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

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BOARD OR COMMISSION: Planning Commission

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How long have you been a resident of Fruita? two months

Occupation/Employer: Great Basin Institute (govt non profit)

List any volunteer and/or work experience:

Six years ago, I quitte teaching college math to join the Peace Corp but when that fell through, I continued the pursuit and began volunteering for the National Park Service. Federal regulations and policies were new to me but I've been able to get ahead of the learning curve and am now employed in the largest National Park in the lower 48 where we serve dual and often competing purpose: protect natural resources and preserve the visitor experience. The work requires similar balance to local government- the public good and private rights and interest. During my volunteer time, I was also volunteer-volunteer coordinator at Rocky Mountain National Park where I worked with 88 other volunteers, listening to their (often competing) needs to find solutions and keep out park mission in focus. As a professor at Colorado Northwester Community College in Rangely, our bare bones staff meant I was able to take on other roles, like club advisor as my service time, learning Robert's Rules of Order. All this volunteer work came to an excellent set of skills to be a volunteer Planning Commissioner for 18 months in Steamboat Springs Colorado until I recently relocated to Fruita.

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?

I chose to relocate to Fruita for its natural resources and its community atmosphere. I also have an intrinsic motivation for civil service. I would be honored to serve my new City on the Planning Commission as I feel the work done in the commission helps Fruita to thrive for generations while keeping its culture. I find law, regulations, and policies to be fascinating in that they guide our decisions, but are also evolving. I read Fruita in Motion twice before deciding to relocate here and I am very interested in working toward these community goals.

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

My formal training as a mathematician ingrained questioning assumptions, considering all perspectives, and taking logical steps into my thinking and decision making. I think these skills are crucial in comprehensive city planning and the strongest asset I can bring to civil service in Fruita. My years within the National Park service have also gotten me comfortable with federal regulations and reading development plans and construction documents. And the 18 months for which I had the pleasure to hold a seat on Steamboat Springs' Planning Commission, I was able to perform the exact duties necessary for this position in Fruita.



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Are you committed to attending meetings?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Are you committed to serving an entire term?

☒ Yes

☐ 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. However, a perception of conflict of interest may exist in any development plans within my HOA and I would likely recuse myself if a member of the HOA were an applicant.

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

I wouldn't necessarily say this is a "specialized" qualification, but it speaks to my commitment to government and active participation within it. In the 2020 election, I was away at Death Valley for work and despite mailing my ballot home to Colorado, it hadn't arrived by Monday afternoon, so I pulled an all-nighter driving 16 hours home with my dogs in tow to cast my vote. In sharing my saga with a kind pollworker, he suggested someone with my fervor should consider commission seats so I did!

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

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date 11/16/2022

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.

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**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.