



City of La Quinta

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: March 3, 2015

ITEM TITLE: REVIEW AND RECOMMEND PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY TO CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA CATEGORY:

BUSINESS SESSION: 2

CONSENT CALENDAR:

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend Pillars of the Community for approval to the City Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- At the March 18, 2014 City Council Meeting, the Council directed staff to present the Pillar nominations to the Community Services Commission for review and recommendation to the City Council.
- The nomination form has been updated to require more biographical information and omit the 25 signatures of support.
- This year's nominations are attached (Attachments 1 through 5) for Commission consideration and recommendation to the City Council.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The total cost, which includes adding the names to the pillar plaque and creating the glass pillar plaques, will be approximately \$300. There is sufficient funding in the Community Services Special Events budget.

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW:

On March 18, 2014, the City Council directed staff to seek additional information for future "Pillar of the Community" nominees. This additional information required a re-design of the nomination form to include specific questions about the nominee's contributions to the City of La Quinta, and include additional space for biographical information. Additionally, the Council directed staff to present future "Pillars of the Community" nominee forms to the Community Services Commission for review and recommend approved "Pillars" nominees to the City Council.

For the 2015 "Pillar of the Community" program, five nominations have been submitted for consideration. The chart below contains updated information from the attached biographical submissions. These nominations include:

Name	Residency Since	Contributions
Don Adolph	1989	Former Mayor of La Quinta, numerous local, regional, and state boards and committees.
Terry Henderson	1985	Former City Council Member, numerous local, regional, and state boards and committees.
Eddie Gilreath	1994	Music industry executive, Black Music Association Board Member, Creator of La Quinta Black History Month program.
John Walling	1980	Former Planning Commissioner, Architect of the original Senior Center building.
Don Arends	1990	Former President of the La Quinta Historical Society, La Quinta Ambassador at Palm Springs Air Museum.

Pursuant to City Council direction, the annual County of Riverside's Senior Inspiration Award program recipient would automatically be included in the "Pillars of the Community." Local service groups nominate one person from each City in the valley, and then present them to the Community Services Commission, who recommends an applicant to the City Council. Mr. Dick Anderson is La Quinta's 2015 Senior Inspiration Award recipient and he will be recognized this year.

Once the Commission selects the nominees to recommend to City Council, the nominee forms will be submitted to the City Council for review and approval on March 17, 2015.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternatives available to the Commission is to not recommend any of the proposals submitted for City Council consideration and request staff to seek additional nominees.

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- Attachments:
1. Don Adolph
 2. Terry Henderson
 3. Eddie Gilreath
 4. John Walling
 5. Don Arends