



**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
Request for Council Action**

Agenda Item # 4
Council Meeting Date: 6/28/2007
RFCA Tracking No: R-1937

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Clerk

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Leticia Vacek

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) IMPACTED:
City Wide

SUBJECT:
Appointments to the River Commission

SUMMARY:

Appointing seven members to the River Commission.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
On April 19, 2007, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 2007-05-30-0591 which established a seven-member River Commission.

The River Commission is to serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council on all aspects of the development and operations of the River Walk and the San Antonio River.

In addition, the River Commission is charged with advising and proposing changes and updates to the City Council for the Unified Development Code (UDC); the design requirements and guidelines along the San Antonio River; other ordinances and regulations that impact the River; and any proposed master plans, conservation districts, landmarks, overlay districts, neighborhood plans, TIRZ designations, and zoning policy proposed within the RIO districts.

ISSUE:

The appointments to the River Commission must be approved by Council in order for the appointments to take effect. It should be composed according to the following categories:

- 2 Tourism
- 2 Business
- 1 Conservation
- 1 Historic Preservation
- 1 Community Leader

Terms of the River Commission are to be staggered and determined by the Council as follows: two initial members shall serve one-year terms; two shall serve two-year terms; and three shall serve three-year terms.

ALTERNATIVES:

- (1) Appointment of a quorum (simple majority) of the River Commission would allow the Commission to begin to implement its charge.
- (2) Placing the appointments on hold would result in non-activity of the River Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

In order to proceed with the direction of the City Council, staff recommends approval of the recommended slate of individuals for appointment to the River Commission.

ATTACHMENT(S):

File Description	File Name
<u>CCR- Mayor_ Appointment of River Commission</u>	CCR- Mayor_ Appointment of River Commission.pdf
<u>Vote Slip</u>	VoteSlip.pdf

DEPARTMENT HEAD AUTHORIZATIONS:

Leticia Vacek City Clerk Office of the City Clerk

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Council Consideration Request

TO: Council Members

FROM: Mayor Phil Hardberger

COPIES TO: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; Michael Bernard, City Attorney; Leticia M. Vacek, Clerk; Chris Callanen, Assistant to City Council; File

SUBJECT: Appointment of River Commission

DATE: June 21, 2007

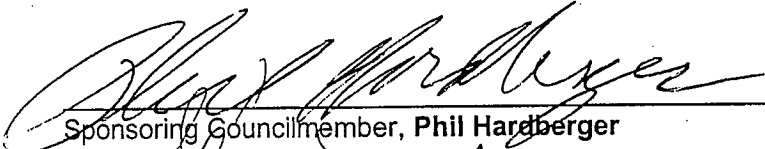

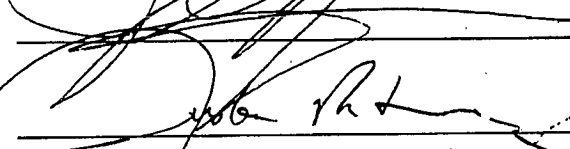
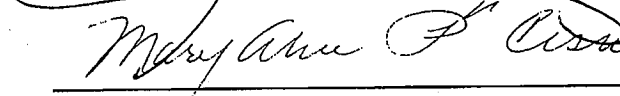

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I am seeking your support to have staff place an item on the June 28 City Council agenda to appoint individuals to the newly-created River Commission.

Under current ordinance, at-large appointments would typically involve the solicitation of interested applicants, Council nominations, and interviews by the appropriate City Council committee. Since City Council committees for 2007-09 are still being formed and the City Council will not meet again until August, the standard process could delay appointments of this important commission until September.

When the River Commission was created on May 30, the City Council assigned specific categories of individuals for appointment. These include: two business representatives, two tourism representatives, one historic preservation representative, one conservation representative, and one community representative. I am nominating and seek your support for the appointment of the following individuals to the River Commission:

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| Ed Whitacre | Business Category |
| A.J. Rodriguez | Business Category |
| Lisa Wong | Tourism Category |
| Lionel Sosa | Tourism Category |
| Julian Treviño | Historic Preservation Category |
| J. Darryl Byrd | Conservation Category |
| Linda Billa Burke | Community Category |

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