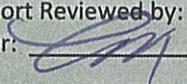


Agenda Report Reviewed by:
City Manager: 

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: April 3, 2018
To: Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers
From: City Administration
Subject: Approval of Appointment for Candidate for the Citizen’s Seat on the County-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC)
Recommendation : That the Council Appoint Steven Levenberg to the Citizen’s Seat on the County-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC)
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No XX N/A
Net General Fund Cost: N/A
Amount: \$0

INTRODUCTION: This item is to request that the City Council Approve the Appointment for Candidate for the Citizen’s Seat on the County-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC)

BACKGROUND:
The Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee’s (CBPAC) purpose is to provide technical assistance to the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) related to bicycle and pedestrian planning and funding. The CBPAC meetings serve as a forum for the exchange of information about bicyclist and pedestrian issues and to coordinates efforts countywide. The membership of the CBPAC is designated as up to twenty (20) members, based on the ten (10) jurisdictions of Sonoma County (the County and its nine city/town entities). Each jurisdiction may appoint a staff person and a resident representative. The Committee meets approximately 6 times per year (every 2 months), additional meetings may be scheduled, or meetings cancelled according to need. The meetings start at 1:30 pm and are located the Sonoma County Transportation Authority, SCTA Large Conference Room located at 490 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 206, in Santa Rosa. Meetings are open to the public. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 27, 2018.

DISCUSSION:
At the City Council Meeting of January 16, 2018, the City Council discussed the vacancy on the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC) and authorized City staff to recruit for this vacancy.

The City Clerk noticed the vacancy in the Sonoma West Time and News, City Hall Bulletin Board and various other media outlets on several separate occasions and received one application from Steven Levenberg (application attached).

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council Approve the Appointment for Candidate for the Citizen's Seat on the County-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC).

Attachment:
Application (Levenberg)

Contact Information

KCVA - 2/27/2018

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Closed every Friday

Instructions:

Use this form to apply to serve on any of the City of Sebastopol's Boards, Committees or Commissions. Please complete the entire form. If a question does not apply, please note as not applicable. Please deliver completed form, by the date and time due, to the City Clerk. All applications will be reviewed by the City Council. Please note your information will not be made public unless otherwise indicated. If appointed, you have a choice whether you wish to have your contact information made public.

Name: Steven E Levenberg

Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:

4 Kobl... Sebastopol, CA 95472

Home Phone Number: 707

If appointed, do you want this number to be available to the public?
Yes No

Work Phone Number: _____

If appointed, do you want this number to be available to the public?
Yes No

Facsimile Number: _____

If appointed, do you want this number to be available to the public?
Yes No

E-Mail Address: levenberg@sonic.net

If appointed, do you want this address to be available to the public?
Yes No

Are you a registered voter in Sebastopol?

Please Initial Each Page: SL

If so, for how long? 20 yrs

Do you hold a current business license from the City of Sebastopol?

Yes No

If so, for how long? _____

Board, Commission, or Committee being applied for? County-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC)

**For Design Review Board Applicants:
Design Review Board Supplemental Questions:
Which Category are you Applying For?**

Category A

- Licenses Architect
- Licensed Landscape Architect

Category B

- Licenses Architect
- Licensed Landscape Architect
- Unlicensed Building Designer
- Licensed Building Contractor
- Landscape Contractor

Category C

- Any Applicant Not in Category A or Category B

Category D

- Any Applicant from Category A or who possesses a particular expertise in the area of design, land use patterns, urban development or other related fields to serve at any meeting or on any matter in the absence of a Board member, or in the event a member has a conflict of interest.

Have you attended a meeting of this body? When?

No _____

Have you served on, interviewed for, or applied for this body previously?

Yes No

If so, when? _____

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Present Employer, Address & City & State _____

Job Title: D.O. Family Medicine

Have you previously served on any governmental bodies or held elected office? If so please list position held and dates:

No

Please list civic or charitable organization to which you belong or have belonged:

Sebastopol World Friends
Santa Rosa Cycling Club
Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition
West Sonoma County Historical Society

Have you been an officer in any of these organizations? If so, please list position held and dates:

No

What special interests, skills and talents would you bring to this board, commission, or committee?

- Recreational cyclist and bike commuter.
- Avid city walker and hiker.
- Reasonable temperament and no strong personal agenda.
- Comfortable assimilating varied perspectives and information to seek consensus.

Please list any college, professional or vocational schools you have attended with major subject studied, dates and any earned degrees:

-BA, St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA. Integral Liberal Arts 1974
-DO Doctor of Osteopathy, Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. 1984

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Please list any special awards or recognition you have received:

Physician of the Year, Sutter Medical Group of the Redwoods. 2003

Please state why you would like to become a member of this board, commission or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this body:

I do not have any strong personal agenda in considering my role as a member of this group beyond trying to find opportunities to make Sonoma County a community which is more friendly and accessible to cyclists and pedestrians. As a representative from Sebastopol, I would see my role as trying to represent the diverse opinions of Sebastopol's citizens and the City itself regarding these issues and bringing information to the Council and City staff as appropriate. I think that I could balance and represent even views with which I might personally disagree to achieve consensus that serves the common good, recognizing that this is an advisory committee, not a decision making body.

Are you associated with any organization/employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?

Yes No

If yes, please state name of organization/employment: _____

City policy directs all appointed, advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest such as property ownership near a project, or a financial relationship with the applicant. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such a conflict arises?

Yes No

How did you hear about this opening?

County information and City mailing.

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Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?

While I have not served on governmental bodies, which I may find challenging in its own peculiar way, during the course of my 30+ year professional career I was deeply involved in both active clinical practice but also in medical group, hospital, and regional health system administration, so I am comfortable with the ways of bureaucratic committee activity.

Applicant's Signature: 

Applicant's Name (PLEASE PRINT): Steven E Levenberg

Date: 2/26/2018

PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS BELOW AND SUBMIT WITH THE APPLICATION:

What do you think qualifies you to be appointed to this board/committee/commission?

- Long-time involvement as a Sonoma County cyclist and pedestrian.
- Stable, even-handed temperament.
- No personal agenda beyond a robust, highly functional bicycle and pedestrian county-wide infrastructure and policy.

Are there particular issues you think the board/committee/commission should concentrate on?

- Identification of an ideal state for bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure.
- Recognition of what's currently in place.
- Realistic recommendation to the County and Cities regarding what projects to pursue that have both high value/priority and high feasibility.
- Interface with other organizations in the community to raise awareness and support for these issues.

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How should community comments be integrated into the board/committee/commission decision-making process?

Written comments would be most efficient, but there is also a role for spoken word comment when particular issues are in the works. I would also expect that there will be some responsibility on the part of Committee members to seek input from the citizens of their particular constituency.

If appointed, how would you handle it if another board/committee/commission member vehemently disagrees with your comments on a regular basis?

This happens in life. I would probably try to seek more information about the source of their disagreement and alternatives so that we could seek consensus. If it becomes a regular or unreasonable occurrence, I might seek the help of the committee chair in brokering a better process of interaction.

How would you handle a situation where a proposal comes before your board/committee/commission that the City staff finds consistent with City policies and standards, but that you personally do not support?

In that situation, I think that the City policies supersede my personal views. I suppose there could be a situation in which I felt that the issue was so critically important that I might have to put aside my committee responsibility in order to advocate for the more important issue.

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