City Council Meeting
05-26-26
Item 8.A.

Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Riggins and the Honorable Members of the City Council

Prepared by: Kelsey Pettijohn, City Clerk

Approved by: Joseph D. Irvin, City Manager

Date prepared: April 24, 2026 Meeting date: May 26, 2026

Subject: Council Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Councilmember Stewart to make a new appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION: N/A.

DISCUSSION: Alicia Peak, Councilmember Stewart's appointment, resigned from the Parks and Recreation Commission effective April 10, 2026. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54974, a notice of unscheduled vacancy was posted on April 14, 2026. Councilmember Stewart may make his appointment at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Applications received to date
2. Notice of Unscheduled Vacancy

City of Malibu

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City Board / Commission / Committee Member Application

As a candidate for membership on a City Commission / Committee, please complete this application, profile and qualification form in order for the City Council to best consider your application for appointment. Please feel free to provide additional sheets or a resume, if desired. Completed applications are to be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, Malibu City Hall, 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, or via email to cityclerk@malibucity.org.

Board / Commission / Committee Applying for: Parks and Recreation

Applicant's Name Jane Albrecht

Home Street Address & City , State and Zip Code: [redacted]

Home Telephone [redacted] Cell Telephone [redacted]

Work Telephone _____ Email Address [redacted]

Profile Information: Please provide detailed information which demonstrates experience or background applicable to the Board / Commission / Committee (including education and experience on study groups, task forces and committees, community / civic and business activities).

See Reply Attached.

Qualifications: Please provide detailed information which demonstrates professional skills and talents applicable to this Board / Commission / Committee.

See Reply Attached.

Role and Issues of Board / Commission / Committee: Please provide detailed information which demonstrates your opinion as to the role of a City Commissioner / Committee or Board Member and issues you feel need to be addressed by Malibu which relate to this Board / Commission / Committee.

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Certification: Please initial next to the Board / Commission / Committee you are applying for to confirm you meet the membership qualifications.

_____ Building Board of Appeals

- I am not an employee of the City of Malibu.
- I am qualified by experience and training to pass upon matters pertaining to building construction

_____ Malibu Arts Commission:

- I am a resident of the City of Malibu
- I am not an official or employee of the City of Malibu.

_____ Mobilehome Park Rent Stabilization Commission

- I am a resident of the City of Malibu
- I am not, nor have I been in the last five years, a park owner or homeowner in a mobilehome park
- If appointed, I understand that I will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700), pursuant to the City's Conflict of Interest Code

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_____ Parks and Recreation Commission

- I am a resident of the City of Malibu
- I am not an official or employee of the City of Malibu.

_____ Planning Commission

- I am a resident of the City of Malibu
- I am not an official or employee of the City of Malibu.
- If appointed, I understand that I will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700), pursuant to Government Code Section 87200

_____ Public Safety Commission

- I am a resident of the City of Malibu
- I am not an official or employee of the City of Malibu.

_____ Public Works Commission

- I am a resident of the City of Malibu
- I am not an official or employee of the City of Malibu.

_____ Wastewater Advisory Committee

- I am either a resident or property owner in the City of Malibu, currently employed with the City of Malibu, or a wastewater or onsite wastewater treatment system professional

_____ Ex-officio Position (Malibu Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, or Public Safety Commission)

- I am not a resident of the City of Malibu. I live outside the city limits but within the 90265-zipcode area. I understand the ex-officio member shall not have a vote on the commission and may not serve as either chair or vice chair of the commission.

Acknowledgement, Authorization and Release

I understand that in connection with this application for a board, committee, or commission appointment, this document and the information contained herein may be made available to the public upon a public records request. By signing and submitting this application, I certify and declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Jane Albrecht

Signature of Applicant

May 6, 2026

Date

Application to the Parks & Recreation Commission
Replies to Questions on the Application

Profile Information: Please provide detailed information which demonstrates experience or background applicable to the Board / Commission / Committee (including education and experience on study groups, task forces and committees, community / civic and business activities).

The knowledge gained from a multi-faceted, multi-cultural career should be useful in working with the Commission. That experience included working with many governments, and 10 years in Europe, working with the US and European film industries, at the interface of many different cultures, artists, viewpoints, cultural traditions, and cultural activities. In several positions, I helped build new operations from scratch, including starting the Customs practice at a major DC law firm; opening up the Brussels office of a major NY law firm; establishing operations for the Motion Picture Association (the association of the major US studios) throughout Eastern Europe, Russia and the CIS; and playing a key role in building up an International Screenwriting Prize.

