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# AGENDA ITEM

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TO: Tim Vandall, City Administrator  
FROM: Joshua Gentzler  
DATE: August 30, 2024  
SUBJECT: Planning Commission Appointment – Ginger Riddle

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*Overview:* Planning Commission Chairman Jake Kowalewski was appointed to serve on the City Council in July of 2023. The Lansing Unified Development Ordinance states in Article 1.04 – B.1 “*Every member of the Planning Commission shall hold no salaried or elected office with the City government...*” As such, the City Council should appoint a replacement for Mr. Kowalewski to finish his term on the Planning Commission.

Ginger Riddle submitted an application to apply for the Planning Commission (see attached document). If appointed, Ginger Riddle’s term would end on April 29, 2025.

*Policy Consideration:* None

*Financial Consideration:* n/a

*Action:* A motion to appoint Ginger Riddle to the Planning Commission for a term ending on April 29, 2025.



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APPLICATION FOR LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ginger Riddle \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 913-727-2617 \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ ginger.riddle@gmail.com \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a one to two page written statement expressing your interest in being appointed to the Lansing Planning Commission. Your written statement should address the following four topics:

1. Qualifications for the position.
2. Personal philosophy of the Lansing Planning Commission and development in Lansing.
3. Desired accomplishments as a Lansing Planning Commission member.
4. Willingness to attend meetings.

Also, attach the name, address, and telephone number of three personal references.

This volunteer position is for the Lansing Planning Commission for a three (3) year term ending on April 30, 2027. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. Citizen. Applicants must also be a resident of the City of Lansing or live within the Urban Growth Management Area outside of city limits.

**\*\*If necessary, applicants will be interviewed on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at a Special Meeting by the Governing Body. \*\***

All applications should be returned to Lansing City Hall, 800 First Terrace, marked "Attention of the City Clerk", no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2024.

## **Ginger Riddle**

### **Personal Statement for Planning Commission**

#### **Qualifications**

As a resident of and a homeowner in Lansing since 2003, I have a high degree of interest in planning for the future success of our city. I am a member of Lansing Lions Club and involved in many projects that serve the Lansing community. I also served for 23 years as a teacher in a neighboring district and witnessed firsthand the sort of planning that goes into implementing a project successfully, as well as some of the pitfalls of poor preparation. I serve on the board for my homeowners' association and for a foundation that aids girls in attending secondary school in Kenya where poverty and cultural traditions are an obstacle to educating young women.

#### **Personal Philosophy**

I am excited about the growth and evolution of Lansing, and I view the development of services like the swimming pool as an investment in future growth. I'm interested in learning more about the decision making process the planning commission goes through and about the city's comprehensive plan.

#### **Desired Accomplishments**

I don't have any preconceived objectives for the Planning Commission, aside from the continued growth and improvement of our community and its resources, so that it will continue to be an excellent place for my grandchildren to grow up.

#### **Willingness to Attend Meetings**

If I have to miss a meeting, I will give the commission plenty of notice. I do have a trip planned in late September, but we will leave after the September planning commission meeting and return before the October meeting. Other than that, I don't anticipate having to be absent.

## References

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