



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2009

TO: Park and Recreation Commission

FROM: Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Proposed Charter Amendment to Consolidate Board of Park Commissioners and Recreation Commission and Change Membership of Park and Recreation Commission

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

- A. Reconfirm the Commission recommendation to amend the City Charter to formally consolidate the Board of Park Commissioners and the Recreation Commission; and
- B. Reconfirm the recommendation to increase the membership of the consolidated Park and Recreation Commission from five to seven.

DISCUSSION:

At the December 12, 2007, meeting, Commissioner Conner asked staff to place the matter of increasing the Park and Recreation Commission from five to seven members on the Commission's agenda for discussion.

During the January 23, 2008, staff provided the Commission with the attached report which provided a background of the membership of the Board of Park Commissioners and the Recreation Commission, now referred to as the Park and Recreation Commission. The report also outlines the basis for expanding the membership of the Commission.

The Commission discussed the proposal at length and voted 3/1 in favor of consolidating the two Commissions and increasing the membership of the Park and Recreation Commission from five to seven.

Since a Charter amendment was needed to accomplish the change, and the City did not move forward with the Charter amendment during the last election, the matter was placed on hold. Staff anticipates the City will move forward with Charter amendments during the November 2009 election.

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Since the composition of the Commission has changed since the item was discussed in January 2008, staff asks that the Commission revisit the item and provide direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT: January 23, 2008, Park and Recreation Commission Report, Subject:
Change in Membership of Park and Recreation Commission

APPROVED BY: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director