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CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The new General Plan Advisory Committee for the City of Twentynine Palms was officially appointed by the City Council at its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 12.

After working with City staff to process the original 38 applications received in March, followed by supplemental questionnaires and presentations from many of those applicants at its April 28th council meeting, the City Council agreed on 13 members for the GPAC and four additional member alternates.

The newly appointed GPAC members are: Mary Austin-Klein, Jay Corbin, Mike Duncan, Pat Flanagan, Kim Miller, George P. Mulopulos, Terrienne Palmer, Lisa Pitts, Christopher Plummer, Paul F. Smith, and Steven D. Whitten. James M. Ricker was appointed as the representative from the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center.

The City Council also decided to request a representative from Joshua Tree National Park to serve as the thirteenth member and will confirm that individual's appointment at a later date.

Appointed as member alternates were Nelson Muniz, Kim Ortamond, Nicole Panter, and Bob Whitt, who will attend meetings and will serve on the GPAC if an appointed member is unable to continue serving in the future.

The advisory committee will start meeting in the next few weeks with Community Development Director Charles LaClaire and consultant Nelson Miller from the planning firm Hogle-Ireland, Inc., to begin the work of updating the city's General Plan, which is expected to take place over the next 18 to 24 months.

All residents of Twentynine Palms will have an opportunity to provide input during the General Plan updating process, and all meetings will be open to the public. For information, call the Community Development Department at (760)367-6799.

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