


Agenda Report Reviewed by:
City Manager: 

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date: September 7, 2021
To: Honorable City Councilmembers
From: City Administration
Subject: **Appointment:** Consideration of Appointment to Fill the Vacancy (Remaining Term) Due to Resignation for the Position on the Sonoma County Library Commission for a Representative from Sebastopol (Current Rep: Joel Neuberg - Term Ends July 31, 2022)
Recommendation : That the City Council Discuss Appointment
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No XX N/A
Net General Fund Cost:
Amount: \$

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

INTRODUCTION: This item is to request that the City Council Discuss Appointment to Fill the Vacancy (Remaining Term) Due to Resignation for the Position on the Sonoma County Library Commission for a Representative from Sebastopol (Current Rep: Joel Neuberg - Term Ends July 31, 2022).

BACKGROUND:
The Sonoma County Library was established in 1975 with a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). In 2014 a JPA Review Committee with representatives from the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors as well as from city councils of each incorporated city within Sonoma County completed a two-year review process and approved the First Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for the County-Wide Provision of Library Services by the Sonoma County Library. The city councils of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma and Windsor, along with the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors each appoint a library commissioner. The City of Santa Rosa and the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors also jointly appoint one library commissioner for a total of an eleven-member governing board.

At the May 20, 2014 Sebastopol City Council Meeting, the City Council approved the Amended Sonoma County Library Joint Powers Agreement and gave direction to staff to begin the application process. Applicants need not be a resident of the City but may be appointed from the City, Sebastopol Greater Area or any other location within Sonoma County. The first Library Commissioner (Helena Whistler) was appointed by the City of Sebastopol City Council for a 4-year term beginning August 2014 through July 2018. Stephen Zollman was appointed to succeed Helena Whistler in 2018 for a four-year term ending 2022. Mr. Neuberg was appointed to fill out the remainder of Mr. Zollman’s term who resigned from this position in 2019.

The Commission generally meets monthly, with additional special meetings as needed. Each commissioner is liaison to a Library Advisory Board (LAB), attending LAB meetings and participating in an ex-officio capacity. Commissioners may be asked by the Chair to participate in one of the library commission’s committees (advocacy, finance, director evaluation, etc.). Committees generally meet monthly and make recommendations to the

Commission on various policy matters. Commissioners are encouraged to regularly liaison and to report annually to their appointing authority.

DISCUSSION:

Earlier in the evening the City Council conducted an interview for a member the community fill out the remaining term of office as the City of Sebastopol Representative on the Sonoma County Library Commission until July 31, 2022.

Name of Applicant

Fred Engbarth

The item tonight is to discuss appointment to this opening.

Goals:

5.1. Expand and Encourage Community Involvement in the Government Process by Increasing the Public's Understanding of local Government Operations and Increasing Interaction with Elected Officials
General Plan Goal CSF 6, policy SCF 6-1, Continue to maximize public participation in local government actions and maintain excellent levels of City government services.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council:

1. Make Appointment to the opening on the Sonoma County Library Commission
2. Re-open Recruitment; or
3. Postpone recruitment to future recruitment date

Attachment:

None