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Commissions Interviews

Updated Attachment A –
Interview Schedule for January 30,
2023 reflecting a correction to the
recommended Arts & Culture
appointment terms

Desk Item

COMMISSION INTERVIEW SCHEDULE Monday, January 30, 2023

1/31/2023

HOUSING COMMISSION				
1 available seat (residency requirement for four out of five members; Business representative must be from a Cupertino-based business)				
	Time	Name	Candidates Other	Notes:
1	5:40 PM	Tejesh Mistry	Planning	
2	5:47 PM	Connie Cunningham		Incumbent
		Vote for 1 full term ending 1/30/27 and any alternates		

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION				
3 available seats (residency requirement for all five members)				
	Time	Name	Candidates Other Choice	Notes:
1	5:54 PM	Jack Carter		Incumbent
2	6:01 PM	Bala Ram		
3	6:08 PM	Ravi Sapaharam		
4	6:15 PM	Rani Agrawal	Arts & Culture	
5	6:22 PM	Sunder Narayanan	Parks & Rec	
6	6:29 PM	John Zhao	Planning	
7	6:36 PM	Jennifer Shearin	Parks & Rec	
8	6:43 PM	Seema Lindskog	Planning	
9	6:50 PM	Herve Marcy		
10	6:57 PM	Joel Wolf		
11	7:04 PM	Sreekanth (Sree) Bhaskar	TICC	
12	7:11 PM	Ravi Kumar	TICC	
	7:18 PM	10 minute break		
		Vote for 3 full terms ending 1/30/27 and any alternates		

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION				
3 available seats (residency requirement for three out of five members)				
	Time	Name	Candidates Other Choice	Notes:
1	7:28 PM	Mehnaz Heda	TICC	withdrew
2	7:35 PM	Bijoya Saha		Zoom ?
3	7:42 PM	Rani Agrawal	Bike Ped	Zoom
4	7:49 PM	Latha Subramanian		
5	7:56 PM	Kiran Varshneya ROHRA		
6	8:03 PM	David Wang	Parks & Rec	
7	8:10 PM	Dana Ford	Planning	
	8:17 PM	5 minute break		
		Vote for 3 full term ending 1/30/27 and any alternates		
		Vote for 1 partial term ending 1/30/25 to fill vacancy from Commissioner Madhusudan Tare; and		
		Vote for 2 full terms ending 1/30/27 and any alternates		

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TICC COMMISSION				
3 available seats (residency requirement for all five members)				
	Time	Name	Candidates Other Choice	Notes:
1	8:22 PM	Manjari Asawa	Planning	
2	8:29 PM	Naidu Bollineni		Incumbent
3	8:36 PM	Prabir Mohan		Incumbent
4	8:43 PM	Mukesh Garg		Incumbent
5	8:50 PM	Mehnaz Heda	Arts & Culture	withdrew
6	8:57 PM	Gopal Kumarappan	Parks & Rec	ZOOM
7	9:04 PM	Sanjiv Kapil	Planning	
8	9:11 PM	Sreekanth (Sree) Bhaskar	Bike Ped	
9	9:18 PM	Emma Shearin		
10	9:25 PM	Ravi Kumar	Bike Ped	
		Vote for 3 full terms ending 1/30/27 and any alternates		

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Commission Interviews

Written Communications

From: [Jean Bedord](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Cupertino City Manager's Office](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Commission appointments - Jennifer Shearin for Parks & Recreation / Bicycle Pedestrian Commissions
Date: Monday, January 30, 2023 12:29:43 AM

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Honorable Mayor Hung Wei, Vice-Mayor Sheila Mohan and Councilmembers

It is my pleasure to strongly recommend Jennifer Shearin as a commissioner for both the Parks and Recreation Commission and Bicycle Pedestrian Commission for the city of Cupertino.

As a long time resident of Cupertino, I was introduced to Jennifer when she started attending city council meetings and advocating for bicycle improvements in the city to improve quality of life for our residents from school-age students to seniors. I was impressed by her leadership and community engagement for these efforts, as well as her involvement in the advocacy group Walk Bike Cupertino.

Jennifer is deeply engaged with all age groups in her faith community, and is particularly familiar with the needs of seniors, which fall under the purview of Parks and Recreation with the Senior Center. She has served as chair of St. Jude's Governing Board, which demonstrates recognition of her leadership skills. Her insight into the needs of seniors is a valuable contribution as Parks and Recreation needs to adjust to our aging population, with approximately one-third of households in Cupertino having a resident over the age of 60. Parks and Rec could also benefit from better cost-benefit decision making, and Jennifer's MBA degree and oversight of church finances provide a good background for making improvements. In addition, she has an automotive engineering degree so can understand the technical details.

