



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMO

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Community Development	Kristi Jefferson - Senior Planner	December 19, 2022

ITEM

Planning Commission interviews

BACKGROUND

The Planning Commission is made up of seven regular members and two alternate members. Regular member Dave Haynes resigned earlier this year and Alternate member Laura Atwood moved outside of the City and had to resign her position as alternate.

Currently, there is one (1) regular position and one (1) alternate position open on the Planning Commission. Commissioner Giff Kriebel's term is expiring on January 1st and he has indicated that he would like to serve another four year term. Alternate Member, Aaron Derwingson has indicated he would like the opportunity to move into the vacated regular seat.

Staff published an advertisement in the Mountain Mail focused on filling vacancies with the Planning Commission.

We received an application from Dan Bush who is interested in the alternate position on the Planning Commission.



APPLICATION FOR CITY OF SALIDA COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

DATE 25 October 2022
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APPLYING FOR:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment | <input type="checkbox"/> Salida/Chaffee County Airport Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Art Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Board |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PROST | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Please fill out the following information about yourself and why you are applying for this position. (Attach resume or extra sheets if necessary)

BACKGROUND AND/OR EXPERIENCE (Business and/or Personal):

I'm a civil engineer by profession, specifically environmental engineering, so i have a fair bit of experience with environmental remediation (think mine tailings or oil spills) and redevelopment of contaminated property (sometimes known as brownfields). I also have a good amount of experience with construction more broadly, including with municipal sewer and water infrastructure. I've worked on redevelopment of many different types of properties, urban/rural, big/small, desert/mountain/temperate. Generally, i work on cleaning up property working with owner/developer/regulators well before any buildings are proposed to be constructed, but with an eye toward an ultimate end land use.

I also have an academic background in urban planning (i.e. a masters degree), though i haven't practiced as a city planner. I can also speak Spanish (undergrad degree in Spanish), albeit a little rustier the older i get.

Finally, while living in Denver, i served on the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee which helped steward/advocate for/liaise for accessible bike infrastructure.

PERSONAL AND JOB RELATED INTERESTS:

I'm relatively new to Salida (2020), but my interests are as you might expect with our beautiful surroundings. I like to hike/bike/fish/ski/boat, but none of them really at an expert level. In my job, i sometimes work at old mine sites, which sometimes leads to some really good hiking/fishing, but nothing here locally (yet). I like to travel quite a bit, both within the state and also farther abroad having lived in several parts of the country.

More locally, I really like listening to live music and hadn't really understood Salida's vibrant music scene until i moved here, which was a delight. I'm also a big fan of Ice Cream Friday, so if anyone wants to develop a local tradition at one of our three (maybe four if you count Señor Murphys) downtown ice cream shops, i could be convinced.

REASONS FOR APPLYING:

I've always had an interest in civic engagement (other masters degree was in public admin, which i've also never really worked in professionally), so i was looking for a way to participate in the civic fabric of Salida in a meaningful way and the election season has reminded me of that. I recognize that so much of what makes local government run is the investment of time and energy of local citizens in addition to the professional staff. Clearly Salida and Chaffee County are growing, and I'd like to help keep Salida a welcoming and fun place to live and visit and also respect its heritage and the experiences of long-time residents. One of the reasons i moved to Salida was the sense of place, and i would like to work with the Commission to keep Salida special on behalf of everyone while also allowing for new and exciting additions.

Thank you for applying, Salida City Council

Please return the completed application to:

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