I worked in the US Government, and thereafter represented many US industries before the White House, Congress, and various agencies of the USG. I also represented US interests overseas, working with governments throughout Western and Eastern Europe, Russia and the former CIS, and the Middle East, as well as international bodies such as the European Union, the UN Comm'n on Int'l Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the World Customs Organization (WCO), and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Since moving to California in 2007/2008, I've been civically and politically active at the local, state and county levels, first in Pacific Palisades, and thereafter in Malibu**,** after meeting my husband and moving here about 14 years ago. Through involvement with both communities, which I love, I've become familiar with the many challenges that residents of both communities face.

Education
JD, Georgetown University Law School, Washington, DC
BS & BA, Regis University, Denver, CO (Double Major: French & Psychology)

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<u>Qualifications:</u> Please provide detailed information which demonstrates professional skills and talents applicable to this Board / Commission / Committee.

I have substantial expertise in government, systems of government, political strategy, policy development, international relations, public relations, film and media. I understand how governments and committees work, the challenges they face, their limits, and how to help them work well. My professional life and volunteer activities have always involved working on or with committees, in settings where reaching consensus among disparate stakeholders was important or essential.

<u>Civic & Charitable Activities:</u>
Board Member, Pt. Dume Community Services District, 2021 to present
President Emerita & Board Member, Malibu Democratic Club, 2016 - present
Board Member, Operation Recovery after the Woolsey Fire, 1-2 years
President, Friends of Temescal Pool in Pacific Palisades, 2008-2013
Board Member, Hartley-Merrill International Screenwriting Prize, 1990-2000

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Malibu is an extraordinary place to live, with extraordinary beauty, views of mountains and oceans, wonderful weather, and an amazing array of talented, interesting people. The challenge for Malibu is that it is 21 miles long, and narrow, with no natural, built-in fulcrum of community. So unless we create those fulcrums of community, many of us will never meet each other, and enjoy the full richness of living here. Park & Rec programs are a big part of how fulcrums of community are created. In addition, Park & Rec programs are important for having a physically and mentally healthy community – a happy community. Malibu has property on which it is considering building a community center and an aquatic center. I realize that such projects can take a very long time in Malibu, but I welcome doing my part to try to make that a reality.

When I lived in Pacific Palisades, I headed the **Friends of Temescal Pool**, an organization with 2500 – 3000 supporters who tried to re-open the Pool that the MRCA had closed in Temescal Park. We worked hard on that project, including developing a very serious, well received Business Plan for repairing and running the pool at no cost to the government. That plan was developed with the help of a national expert on community pools, so I developed a fair amount of expertise in running a successful community pool at that time. Palisadians frequently explained that the Temescal Pool was much "more than just a pool" It was an important place where the community gathered to enjoy the pool, nature and each other; kids learned to swim; 3 generations of families swam together; senior citizens got together and attended classes; people rehabbed from injuries; birthdays were celebrated; and people of all backgrounds and abilities connected. The simple pool set amidst nature, with a view of the mountains and ocean, was a place where people went to relax and renew. It was one of the hearts of the community. The campaign to save it was called "Bring Back the Magic". The Palisades community fought for the pool, and grieved mightily when the MRCA refused to reopen it. There are renewed calls in the Palisades to re-open the Temescal Pool to help rebuild the community after the Palisades Fire. Malibu doesn't yet have such a pool or place – but it will.

I also think it's important for **Malibu life** that we bring back a **Malibu Playhouse** and the **Malibu Film Society**. These elements, plus sports and outdoor activities for Malibu-ites of all ages, are important elements of creating rich community life, and a vibrant, connected community. While I realize that those projects may fall under the Arts Commission, it will take a village to help those happen.

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Unscheduled Vacancy Notice

(Government Code Section 54974)

VACANT POSITION	PREVIOUS INCUMBENT	DATE APPOINTMENT CAN BE MADE
Parks and Recreations Commission	Alicia Peak	April 28, 2026

Interested citizens should contact the City Clerk at (310) 456-2489, extension 228 for more information.

Posted: April 14, 2026

Kelsey Pettijohn, City Clerk