Jennifer has been actively engaged in recent civic projects, from providing input to the Housing Element, supporting the Westport project, chairing Festivals, and making recommendations for Memorial Park and newly acquired Lawrence-Mitty Park.

I've been impressed by Jennifer's energy and commitment to volunteering. She has been a stellar volunteer for school PTAs, Girl Scouts, and Tournament of Bands. Now that her daughters have graduated from high school, she has time to contribute that same energy to the broader community through service on city wide organizations.

For these reasons, I recommend appointing Jennifer to one of these commissions, so our city can benefit from her leadership.

Warm regards,
Jean Bedord
Cupertino resident

From: [Richard Lowenthal](#)
To: [City Clerk](#); [City Council](#)
Cc: [R](#)
Subject: Commission Recommendation
Date: Monday, January 30, 2023 10:04:04 AM

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Dear Honorable Councilmembers and Mayor Wei,

I am writing in strong support of Jennifer Shearin's application to be a commissioner for the City of Cupertino on either the Parks and Recreation Commission or on the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission. I have worked with Jennifer on several local projects and have followed her extensive efforts and advocacy toward a more livable Cupertino.

It is abundantly clear that Jennifer is passionate about her work to improve her local community. She has been a tireless advocate for improved access to our parks and for adding new trails and safe biking spaces to our city, both highly desired by Cupertino residents. After walking the pathway for what would eventually be the Linda Vista trail, she successfully spearheaded advocacy efforts to build the trail with the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail and with fellow Walk-Bike Cupertino Board members. The Linda Vista trail now connects Linda Vista Park with McClellan Ranch, increasing park connectivity and recreational possibilities for Cupertino residents significantly.

I have been impressed with how much Jennifer has accomplished in our community since moving to Cupertino a bit over ten years ago. She has a clear record of leadership on local non-profits, on community organizations, as a former commissioner and for large local events. People enjoy working with her and will go the extra mile because they feel empowered and inspired by her vision. She cares about her community and truly listens to fellow residents about their concerns, while still making the tough decisions when needed.

Much of the work that Jennifer has completed will be enjoyed by future Cupertino residents. One notable example is the Regnart Creek Trail (RCT). Without her personal and tireless input and advocacy efforts over many years, it would never have been built. The RCT, soon to open, will connect three city parks and boasts a multitude of other benefits for the community including increased healthy recreation and a connection to protected bike lanes to increase transportation sustainability. Local residents are eagerly awaiting its opening.

I have every confidence that Jennifer is the best candidate for the Parks and Recreation Commission or the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission in 2023. I strongly encourage you to appoint her. This appointment will give her a new opportunity to continue her hard work on behalf of all residents and, in turn, she will be a great asset to these commissions.

Sincerely,

Richard Lowenthal
former Mayor of Cupertino

Sent from my iPhone

VIA EMAIL OUTLOOK ^{Sep 8, 2022} (Nov 1, 2022 confirmed)
Memorandum

To: Cupertino City Council

From: Housing Commission

Subject: Housing Commission has identified opportunities for the Housing Commission to contribute to the Housing Element Update such as discussing affordable housing strategies, funding sources and discussing and planning potential joint meetings with other legislative bodies, and to continue this item to a future Housing Commission meeting."

Housing Commission attended 2 joint sessions with Planning Commission to discuss the selection of Sites for Tier 1 & Tier 2 for City Council.

In addition, the Housing Commission discussed its responsibility as per Cupertino Muni Code 2.86.100 item A

- A. To assist the Planning Commission and the City Council in developing housing policies and strategies for implementation of general plan housing element goals;
- B. To recommend policies for implementation and monitoring of affordable housing projects;
- C. To facilitate innovative approaches to affordable housing development and to generate ideas and interest in pursuing a variety of housing options;
- D. When requested by the Director of Community Development or the City Council, to make recommendations to the Planning Commission and the City Council regarding affordable housing proposals in connection with applications for development including, but not limited to, recommendations for possible fee waivers, other incentives, the number and type of affordable units and the target groups to be served. Any referral to the Housing Commission shall be limited to consideration of affordable housing proposals which exceed normal housing requirements under the applicable provisions of the City's general plan or ordinances related thereto;

The Housing Commission will consider inviting Non-Profit Groups to present to the Housing Commission their goals, process and suggestions in order for the Housing Commission to propose policies and strategies to City Council and Planning commission related to

- i) actively providing funding assistance for affordable housing,
- ii) actively working on renter protection for current residents with the goal of no displacement with verification of vacancies so there are no displacements and no unauthorized increase in rent,
- iii) actively working on preservation of existing affordable housing for lower-and middle-income residents.

In order to support City Council in the HE process, we will add to our agenda the discussion of policies and ideas for items B. & C. to further support and promote affordable housing projects.

Tessa Parish

Housing Commission Chair