

**CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH
BOARD/COMMISSION APPLICATION**

NAME OF COMMISSION Parks, Recreation & Community Resources Advisory Commission

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REFERENCES:

Local: Alan & Ingrid Pliska, Steve Blaco, Dorothy & Nedra Yost

Professional: Albro Lundy, Baker, Burton & Lundy, Hermosa Beach (310) 376-9893

Other: Michael Mulligan, Mulligan Development

Non-public telephone numbers available on request.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND SERVICE (past and present):

Hermosa Civil Service Board: 2014-2019;

Hermosa and Redondo Chambers of Commerce; & Desert Business Assn (all prior to retirement);

Hermosa Beach Historical Society, member.

Community Donor: Friends of Park, HBEF, 2015 Special Olympics (Hermosa);

25 years pro bono w/AIDS Legal Services Project (Los Angeles County Bar Association);

Community Sponsor Greater Palm Springs Pride Festival 2013 & 2014.

Why do you wish to become a Commission member?

This Commission has one of the City's more interesting issue portfolios.

I actively enjoy Hermosa (and area) parks--I walk through all of our parks west of PCH several times a week (Greenbelt, the Strand, Clark & South). That routine might be of use to the Commission. I'd like to be an advocate for their continued care, maximize their sustainable uses, and make them more welcoming to everyone.

What do you feel are the duties and responsibilities of a Commission member?

Attendance, participation, passion, commitment. Ultimately the City Commissions are to provide council with the support council requires to do its job, and to advance council's objectives.

One of this Commission's recurring jobs is to schedule the competing demands on our beach and parks. Having watched some of these meetings in the recent past, I appreciate this is and will be a challenge. In general, I believe the City has been getting this balance right. Beach tournaments and events are part of Hermosa's DNA. And the residents have an interest in keeping the beach accessible and friendly to less intensive uses. The Commission should also play a role in increasing disability access, and be an advocate for continued park maintenance. I expect the Commission could be asked to look at Ebike and homeless issues.

Do you have any current obligations or responsibilities, which could be construed as a conflict of interest with your being a board/commission member? ___ Yes No (If yes, please explain)

Please provide below and/or attach a resume of your education, employment, memberships, past activities and other experience that you feel would qualify you as a Board/Commission member.

I grew up in Ohio, and graduated in 1981 from Miami Univ. (Ohio), B.A.. Upon graduation, I moved to Los Angeles to enroll in USC law school, and graduated in 1984, J.D (Magna cum laude). I lived in Hermosa during my last year at USC.

I moved back to Ohio in 1984 to work as a litigation associate with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey (Cleveland). I was quickly reminded that I hate winters, and returned to Hermosa in 1987. I have lived here ever since, now with my partner of 34 years.

In 1987, I was employed with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office (deputy PD), and subsequently (1989) as a litigation associate with Sidley & Austin. In 1994, I left Sidley to work on a Ph.D (Political Science) at USC. During my studies, I also was Of Counsel to Pircher, Nichols & Meeks, and taught as a teaching assistant at USC and an instructor at Whittier law school. I earned my masters at USC, and finished the course and exam work toward the doctorate, but decided against doing the dissertation.

In 1997, I opened my office as a sole practitioner, originally in Torrance, eventually in Redondo. I maintained a satellite office in Palm Springs. More about me and my practice at: etmoroneylaw.com. I closed the office in 2019, and am now semi-retired.

Since slowing down, one of my favorite activities has been to take day trips to area parks: In addition to Hermosa's parks, in the last two years I've been to South Bay parks: (Wilson, Dominguez, Polliwog, Wilderness, South Coast Botanical Gardens, Madrona Marsh, Point Vicente, El Segundo, and others) and LA area parks: (Echo, Griffiths, Kenneth Hahn, Franklin Canyon, Lake Hollywood, Deane Dana, and others) and of course our beaches. I expect that I will continue with these day trips until I run out of steam or places to go. I don't think either is going to happen soon.

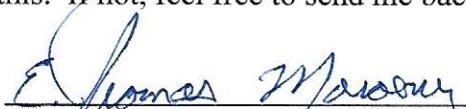
Recreational Highlights: Bicycle San Francisco-Los Angeles; Crescent City-San Francisco (both in the 1980s). Spectator Winter Olympics: Torino (2006), Vancouver (2010).

This Board/Commission meets on First Tuesdays at 7:00 **p.m. Do you foresee any scheduling problems that might cause you to miss meetings?** ___ Yes No

How long have you lived in Hermosa Beach? 35 years. Initially as a renter. Homeowner since 1999.

Additional Comments:

I love our parks. I love the region's parks. I visit them all the time. I think I would be good at this. If not, feel free to send me back into retirement.

Signed:  _____

Date: 6-3-21 

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