the end of the day, these are not just parks, they are a part of our community!

Question applies to multiple boards

What civic and/or volunteer activities have you participated in? You may include past or present activities.

Since I was in sixth grade, I have been volunteering with a non-profit medical organization, Medical Missions for Children, that goes to Cuzco, Peru and restores cleft lips and palates for children in need. I have been able to assist doctors and nurses in this process and help create one more smile at a time. At the start of this school year, I began volunteering as an academic mentor. I work closely with several students in a class period who are falling behind in their academics. I tutor all subjects; at its core, I train students to improve their work ethic and study habits so that I can help them reach success in high school and beyond.

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

List your relevant experience as it relates to your experience in parks and recreation activities.

I have not yet been involved with any commissions or activities that relate to parks and recreation in specific. However, I believe with the strong passion I have for the parks in Goleta, joining this commission would be a great place for me to grow as a leader in this field.

Question applies to multiple boards

Have you obtained any memberships in professional organizations?

I have been a consistent member with the National Honors Society. This is a membership that is given to students who demonstrate strong academic and leadership abilities in high school.

Upload a Resume

Question applies to multiple boards

How did you hear about the position?

My brother was going to submit an application to this spot last year, however after becoming the Editor-In-Chief and mock trial Team Captain, he was not able to commit the time to this position. However, knowing my rather open schedule, he recommended that I apply this year, which I am glad he did.

Question applies to multiple boards

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Demographics

Question applies to multiple boards

All Demographic information is optional.

Ethnicity

☐ Other

Gender

☐ Female

Date of Birth

Question applies to multiple boards

Please Agree with the Following Statement

File a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700)

☒ I Agree

Question applies to multiple boards

Please Agree with the Following Statement

Completion of the Code of Ethics and AB1234 Ethics Training:

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Question applies to multiple boards

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Attachment 4:

Application Julianna Ibarra

Profile

Julianna

First Name

J

Middle Initial

Ibarra

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

goleta

City

CA

State

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Employer

Job Title

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Public Engagement Commission: Submitted

Parks and Recreation Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Do you reside in the City of Goleta?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

If yes, number of years in the City of Goleta:

4

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you currently serving on a City of Goleta Board, Commission or Committee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If your answer is yes, please specify.

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Question applies to multiple boards

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None

Question applies to multiple boards

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

Do you or immediate family members have any relationship (professional, financial, other) that may present a potential conflict of interest for this board, committee or commission?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

If yes, please explain.

None

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

Why are you interested in serving on a board, commission or committee?

Yes very

Question applies to multiple boards

Describe your qualifications, experience, and education, and list any technical or professional requirements you have relative to the duties of the board, commission or committee to which you are applying.

Refer to upload

Question applies to multiple boards

What are your goals in serving on the board, commission, or committee to which you are applying?

To improve the city

Question applies to multiple boards

What civic and/or volunteer activities have you participated in? You may include past or present activities.

Refer to pdf

Question applies to Parks and Recreation Commission

List your relevant experience as it relates to your experience in parks and recreation activities.

None

Question applies to multiple boards

Have you obtained any memberships in professional organizations?

No

Upload a Resume

Question applies to multiple boards

How did you hear about the position?

From a teacher

Question applies to multiple boards

Have you attended meeting(s) or viewed meetings on the City's website (<http://www.cityofgoleta.org/i-want-to/news-and-updates/government-meeting-agendas-and-videos>) for the board, commission, or committee for which you are applying?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Demographics

Question applies to multiple boards

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Ethnicity

☐ Other

Gender

☐ Female



Date of Birth

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Julianna ibarra

Some of my interests are politics,volunteering and basketball. Eventually when i grow up i want to be president of the united states. I've done over 200 hrs of community service an im a jr at Dos Pueblos high school some of the places i've volunteered at are Goleta boys and girls club, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Santa barbara city college, jr Diabetes walk, santa barbara harbor, goleta head start, community center thanksgiving, children's fiesta parade with the IV youth project and etc