



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	12/14/2021
AGENDA SECTION:	New Business
SUBJECT:	Appointment of At-Large Member to the Folsom Planning Commission
FROM:	City Clerk's Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council appoint an at-large member to the Planning Commission for the remainder of the term ending in December 2022.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

There is currently an at-large vacancy with the term ending in December 2022. The vacancy was created as a result of the relocation of one of the current at-large Planning Commissioners outside of Folsom. A Notice of Vacancy was published in the Folsom Telegraph, posted on the City of Folsom's web page, and on the bulletin boards located at City Hall.

POLICY / RULE

Folsom's Charter, approved by the voters of Folsom in 1990, establishes the Planning Commission. Section 4.05 of the Charter specifies the appointment process; namely that each member of the Council shall appoint one member whose terms shall run concurrent with that of the Councilmember so appointing and that two members shall be appointed by the City Council for two-year terms.

Folsom Municipal Code Section 2.35.030 states, in part, that an "at-large appointment" is an appointment made by a majority vote of the city council or an appointment made by the mayor with the approval of the city council.

ANALYSIS

Among other duties set forth within the Folsom Municipal Code, the Planning Commission shall act as a board of zoning adjustment within the meaning of Article 2, Chapter 4, Title 7 of the Government Code, and shall have the powers, duties, and responsibilities vested therein; issue permits for conditional uses of property within the city; grant applications for variances, review all applications for building or other permits required by the city which directly affect master or general plans, precise plans, zoning ordinances, or subdivision restrictions.

ATTACHMENTS

Applications received from the following individuals:

1. George Condon
2. Bob Delp
3. William Romanelli
4. Dianne Smith

Respectfully submitted,

Christa Freemantle, CMC
City Clerk

ATTACHMENT 1

Thank you for your interest in serving on a Folsom commission or committee.

Before You Begin:

- Please read this form and instructions carefully.
- Complete all pages and sign the application.
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Return completed applications to:

City Clerk's Department, Folsom City Hall, 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630

Applicant Information: (All information is required)

Name: George Condon

Residence Address: _____

Email: jllmmm6@comcast.net

Phone: _____

Employer and Occupation: _____

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee? If yes, please specify:

No

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification: Commission and Committee members must be residents and registered voters of Folsom.

Registered to vote? Indicate Yes / No Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training:

I understand that commission and committee members must file statements disclosing financial information. Indicate Yes / N
Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training. Indicate Yes / N
Yes

Truth and Accuracy: I certify that the information contained on this form is true and accurate:

Signature:  Date: November 1, 2021

Important Public Records Information: The city may receive requests from the public to review documents this form and the city is obligated to release these public records, including all information contained on the form.

Choice of Commission or Committee:

(If you are interested in multiple commissions, please rank them numerically according to your preference)

_____ Arts and Culture Commission

_____ Historic District Commission*

Please identify which seat you qualify for:

_____ representative who is actively involved with historic preservation

_____ representative who is a resident of the Historic District

_____ representative who owns a business within the Sutter Street Subarea

_____ Planning Commissioners

_____ representative from a Historic District business outside the Sutter Street Subarea

_____ architect, landscape architect, or other design professional with expertise in historic preservation

_____ Landscaping and Lighting District Advisory Committee*

Please advise which L&L District you live in:

District of Residence: _____

_____ Library Commission

_____ Parks and Recreation Commission

_____ Planning Commission

_____ Traffic Safety Committee*

Please identify which seat you qualify for:

_____ representative representing a wide cross section of interests

_____ representative who has demonstrated an interest in or a concern for pedestrian and bicycle

X _____ Utility Commission

_____ Other: _____

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for):

1. Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee:

I have been a resident of Folsom for 16 years. I also owned rental property in Folsom and worked well with the city departments during that time.

I continue to feel that the City of Folsom is a very well run city that offers many different services to the citizens.

I continue to believe that this city has strong police and fire departments. The many different committees and commissions prove to me the city is strong and wonderful place to live and raise a family.

I think with my involvement on the Board of Directors of the Empire Ranch HOA and my many years in the construction business, as a Plumbing Contractor and a General Contractor, will give me good insight into the commission's work.

2. What do you think is(are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee:

Implementation of the organics recycling program as mandated by the state and water supply.

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3. Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee:

As I stated above my 60 years in the construction industry. Before retiring my last position was Project Manager of the Sacramento International Airport Terminal B. I was part of the Design Build Team primarily focused on the Plumbing and Utilities.

4. Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

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Folsom Commission and Committee APPLICATION

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Applicant Information: (All information is required)

Name: Bob Delp

Residence Address: _____

Email: bdelp@live.com

Phone: _____

Employer and Occupation: Benchmark Resources / Environmental and Land Use Planning Consultant

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee? If yes, please specify:

Yes; Traffic Safety Committee.

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification: Commission and Committee members must be residents and registered voters of Folsom.

Registered to vote? Indicate Yes / No Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training:

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Yes

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Yes

Truth and Accuracy: I certify that the information contained on this form is true and accurate:

Signature:  Date: November 30, 2021

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FOLSOM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Applicant Name: Bob Delp

Choice of Commission or Committee:

(If you are interested in multiple commissions, please rank them numerically according to your preference)

 Arts and Culture Commission

 2 Historic District Commission*

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- Planning Commissioners
- representative from a Historic District business outside the Sutter Street Subarea
- architect, landscape architect, or other design professional with expertise in historic preservation

 Landscaping and Lighting District Advisory Committee*

Please advise which L&L District you live in:

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 Library Commission

 Parks and Recreation Commission

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 Traffic Safety Committee*

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 Utility Commission

 Other: _____

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FOLSOM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Applicant Name: Bob Delp

Informational Questions: (you must answer all four questions, for all commissions or committees you are applying for):

1. Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee:

My wife and I have lived in Folsom's Historic District since 2012. We own two properties here and have a vested interest in helping this important area of Folsom continue to thrive. But our lives in Folsom extend beyond the Historic District. The company I work for, the bike trails I ride, the gym I go to, the grocery stores I shop at, and the local entertainment I enjoy are spread throughout the City. All of these amenities and opportunities are important to my life here in Folsom.

I am interested in knowing that the issues and projects that come before the Planning Commission and the Historic District Commission are thoughtfully considered, and I would welcome the opportunity to provide my perspectives and opinions as a part of the Planning Commission and/or the Historic District Commission deliberation and decision making processes.

2. What do you think is(are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee:

Top issues facing the Planning Commission are:

- ongoing City-wide zoning code update
- review and approvals of projects in the Folsom Plan Area and other growth areas
- accomplishing affordable housing allocations
- reinvigoration of older business areas (e.g., northern East Bidwell Street corridor)

Top issues facing the Historic District Commission are:

- ongoing zoning code update as relates to the Historic District
- reviews of individual residential and commercial development proposals for Historic District and zoning code compliance and compatibly
- planning for future development/use of the Corporation Yard
- parking and traffic management addressing concerns of residents while ensuring access to businesses
- fire prevention, emergency response, and public safety

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FOLSOM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Applicant Name: Bob Delp

3. Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee:

I have been a land use/environmental consultant for over 25 years, and I understand land use planning, zoning, environmental review processes. I have been engaged at the local level in Folsom providing my perspectives on projects in the Historic District and other areas of the City. Through that involvement I have become familiar with the City zoning code and the City's project review process. I have been and am currently involved in historic preservation efforts both as an involved citizen in Folsom's Historic District (e.g., questioning the suitability of a faux prison in the Sutter Street commercial district, urging for evaluation of potentially historic residential structures prior to approving modifications) and in my career as an environmental professional (e.g., currently working with the State Department of Parks and Recreation as a consultant assisting in review of a water quality project while protecting historic resources at a State Historic Park).

My credentials include:

- B.A., Economics with emphasis on Energy and Environmental Issues, California State University, Chico, 1992
- Certificate in Land Use and Environmental Planning, University of California, Davis, 2010

4. Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Virtual or in-person attendance or participation in most Historic District Commission meetings in 2020 and 2021.

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Applicant Information: (All information is required)

Name: William Michael Romanelli

Residence Address: _____

Email: bromanel@yahoo.com

Phone: _____

Employer and Occupation: _____

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee? If yes, please specify:

No

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Registered to vote? Indicate Yes / No Yes

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Truth and Accuracy: I certify that the information contained on this form is true and accurate:

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 10/25/2021

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FOLSOM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Applicant Name: William Michael Romanelli

Choice of Commission or Committee:

(If you are interested in multiple commissions, please rank them numerically according to your preference)

Arts and Culture Commission

Historic District Commission*

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representative who owns a business within the Sutter Street Subarea

Planning Commissioners

representative from a Historic District business outside the Sutter Street Subarea

architect, landscape architect, or other design professional with expertise in historic preservation

Landscaping and Lighting District Advisory Committee*

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Library Commission

Parks and Recreation Commission

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Utility Commission

Other: _____

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FOLSOM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Applicant Name: William Michael Romanelli

Informational Questions: (you must answer all four questions, for all commissions or committees you are applying for):

1. Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee:

A colleague and mentor of mine once told me if you want to "give back" or pay it forward, then do it in the place you call home. In so doing you can see the fruits of your labor directly in your own community, and benefit from them at the same time.

