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Planning Commission Application

Please complete the application below and return to Mayor Scott Korthuis at 300 4th Street, Lynden, WA 98264 or KorthuisS@lyndenwa.org.

Name: Hollie Lyons

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Are you available at work? N/A Phone:

1. How long have you lived within Lynden city limits? 28 years
2. Please tell us why your background and education would be an asset to the Planning Commission. I have served on the Planning Committee in the past when my children were small. I came as a mom and a citizen who cared about Lynden. I had No other motives (realtor, construction, building supplies) . I truly cared about the future of Lynden and would like our children someday to want to live here because of the choices we made as we were growing the community. I have been on different committees with each person coming with their own life experiences and viewpoints. I believe everyone should have a voice and that each unique perspective should be considered in a committee setting.

3. Do you have experience with any community committees? B'ham Community Development , Lynden City Planning, Boy Scouts Committee Member, Moms in Prayer Area Leader, Mother of Preschoolers (MOPS) Leadership Committee

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If so, what was your role? All above positions were Committee Member with decision and voting responsibilities.

5. How do you view the task of balancing the public good and private property rights? This question is vague and would need the Public Good more defined. I believe Private Property rights should be respected and protected at all costs.

6. How do you view growth within our community?

I was on the Planning Committee when the building Moratorium was lifted. I believe at the time we didn't do a good enough job to account for the growth and amenities such as grocery stores and other services on the Eastside of Lynden where the growth was taking place. We were approving developments and building permits so fast that the trail system/green space initially considered in the overall planning was being ignored and less considered for the variances builders were asking for. I also was deeply concerned that the city at the time did not consider the growth demands on our school system which for years had to play catch up. Today our schools look great but with continued growth it would be nice for the city to work with the schools to see the capacity vs the growth plan of our community. Lynden is and has been a great place to live and raise families. Since I was on the committee so long ago it looks like things have gotten much better. We still need a grocery store on the Eastside of Lynden however. 😊

Thank you for your willingness to serve the Lynden Community. I will contact you to discuss your application.

Scott Korthuis, Mayor
City of Lynden