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# **Citizen Advisory Committee**

No

# **Open Space & Trails Advisory Committee**

No

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Yes

#### How long have you lived in Blue River

My wife and I have been full time residents of Blue River for just under three years, however, have owned a home in Blue River since 2006.

#### Why are you interested in joining this committee/commission?

I think my past experience as an architect has given me skills that I believe will align well with those necessary to effectively serve on this committee. In addition, my wife and I have enjoyed living in Blue River and plan to be here for a long time. I see this as an opportunity to give back to the Town; as an avenue to meet more people within the community; and hope it may lead to other service opportunities down the road.

#### What skill do you bring to the committee/commission?

In March of 2020 I retired from a 36 year career in architecture. At that time my wife and I moved to Blue River full time. I was the Principal and Owner of an architectural firm located in Downtown Denver. My two partners and I specialized in the planning, design, and construction administration of Justice Facilities, and completed planning and design of projects throughout the State of Colorado, Wyoming, and projects in Montana, Nebraska, Iowa, and New Mexico. Although I have never served on a Planning Commission, virtually

every project that my team and I designed included working with the local jurisdiction on the review and approval of the project. This included jurisdictions of all sizes, from Denver to Sterling to Del Norte. I have spent 36 years on the opposite side of the table and experienced all sorts of plan review and approval processes. I have gone through the planning and building review and approval process on Adult Detention Center and/or Courthouse Projects throughout the State of Colorado including projects (closest to home) in Breckenridge, Eagle, and Glenwood Springs. In addition, for the last 25 years of my career, the State of Colorado was my largest client, having represented them before various Planning Commissions in the design approval of a new prison, a new juvenile detention center, and multiple additions and remodels of each. Requesting approval to build a state prison or juvenile detention center in someones community is a humbling experience. I believe that my extensive experience in working with Planning and Building Departments throughout the state would dovetail well with that required to serve on this commission.

# If appointed are you able to attend the monthly meetings?

If I am fortunate enough to be selected for this committee I would certainly make it a priority and endeavor to make as many (if not all) of the meetings.

# Is there anything else you would like to add?

Although I completed my 36 year career in architecture without ever designing a single family residence, which is obviously the focus in Blue River, the planning process is similar. I am confident that I have the skills required to serve this committee well and thank you for your consideration.