

November 6, 2023
Item 9

SUBJECT: REVIEW AND APPROVE PAUSING THE JOINT LIBRARY AND CIVIC ARTS TEEN POET LAUREATE SELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE FOR 2024

SUMMARY

In 2023, Library and Civic Arts commissioners served on the joint Library and Civic Arts Teen Poet Laureate Selection Subcommittee and recommended a candidate for Council approval for the academic year term of 2023/24 who will serve through May 2024.

In the fall of 2024, staff recommends pausing the subcommittee for the 2024/25 school year to fully evaluate the Teen Poet Laureate program, including research of best practices from neighboring agencies, identifying teen interests that have emerged since the inception of the program in 2012, and aligning program goals with the ONE Pleasanton Strategic Plan and the Library and Recreation Department Strategic Plan. Staff will bring an analysis of the Teen Poet Laureate program to both commissions for review and recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

Review and approve pausing the Joint Library and Civic Arts Teen Poet Laureate Selection Subcommittee for 2024.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There is no financial impact to this action.

BACKGROUND

Annually, the Civic Arts Commission discusses opportunities to participate on subcommittees and the Chairperson appoints commission representatives as outlined in the *City of Pleasanton Commissioner's Handbook* (Attachment 1). In 2023, Library and Civic Arts commissioners served on the joint Library and Civic Arts Teen Poet Laureate Selection Subcommittee and recommended a candidate for Council approval for the academic year term of 2023/24. Pleasanton's Teen Poet Laureate was approved by Council and will serve through May 2024

DISCUSSION

In the fall of 2024, staff recommends pausing the subcommittee for one year to fully evaluate the program, develop strategic direction that aligns with the ONE Pleasanton Strategic Plan (Attachment 2) and the Library and Recreation Department Strategic Plan (Attachment 3), research best practices from neighboring agencies, and identify new teen interests that have emerged since the inception of the program in 2012. Staff will bring an analysis of the Teen Poet Laureate program to both commissions for review and recommendation.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

This action advances the following Citywide and department goals and strategies:

ONE Pleasanton Citywide Strategic Plan (Attachment 2)

- Optimizing our Organization, Strategy 4 – Evaluate the organization's structure of community engagement opportunities (such as commissions and committees, and citizens' academy) to improve information sharing, optimize staff efficiency, and provide greater service to the community.
- Building a Community Where Everyone Belongs, Strategy 3 – Implement high priority items from the Library and Recreation Strategic Plan to continue to deliver activities and programs that meet the needs and interests of the community.

Library and Recreation Strategic Plan (Attachment 3)

- Goal A. Programs, Plans and Services, Strategy 2 – Evaluate the effectiveness of all department services and programs through the use of performance metrics to determine program efficacy and opportunities for improvement, including best practice comparisons with other agencies.
- Goal A. Programs, Plans and Services, Strategy 3 – Identify and enhance programming to encourage exploration, intellectual curiosity, and life literacies.

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Attachments:

1. [Commissioners Handbook](#) (online)
2. [Citywide Strategic Plan](#) (online)
3. [Library and Recreation Strategic Plan](#) (online)