



SUBJECT: Consideration of 2025 Arts Commission Commissioner Recommendations and Appointments

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

STAFF: Darin Gale, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation
Thien Nguyen, Recreation Manager
Lindsay Pinell, Recreation Supervisor

TITLE/RECOMMENDATION

Consider Mayor Meyer's recommendation of two new Arts Commissioners, Rosa Gascoigne and Riannon Thomas, for appointment to three-year terms expiring on December 31, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

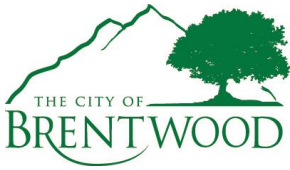
BACKGROUND

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider for approval the Mayor's recommendation of two members to the Arts Commission.

The Brentwood Municipal Code provides that there will be five Arts Commissioners. On December 31, 2024, two Arts Commissioners' terms expired. Under Brentwood Municipal Code section 2.48.020, Arts Commissioners serve terms of three years. Staff advertised the vacancies on November 18, 2024, and ten (10) applications were submitted by the January 3, 2025, deadline.

The City Council formed the Commission Interview Ad-Hoc Committee on January 14, 2025. The Committee consists of Mayor Meyer and Council Member Maloney. The Commission Interview Ad-Hoc Committee conducted eight in-person interviews of candidates on February 20, 2025, in the Council Chambers. Interviews for the eight candidates can be found [here](#) and included:

Lindsay Bush
Ona Lorraine Canilao



Rosa Gascoigne
Gargi Prasad
Riannon Thomas
Melissa van Ruiten
Laura Whittington
Liliya Yakymchko

Following the interviews and Committee deliberation, the Mayor would like to recommend Rosa Gascoigne and Riannon Thomas to be considered by the City Council for appointment to the Arts Commission for three-year terms expiring on December 31, 2027.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

Not applicable.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Attachment 1

DATE OF NOTICE

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S)

1. Continue this item to a future meeting.
2. Do not approve one or more of the recommended candidates and consider other candidates.
3. Conduct additional interviews at a future meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Previous Action
2. Arts Commission applications