



# CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMO

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Administration	Sara Law - Sustainability Coordinator/PIO	January 16, 2024

## **ITEM**

Tree Board Interviews

## **BACKGROUND**

There are two more applicants for the Tree Board and Salida Municipal Code Section 2-12-10 says that the Board shall consist of a minimum of three members. Staff published advertisements in the Mountain Mail for Boards and Commissions and we received applications from the following candidates interested in being on the Tree Board.

Wendy Weiner  
Kris Chestasky



**APPLICATION FOR CITY OF SALIDA  
COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS**

DATE 1-4-2024  
NAME Wendy Weiner  
ADDRESS 1432 I St  
CITY Salida STATE CO ZIP 81201  
TELEPHONE # (home) 719-429-7390 (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
(cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
FAX # \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ibikerideski@gmail.com

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree Board               |
| <input 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 have spent a year on the tree board. I have surveyed the town trees, made recommendations, done tree planting, and made group decisions about trees for the city.

PERSONAL AND JOB RELATED INTERESTS:

I had a gardening service for 20 years maintaining, planting, pruning all manner of plants.  
I have had numerous classes in tree maintenance.  
I currently maintain a big garden at my home that has at least 12 fruit trees.

REASONS FOR APPLYING:

I feel my interest in plants and trees from the perspective of a backyard gardener offers the board another point of view for our towns trees, aesthetic, practical and otherwise.

**Thank you for applying, Salida City Council**

**Please return the completed application to:**

**City of Salida**  
**448 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 112**  
**Salida, CO 81201**  
**or email to:**  
**[Clerk@cityofsalida.com](mailto:Clerk@cityofsalida.com)**



**APPLICATION FOR CITY OF SALIDA  
COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS**

DATE December 10, 2023  
NAME Kristen (Kris) Cheskaty  
ADDRESS 14749 Quartz Circle  
CITY Salida STATE CO ZIP 81201  
TELEPHONE # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
(cell) 772-486-1239  
FAX # \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL krisc@bellsouth.net

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

Current Tree Board Member appointed April 2022. Serving in the capacity of Treasurer and Secretary.

Certified Colorado Gardner, having completed the Colorado Master Gardener coursework Spring semester 2023.

Retired and living full time in Salida (Chaffee County).

My experience pertinent to participation with the Tree Board includes having worked both with and for small municipalities, worked directly with the public, extensive project management and environmental stewardship through my educational background and professional experience.

My attached resume provides some detail of my previous professional business experience.

PERSONAL AND JOB RELATED INTERESTS:

My husband, Rex, and I moved to Salida from south Florida in April 2021 with our Chinese Shar-pei, Choca. We leased property just outside the city limits while building our home in Weldon Creek, which we have recently completed and moved in to.

We have been involved with CSFS and Colorado Fire Camp in developing a Forest Management Plan for our property. This has been a very educational partnership.

Environmental stewardship and conservation are focal points in my life.

We were drawn to Salida by the small community atmosphere, natural beauty of the area, abundant wildlife, year-round outdoor recreation and the many services available.

Our interests include gardening, golfing, cooking, hiking, fly fishing and skiing.

REASONS FOR APPLYING:

As a full-time Chaffee County resident, I am interested in actively serving the community in which I live. I wish to continue my participation with the Tree Board to help to further educate our residents on all things regarding our urban forest, continue to grow the Adopt-A-Tree program, and work with City staff to continue to provide guidance and stewardship for the trees of Salida.

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**Kristen C. Cheskaty**  
14749 Quartz Circle  
Salida, CO 81201  
(772) 486-1239

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## **BACKGROUND SUMMARY**

Currently retired following thirty-two years professional experience in sales, technical and managerial positions in both governmental and private sectors. Proven administrative and managerial success in the coordination of on-site Real Estate Brokerage for private member-owned Country Clubs, an international business venture, as well as my own business ventures in Real Estate sales. Accomplished in project development, implementation and completion, team work and working with the public.

## **PROFESSIONAL REAL ESTATE EXPERIENCE**

**Sailfish Point Property Owners' Association**  
Stuart, Florida

**July 2010 to January 2021**

On-site Real Estate Brokerage Office for Sailfish Point Golf and Country Club

**Managing Partner / Broker**

Provided direction and leadership for member-owned on-site Real Estate Brokerage, supported by three staff members and four commissioned Realtors®.

Worked directly with Club Finance, Membership and Marketing, Golf, Marina and Real Estate Committees.

**Mariner Sands Realty, Inc.**  
Stuart, Florida

**October 2007 to June 2009**

On-site Real Estate Brokerage Office for Mariner Sands Country Club

**President / Broker**

Provided direction and leadership for member-owned on-site Real Estate Brokerage, supported by three staff members and two commissioned Realtors®.

**Callahan Realty Services Group, Inc.**  
Stuart, Florida until March 2021 and presently Salida, Colorado

**October 2006 to Present**

Real Estate Brokerage Office

**Broker Owner and Realtor®**

Own and operate Real Estate Brokerage Corporation.

## Kristen C. Cheskaty

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**Treasure Coast Realty GMAC**  
Stuart, Florida

**September 2002 to 2006**

Real Estate Brokerage Office

**Realtor®**

Recognized as a Top Producer for the office in 2004 and 2005. Obtained GRI Designation October 2004. Obtained Florida Real Estate Broker license May 2006.

### **PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE**

**Armstrong International, Inc.**  
Stuart, Florida

**1993 – April 2002**

Privately held corporation, with manufacturing facilities in North America, Europe, Australia and Asia, producing industrial steam specialty equipment.

**Corporate Liaison and Technical Advisor to CEO**

1995 – April 2002

**Engineering Coordinator for Petrochemical Division**

1994 - 1995

**Staff Engineer**

1993 - 1994

Provided direction and leadership for Product Engineering, Information Technology, Production Control, Purchasing and Sales.

**Major Accomplishments:**

- Developed, coordinated and implemented administrative and operational policies at a start up manufacturing facility in Beijing, PRC.
- Assisted in establishing a new product development and offering in the petrochemical marketplace resulting in an increase of \$6 million annual sales.

## **Kristen C. Cheskaty**

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**Town of Jupiter**  
Jupiter, Florida

**1990 - 1991**

Municipal Government, Department of Community Development

**Planning and Zoning Technician**

Reviewed site plans and permit applications for compliance with Town codes. Performed site inspections. Authored staff reports to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Town Council. Departmental liaison for public inquiries and concerns.

**Development Engineering, Inc.**  
Stuart, Florida

**1989 - 1990**

Civil Engineering Firm

**Environmental Engineer**

Developed site plans, drainage reports and cost estimates for local development projects. Prepared permit applications. Completed site inspections. Submitted final development plans to the city and the county.



**Kristen C. Cheskaty**

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**PERSONAL SUMMARY**

Real Estate Broker, Realtor® and Graduate Realtor® Institute

BS Hydrogeology, 1992, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Environmental Engineering, 1983 - 1988, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Certified Laubach Literacy and ESL tutor

References available upon request.