



SUBJECT: Poet Laureate Stipend and Nominated Applicants

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

STAFF: Lindsay Pinell, Recreation Supervisor

TITLE/RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending that the Arts Commission receive this informational staff report, discuss the topic of a possible stipend for future Poet Laureates and the possibility of changing the application process to include nominated candidates as proposed by Commissioner Grejsen and provide staff with further direction on this item, as well as discuss the current candidate application and interview of Maria Denney from the October 2024 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact related to the discussion at this time.

BACKGROUND

The Poet Laureate in the City of Brentwood is filled through a formal application process, followed by an interview with the Arts Commission. Upon completion, a recommendation for appointment is presented to the City Council for approval. Established in 2002, the Poet Laureate serves a two-year term without compensation.

The City of Brentwood has not had an active Poet Laureate since June 2020. However we do have a single candidate at this time, who interviewed at the October 2024 Arts Commission Meeting, but a decision to accept the candidate has been put on hold pending this discussion.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Previous Action by the Commission is included on Attachment 1.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Attachment 1: Previous Action