



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 21, 2022

SUBJECT: Planning Commission Representation / Tumalo Area / Recruitment

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Board direction sought on the subject of Planning Commission representation and recruitment as described below.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Staff is seeking direction from the Board of County Commissioners as it pertains to the Deschutes County Planning Commission and whether:

- Geographic areas representing the seven voting members of the Planning Commission should be revisited as early as next month, specifically as it pertains to Tumalo's boundaries? and
- An interim ex-officio position should be established to allow a representative of the Tumalo area to participate in Planning Commission proceedings until June 30, 2023, at which time the position could rollover to one of the seven voting members for a four year term?

If the Board wishes to revisit the geographic areas next month, it will delay amendments to Deschutes County Code (DCC) Chapter 2.52, Deschutes County Planning Commission and the recruitment process for an interim ex-officio member.

Alternatively, if the Board wants to prioritize an interim ex-officio member for the Tumalo area, the following expedited process and schedule could be initiated:

1. Convert the first of two forthcoming Planning Commission vacancies (Dale Crawford) from an at-large position to a Tumalo area position.
2. Amend DCC Chapter 2.52, Deschutes County Planning Commission to allow for one ex-officio member.
3. Upon adoption in January, initiate a Planning Commission recruitment for one interim ex-officio member representing the Tumalo area. The recruitment notice would acknowledge that the successful candidate serves from the appointment date to June 30, 2023 as an ex-officio member and then rolls over from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2027, as one of the seven voting members of the Planning Commission.

4. Effective on July 1, 2023, convert an existing at-large Planning Commission position (Nathan Hovekamp) to a forthcoming vacancy in the Bend area (Maggie Kirby). The Bend area position would encompass a full term through June 30, 2027.
5. Initiate a Planning Commission recruitment notice in March for a forthcoming vacancy in the second of two at-large positions (Nathan Hovekamp) for a full term from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2027.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Peter Gutowsky, CDD Director