

## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Keefer and members of the City Council  
cc: Brandon Hammond, City Manager  
From: Carla McLane, Planning Official  
RE: Planning Commission Appointments  
Date: November 20, 2025

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Three Planning Commission members, based on the required rotation, find their terms ending at the end of December – Micheal Connell, Jennifer Leighton, and Jami Carbray. Micheal Connell is requesting to be reappointed; Jennifer Leighton and Jami Carbray are not seeking reappointment.

As we do every year at this time, a Press Release was pushed out, indicating the vacancies and seeking interested parties. Four letters of interest have been received and are a part of this packet – Jolene Stensland, Rod Taylor, Carol Maidment Jones, and Natasha Rockwell.

I would recommend to the City Council that Micheal Connell be reappointed to the Planning Commission. Should the Council take that action it would leave two vacancies to be filled.

A second recommendation would be the appointment of Rod Taylor based on his long tenure on the Morrow County Planning Commission with a known understanding of basic planning process which is comparable between jurisdictions. And based on the Municipal Code one member of the Planning Commission can live outside of the city limits within the influence area (which I would interpret as the zip code area). There is historical precedent of members serving on the Planning Commission that did not reside within the city limits – Jacob Cain and Glaya Baker. Both were long serving and both served as Chair.

Should the Council concur with my recommendations above, for the final vacancy the Council has three individuals to consider – Jolene Stensland, Carol Jones, and Natasha Rockwell. Carol, in her letter of interest, indicates that she did serve on the Planning Commission many years ago. Easily accessible records of appointment do not go back far enough to confirm this. I only know one of these three individuals and cannot in fairness provide any more insight than each of you may have.

Please reach out with any questions.

Press Release  
For Immediate Release

by: Carla McLane – 541-481-9252  
Date: October 29, 2025

## BOARDMAN PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

The City of Boardman is seeking interested parties who live within the Boardman City Limits or in the 97818 Zip Code to serve on the Planning Commission. Three positions will be appointed at the December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 city council meeting with the first Planning Commission meeting following appointment scheduled for January 15th, 2026. The term for these positions would end on December 31, 2028.

The Planning Commission is comprised of seven members appointed by the City Council and is a permanent advisory body to the Council on matters related to planning and development. The Commission holds monthly public meetings to consider land use and zoning matters presented by staff, such as plan amendments, zone changes, conditional use permits, variances, and tentative subdivision projects. Meetings are generally on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Boardman City Hall and are open to the public. More information about the Planning Commission can be found at:

<http://cityofboardman.com/community-development>.

Interested parties should send a letter of interest on or before November 20, 2025, to Planning Official Carla McLane at [mclanec@cityofboardman.com](mailto:mclanec@cityofboardman.com) or via mail to: Boardman City Hall, P.O. Box 229, Boardman, Oregon 97818.

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304 Sage Street  
Boardman, OR 97818

October 29, 2025

Carla McLean  
Boardman City Hall  
PO Box 229  
Boardman, OR 97818

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my sincere interest in one of the positions opening on the Boardman Planning Commission. I currently teach English Language Arts, Family & Consumer Sciences, and am the Drama Club Advisor at Riverside; am one of the founding members of the new "Sagebrush Community Theater Project;" and serve on the board of the Morrow County Cultural Coalition.

I first began working in Boardman in 2012, and moved to town in 2015. At the end of 2020 I moved away, but instantly regretted it and was back within a year and a half when my children told me they "just wanted to go home." How could I argue with that? We feel very comfortable, safe, and welcome in this community.

Recently, I have been excitedly watching the town grow and change. Of course there are a few growing pains, but the future looks bright for the city of Boardman. My hope is that we can maintain the small town feel and all of the little things that make Boardman special while improving infrastructure, amenities, and opportunities for everyone. Hopefully, I will have the chance to help with that as a member of your commission.

Please let me know if you have any questions about my skill set or background—I am an open book. Additionally, I am happy to share a resume and/or references.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jolene Stensland  
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541-371-0259

**Carla McLane**

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**From:** Rodrick Taylor <rodrick.taylor66@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 18, 2025 12:55 PM  
**To:** Carla McLane  
**Subject:** Re: Boardman Planning Commission

You don't often get email from rodrick.taylor66@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Please accept this is my request to be on the Boardman planning commission.. I live in the 97818 code. East of town, I work at Ace Hardware and have 12 years of experience with the morrow county planning commission. Thank you for your consideration, Rod Taylor.

## Carla McLane

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**From:** Boardman OR <noreply@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 18, 2025 2:52 PM  
**To:** Carla McLane  
**Subject:** Planning Committee Board Member opening.

Name: Carol Maidment Jones  
Email: cajones1021@aol.com

Message:

I'm interested in the up and coming opening on the Planning Board.

I've lived in Boardman since 1979. I've watched the community grow and expand over the years. And very pleased with the current updates.

I was on the Planning about 26 years ago but because of getting a job in Hermiston it was a difficult commute. Now that I'm semi retired I can get back into community work.

Just a few things I've done in the past:

Secretary Treasurer for the Chamber.

Volunteered to assist with 4th of July.

Coached T-ball.

Volunteered as Librarian.

While doing my full time jobs;

Working for Local 701 apprenticeship as assistant to the Director.

Office manager for Dr. Alexander.

I have more experience in different areas.

Thank you for considering me for this position.

Sincerely,

Carol Maidment Jones



**Natasha Rockwell**  
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**Boardman, OR 97818**  
**541-720-0381**  
**nd\_rockwell@yahoo.com**

**11/18/2025**

**Carla McLane**  
**Planning Official**  
**Boardman Planning Commission**

**Subject: Letter of Interest for Natasha Rockwell**

Dear Ms. McLane,

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving on the Planning Commission Board for Boardman. As a long-time resident of Boardman, I have observed many changes over the years and have grown to know more and more of the community members who have been a part of some of the changes and development. I am at a place in my life now that I feel that I have both the time and desire to be more involved in community happenings, and I respectfully request the opportunity to be considered for this board.

Throughout the years, I have gleaned some knowledge of zoning, long-term planning, and the importance of community involvement, and I welcome the opportunity to expand my knowledge so I can be a useful tool for furthering Boardman's future.

I am particularly passionate about projects involving affordable housing, retail growth, and community recreational developments. I believe that my analytical abilities and collaborative approach would be a valuable asset to the committee, in helping to ensure that decisions are made with both the community's long-term vision and its residents' immediate needs in mind. I am committed to serving with a transparent and structured approach and am eager to contribute to a vision for a thriving and more self-sufficient Boardman.

Please feel free to reach out to me via email, text or phone.

Sincerely,  
Natasha Rockwell