As a Folsom resident for more than 22 years, a successful public affairs consultant, an active member of the Folsom Chamber and a local writer who has had the privilege of telling stories of Folsom's history and people since 2004, I love the quality of life we enjoy here. My family and I have all benefitted from it greatly. I've also appreciated the very smart approach to growth our city has taken, and while that growth brings more needs and challenges in terms of our city's future, our planning commission—working closely with our city council—has established a legacy of smart decisions that have served Folsom well.

To me, serving on the planning commission represents the best opportunity to give back, while also giving me a voice in ensuring that we preserve that legacy of smart growth, as well as the quality of life we all enjoy so much.

2. What do you think is(are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee:

Having sat in on several commission meetings this year, some of the biggest issues and challenges I see are:

- * Making sure Folsom residents understand the realities of Folsom's water supply (i.e., our allocation greatly exceeds our consumption, even at full buildout) while at the same time making new and proposed projects better, as much as possible, in how they use and conserve water and energy.
- * Meeting Folsom's mandates for affordable housing, particularly at the moderate income level, and keeping a focus on integrating ADUs.
- * Countering the narrative espoused by a small, but very vocal few, that the planning commission is simply a rubber stamp.
- * From my personal view, while the commission is largely charged with overseeing projects that relate to Folsom residents' ability to live and work here, I'd like to see more interaction with the Parks and Recreation commission to ensure we understand, and can provide, the kind of amenities residents and visitors demand.
- * Ongoing issues and concerns related to preservation of open space, plans for the River District, and homelessness.
- * Better communications in general on how the commission's work is serving and benefitting all Folsom residents.

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FOLSOM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Applicant Name: William Michael Romanelli

3. Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee:

As a public affairs practitioner for nearly 30 years I am well versed in navigating and communicating complex issues with a variety of stakeholders and constituencies. My experience in issue management, message development, crisis communications, media relations, stakeholder engagement and working with regulators can all be assets to the commission, and to the city. In addition, a fair amount of my past (but not current) work has involved assisting clients in the building and development industry, so I bring a solid understanding of that world to the table.

I've also held several leadership positions in various organizations, including president of my local professional association, and remain active in the community. Highlights of my relevant experience outside my day-to-day work include:

- * Folsom Chamber of Commerce: Government Affairs Committee Chair (current year) and member since 2018 and JobsPAC committee member (2019- present)
- * Boy Scout Troop 94: Advancement Co Chair and merit badge counselor (2018-present)
- * Break Free/3 Strands: Volunteer educator (2015)
- * Gallardo Elementary School: Site Council (2014-2015)
- * Citizen Voice: Board Member (2010-2012)
- * California Game Wardens Foundation: Volunteer – communications (2007-2010)
- * Leadership Sacramento: Class of 2006
- * Sacramento Public Relations Association: President (2001-2002) and Board member (1996-2003)

4. Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

With one exception, I have been a regular, in-person attendee at all Planning Commission meetings since July.

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ATTACHMENT 4



Folsom Commission and Committee APPLICATION

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Applicant Information: (All information is required)

Name: Dianne Smith

Residence Address: _____

Email: dksmith200@comcast.net

Phone: Retired

Employer and Occupation: Retired

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee? If yes, please specify:

No

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Indicate Yes / No:

Yes

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Yes

Truth and Accuracy: I certify that the information contained on this form is true and accurate:

Signature: Dianne Smith

Date: 11/30/21

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FOLSOM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Applicant Name: Dianne Smith

Choice of Commission or Committee:

(If you are interested in multiple commissions, please rank them numerically according to your preference)

Arts and Culture Commission

Historic District Commission*

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FOLSOM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Applicant Name: Dianne Smith

Informational Questions: (you must answer all four questions, for all commissions or committees you are applying for):

1. Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee:

We recently moved to Folsom and due to the pandemic have had a limited chance to get to be part of Folsom. I have begun to look for ways to become more involved in this community. Planning Commission seemed such a way as planning has been a long standing interest of mine.

2. What do you think is(are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee:

As I understand it, the City is currently in the process of revising its zoning code which is, in my opinion, a major issue as it has such an impact on the community. Also, concerned about providing a wide variety of housing.

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FOLSOM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Applicant Name: Dianne Smith

3. Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee:

I am a retired city planner having worked for the City of Stockton and San Joaquin County for about 15 years.

4. Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

I have not attended any meetings of the Planning Commission. We moved to Folsom near the start of the pandemic so I have only seen portions of some meetings on the internet.

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