



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Hon. Mayor and Board of Commissioners  
VIA: Mike Helfrich, City Manager  
FROM: Clara VanBlargan, City Clerk  
DATE: May 4, 2026  
**RE: Appointments to Planning Commission**

---

### **Background:**

There is a vacancy on the Planning Commission with a partial term expiring on September 30, 2026, at which time the applicant appointed to serve the partial term may apply for a three-year term.

The vacancy was advertised, and three applications were received for appointment:

- Michael Druding
- Elizabeth Watkins Holloway
- Erik Lewis

The applicants were invited to attend the 6:00 p.m. BOC Regular Meeting on May 13, 2026.

Planning Commission – 7-member board – regular meetings held monthly on the first Monday at 6:00 p.m. Dates and times are subject to change.

- Members must be residents and qualified City of Madeira Beach voters. Districts do not apply.
- Appointments will be made, consistent with the Charter, Sec. 12.2, and based on demonstrated experience and qualifications in the subject matter from one or more of the following areas, whenever possible (City Code Sec. 2-77):
  - Architect or landscape architect
  - Civil engineer
  - Real estate sales or land development
  - Professional experience in natural or environmental sciences
  - Professional urban planner
- Planning Board members are responsible for filing an annual Form 1, Statement of

Financial Interests, **electronically with** the Florida Commission on Ethics within 30 days of appointment. Penalties apply **for late filing**.

- To file Form 1 electronically through the Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System, please visit the Florida Commission on Ethics Website at [Florida Commission on Ethics](#).

Two applications were received:

<u>Current members</u>	<u>3-Year Terms</u>
Vacancy	09/30/2026, partial term
Mike Noble	09/30/2026
Michael Wyckoff, Chairman	09/30/2026
John Connolly	09/30/2027
John Meagher	09/30/2027
Matthew LaRue	09/30/2028
Mark Cloud	09/30/2028

### **Fiscal Impact**

Advisory board members serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for travel, mileage, and per diem expenses as authorized by the Board of Commissioners or as otherwise provided by law.

### **Recommendation**

The recommendation is for the Board of Commissioners to appoint one of the three applicants to serve a partial term expiring on September 30, 2026, at which time the applicant appointed may apply for a full three-year term on the Planning Commission.

- Michael Druding
- Elizabeth Holloway
- Erik Lewis

### **Attachment(s):**

Applications  
City Charter - Section 12.2, City Planning Commission  
City Code – Chapter 2, Division 2 – Planning Commission  
Board Vacancy Advertisement