CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 12.04
TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Michael Locke, Deputy City Manager
Interim Community Development Director

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO THE CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution appointing Dale Nichols and Balwinder Singh to the Cultural Heritage Board to fill two recently-expired terms commencing immediately upon appointment and ending on October 31, 2015, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

SUMMARY

There are currently two vacancies on the Cultural Heritage Board, due to the expiration of the terms of Dale Nichols and Ramon Velez as of October 31, 2011. Four applications were received to fill these two positions and were considered by the Planning Commission at its regularly-scheduled meeting on November 10, 2011. The Planning Commission has recommended that the City Council appoint Dale Nichols and Balwinder Singh to the Cultural Heritage Board to serve four-year terms that expire on October 31, 2015.

DISCUSSION

Present Situation

The Cultural Heritage Board is a nine-member citizen body advisory to the Planning Commission and is charged with the preservation and promotion of the City's historical, architectural and cultural resources. In accordance with the provisions of Development Code Section 16.220.040, "Cultural Resources/Cultural Heritage Board," members of the Cultural Heritage Board, who must be residents of the City, are interviewed, selected and appointed by the Planning Commission with the approval of the City Council and serve staggered four-year terms of office. Vacant positions are filled as the members’ terms expire, generally on October 31, and in the event that a board member resigns before the end of a term. Board member Ramon Velez served his entire four-year term and the Planning Commission is recommending that the Council appoint Balwinder Singh to serve a four-year term as his replacement. Following the resignation of another board member earlier this year, Dale Nichols was interviewed and selected by the Planning Commission and appointed by the City Council on July 26, 2011 to serve the remainder of the term of the former board member, which expired on October 31, 2011. Mr. Nichols attended the one Cultural Heritage Board meeting that has taken place since his appointment and applied to serve a full-four year term on the board. The Planning Commission is
recommendation that the Council appoint Dale Nichols to serve a four-term that would expire on October 15, 2015.

It is the responsibility of the Cultural Heritage Board to evaluate and make recommendations on matters pertaining to historic landmarks, historic sites, historic districts, awards of excellence and certificates of appropriateness for proposed alterations to landmarks and properties in historic districts. The Board also presents the annual Captain Charles M. Weber Award and Glenn Allen Award, oversees the activities of the Magnolia Historic District Advisory Committee and advises City officials on matters pertaining to the preservation of cultural and historical resources.

The Cultural Heritage Board currently meets the first Wednesday of every other month in City Hall, handles a number of activities during the month at the committee level and attends meetings of organizations on behalf of the Cultural Heritage Board. Members are appointed for four-year terms of office, unless a vacancy occurs.

Public Notification

No public notification is required for an appointment to the Cultural Heritage Board.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

There is no financial impact to the City of Stockton from this action.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL E. LOCKE, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
INTERIM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

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STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DALE NICHOLS AND BALWINDE SINGH TO THE CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD

Two vacancies exist on the Cultural Heritage Board; and

The Planning Commission, during its regularly-scheduled public meeting on November 10, 2011, interviewed four prospective candidates for the position on the Cultural Heritage Board and recommended to the City Council that Dale Nichols and Balwinder Singh be appointed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Pursuant to Section 16.220.040 of the Stockton Municipal Code, the City Council hereby appoints Dale Nichols and Balwinder Singh to the Cultural Heritage Board to serve four-year terms that expire October 31, 2015.

2. The City Manager is authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED December 13, 2011.

ATTEST:
ANN JOHNSTON
Mayor of the City of Stockton

BONNIE PAIGE
City Clerk of the City of Stockton

City Atty Review Date December 6, 2011