



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMO

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Community Development	Kristi Jefferson, Senior Planner	February 14, 2022

ITEM

Planning Commission Interviews

BACKGROUND

There are currently two alternate positions open on the Planning Commission and recently one regular position opened up. Staff published an advertisement in the Mountain Mail for Boards and Commissions, and most recently focused the advertisement on filling vacancies with the Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission. We received applications from the following candidates interested in being on the Planning Commission:

Aaron Derwingson

Brian Colby



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

DATE 1.17.2022
NAME Aaron Derwingson
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CITY Salida STATE CO ZIP 81201
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(cell) 719-850-0320
FAX # _____ E-MAIL derwingson@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"/> SteamPlant Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Board |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Art Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Advisory Board | <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):

Master's in Community & Regional Planning with work on community vision plans, parks plans, hazard mitigation, and environmental planning. Related experience in community outreach, designing and facilitating public engagement processes, and public speaking.

15 years experience in environmental conservation, including significant work with land use planning, conservation easements, and water rights. Experience implementing large scale projects with multiple partners and complex budgets; experience writing and managing Federal and State grants and philanthropic proposals.

Served 3+ years on the Board of Directors for GARNA, current volunteer with Salida Mountain Trails, and part-owner in local business (Over It Raft Covers).

PERSONAL AND JOB RELATED INTERESTS:

All things water and river related, water rights, water management, sustainable water development, water for the environment, protecting and restoring stream health, forest and watershed health, and drought resilience.
Agriculture and food systems planning.
Recreation and rural community economic development.
open space conservation, access to nature

REASONS FOR APPLYING:

Give back to this great community. Salida is at an interesting and important transition point and we have a window of opportunity right now to help shape the Salida we want to see in the next 5-15 years. I have two young boys and want to see Salida continue to be one of the best places to raise a family: safety, ease of getting around by bike, great schools, community values, and recreation opportunities while tackling important and pressing issues like affordable housing, transportation, and protecting open space.

Thank you for applying. Salida City Council

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Salida, CO 81201
or email to:
Clerk@cityofsalida.com



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DATE January 6, 2021
NAME Brian Colby
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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"/> SteamPlant Commission |
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BACKGROUND AND/OR EXPERIENCE (Business and/or Personal):

I have lived in Salida for roughly 4 years and desire to apply my knowledge and skills as a business leader to help our town grow sustainably. My 40 year business career has taken me from being a technician at a nuclear power plant to developing strategic plans and budgets for the US Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, and most recently being self employed as a Nuclear Materials Management consultant. During my career I led teams manufacturing nuclear components, designing and constructing industrial facilities with costs up to \$300 million and decommissioning nuclear facilities.

I have always enjoyed giving back to the community I lived in. For example I coached youth soccer and was vice-chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) in Superior, CO (yes, the town that recently sustained wildfire damage). While participating on the PZC we developed a comprehensive plan for over 5,000 housing units and approved several planned urban developments including a major retail center (Home Depot, COSCO, WholeFoods, etc). I also was a member of the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board and helped negotiate the nuclear facilities environment cleanup with the US Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency and Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment. The decommissioned Rocky Flats facility, located in Golder, CO, is now a National Wildlife Preserve.

I am currently working as a consultant to Canadian Nuclear Laboratory in Ontario, Canada, typically less than 30 hours per month.

PERSONAL AND JOB RELATED INTERESTS:

My personal and job related interests are very diverse. I am very interested in developing a sustainable community where we can live, work, farm, raise livestock, and generate electricity. I am particularly interested in expanding the use of renewable energy sources locally and in the state of Colorado. To me solar, wind, gas, geothermal, and nuclear power generation are all needed to provide a safe, reliable and cost effective electricity. Locally we have opportunities for solar and possibly geothermal energy production. Regionally, I support the shutdown of coal plants, and replacing them with natural gas and small modular reactors.

I enjoy outdoor activities such as golfing, skiing, hiking, fly fishing and biking. I am a member of the Salida Mountain Trails and the Central Colorado Humanist.

REASONS FOR APPLYING:

Please accept this application for a Planning and Zoning Commissioner. I am applying for this position because I support sustainable development in compliance with the Salida's Master Plan and Land Use Code. Additionally, I strongly believe in collaboration with Commission members, and other agencies charged with planning and zoning responsibilities. Together we can continue to build a great community respecting the rights of all the people and stakeholders.

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