

BEAUTIFICATION AND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

General Functions:

A. The Beautification and Parks & Recreation Commission has the following duties:

1. To recommend and act in an advisory capacity to the City Council concerning the organization, management, promotion and conduct of programs for community recreation as well as the development and maintenance of City parks.
2. The power and authority to hold public hearings and meetings to gather public comment for the purpose of obtaining facts and data concerning programs of community parks and recreation as well as beautification and appearance purposes.
3. To stimulate public interest in the overall community appearance and to preserve and enhance the natural features of the Valley of Flowers.
4. To encourage citizens, the business community and governmental agencies in the planting of trees, flowers and shrubs and the like.
5. To encourage cooperation and coordination among private citizens to improve and make more attractive their residential and commercial property.

B. Upon direction of the City Council, the Commission may adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to carry out its functions.

Membership:

Five members directly appointed by Council Members and two members appointed at large.

A. A member of the City Council, upon commencement of that member's term of office, shall nominate for appointment or reappointment a member of the Beautification and Parks & Recreation Commission whose term of office concurrently expires with that of the nominating Council Member. Two members can be nominated and appointed at-large with overlapping four-year terms. The nominee shall be interviewed by the City Council at a duly noticed public meeting and shall be appointed by the Mayor, upon approval of a majority vote of all members of the City Council.

B. Each member of the City Council shall have an opportunity to nominate one appointee to become a member of the Beautification and Parks & Recreation Commission. If the Mayor fails to appoint such nominee due to failure of the majority of all the members of the City Council to approve the appointment, then the member of the City Council whose nominee was rejected may nominate such other persons as necessary until the majority of the City Council votes to

approve such nominee for appointment and the Mayor appoints such nominee to the Beautification and Parks & Recreation Commission. The Mayor shall not refuse to appoint any nominee otherwise qualified to serve on the Beautification and Parks & Recreation Commission once the majority of all the members of the City Council have voted the approval of such nomination.

C. If no qualified person has filed (and not withdrawn) an application to serve on the Beautification and Parks & Recreation Commission within 90 days following the creation of a Commission vacancy or the expiration of a Commissioner's term, then the Council Member entitled to nominate an appointee to fill that Commission seat may nominate a person from any district in the City who otherwise meets all the qualifications in the Qualifications section, below. If such person is appointed by the City Council, then such person shall be considered a temporary appointee. A temporary appointee's term shall expire either (i) 12 months following the date of appointment, unless a majority of the City Council votes to extend the term, or (ii) concurrently with the expiration of the term of office of the nominating Council Member if the nominating Council Member is not reelected, whichever occurs first. A temporary appointee may not be reappointed to that seat on the Commission as a temporary appointee after the expiration or termination of the temporary term. If, during the term of the temporary appointment, an application is submitted by a person who is qualified to fill that Commission seat, then the City Clerk shall place an item on the next available City Council agenda for the City Council to consider appointment of such applicant. If such applicant is appointed, then such applicant shall immediately replace the temporary appointee.

Qualifications:

A. With the exception of temporary appointees discussed in Membership paragraph (C) and the two at-large appointees, each Beautification and Parks & Recreation Commissioner shall reside in the district represented by the Council Member who was entitled to nominate the Commissioner under Membership paragraph (A). The Mayor, being elected at-large, may nominate for appointment any person residing in the City. Termination of residency in a district by a seated Beautification and Parks & Recreation Commissioner shall create a vacancy for the nominating Council Member's district on the thirty-first (31st) day after termination of residency unless a substitute residence within the district is established within thirty (30) days after termination of residency. Termination of residency in the City shall create an immediate vacancy of any Beautification and Parks & Recreation Commission seat.

B. No person shall be appointed to the Beautification and Parks & Recreation Commission who is employed by the City.

C. For purposes of paragraph (A), “district” refers to the City Council Electoral Districts established by, and described in, Chapter 2.06 of the Lompoc Municipal Code.

Term of Office:

With the exception of temporary appointees discussed in Membership paragraph (C), the term of office of each Beautification and Parks & Recreation Commissioner shall expire concurrently with that of the Council Member who was entitled to nominate the Commissioner under Membership paragraph (A). Vacancies on the Beautification and Parks & Recreation Commission shall be filled in the same manner provided for in the Membership section above. Commissioners shall serve until their successors have been appointed by the City Council and qualified, except in the case of a vacancy due to termination of residency as described in Qualifications section above, or the expiration of a temporary appointment under Membership paragraph (C). A vacancy occurring on the City Council shall not automatically terminate the office of the Commissioner nominated by the departing Council Member; however, the new Council Member filling the Council vacancy shall be entitled to nominate a candidate of his or her choice for Commissioner in the manner provided in the Membership section above.

Any member of the Beautification and Parks & Recreation Commission may be removed from office by a majority vote of the full City Council. If any Commission member misses three consecutive meetings, without permission, his or her office becomes vacant.

Meetings:

The Beautification and Parks & Recreation Commission shall meet at such times and dates necessary to consider the activities described under Section 2.52.020. Meetings may be called by the City Manager, Community Development Director, chairperson of the Commission, or by a majority of its members.

Time Involved:

Averages eight to ten hours per month for meetings and preparation.

References:

LMC Chapter 2.52 (see also section 12.08.040) [Ordinance No. 1711(24)].