



**CITY OF FRUITA
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Planning Commission

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How long have you been a resident of Fruita? 5 years

Occupation/Employer: Semi-retired Signs & Handyman-Self/Empl

List any volunteer and/or work experience:

I was in the Electric Sign business from 1972 to 2014. In the early years I was a sign installer & sheetmetal man. 1994-1999 My business partner & I owned our own business, I mostly did sales, permit procurement & estimating before selling our company to a larger company. 1996-2006 I was owner/operator of my own business & was hands-on in ALL aspects of the business. I had much experience with planning/zoning & building depts, procuring permits & on occasion variances. I sold the business in 2006 & worked for the owner until semi-retiring in 2014. I did sales, permits, customer relations, permit procurement, project coordinating & on occasion sign installation.

Are you presently serving on a board or commission? If so, which one(s)?

No

Why do you want to be a member of this board or commission?

My wife & I love living in Fruita! I would like to volunteer and show my appreciation for living in our small community. I personally feel Fruita needs to grow in a responsible/smart manner. Having been a businessman I understand development needs to be economically sensible. I ALSO understand development should integrate well & complement existing neighborhoods & NOT sacrifice the integrity & character of existing neighborhoods & those who are existing tax payers. I will objectively consider ALL aspects of development.

List any abilities, skills, or interests which are applicable to the board or commission for which you are applying.

I am 68 years of age, physically fit and in good health. I have 'Old School' values taught to me by my German/Russian grandparents and my father. I am a good Neighbor & a Friend. Nearly ALL of my friends are from grade school, junior high school or high school. I have a pleasant and mostly outgoing demeanor. I can also be very reserved and serious as the occasion arises. I believe there is NO substitute for personal face to face relationships. I had a Sign Contractors License in The City & County of Denver, which required testing & certification. I was a Triathlete & endurance athlete for 20 years. I still keep myself fit.

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Are you committed to attending meetings?

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Yes

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No

Are you committed to serving an entire term?

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Yes

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No

Please specify any activities which might create serious conflict of interest if you should be appointed to a particular board or commission. (If unsure, please call the City Manager's office at 858-3663)

None

List any licenses, certificates or other specialized training applicable to the board or commission for which you are applying.

I had numerous Sign Contactors Licenses in The Denver Metro area & along The Front Range. I speak Spanish on a limited conversational basis.

Additional information or references you believe may be helpful in considering your application.

I enjoy designing & light engineering in my part-time Sign & Handyman business. I do ALL work for my handful of clients as if I was doing it for myself.

I can furnish personal & professional references on request.

In closing I would like to thank you for accepting this brief/candid and to the point application & the opportunity to possibly serve The City of Fruita and The People who Live here.

Signature



Date

5-17-2022

All applicants are strongly encouraged to attend a regularly scheduled meeting of the board or commission for which they are applying. Frequent non-attendance may result in termination of the appointment.

ATTACHMENTS TO APPLICATION MUST BE LIMITED TO TWO PAGES

Please feel free to submit a resume along with this application. Application and any attachments should be returned to the Fruita City Council c/o the City Clerk, 325 E. Aspen, Fruita, CO 81521. Although we have indicated the best time to apply for a particular board, we accept applications for any of the boards year-round. Thank you.