



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMO

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Planning	Franco Palumbo, Planning Technician	August 15, 2022

ITEM

Planning Commission / Board of Adjustment Interviews

BACKGROUND

There is currently one regular position open on the Planning Commission / Board of Adjustment. Staff recently published advertisements in the Mountain Mail for the Board and Commission. Due to unavailability of one of the applicants for the work session, applicants have been sent a questionnaire to provide written responses. These responses will be provided to Council prior to Monday's meeting. We received a total of 2 applications from the following candidates:

Brian Colby (current alternate appointed February 15, 2022)

Laura Wancura Atwood



APPLICATION FOR CITY OF SALIDA COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

DATE July 19, 2022
NAME Brian Colby
ADDRESS 829 G Street
CITY Salida STATE CO ZIP 81201
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FAX # _____ E-MAIL obwancobe@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):

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.

Thank you for applying. Salida City Council

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

DATE 7/20/22
NAME Laura Wancura Atwood
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APPLYING FOR:

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

Board Member at Friends of the Steamplant, Founder of WeArk Salida, Founding Member of BETCH and head of the Fundraising Committee, Assistant Teacher at Salida Early Childhood Center, Head Event Coordinator for Salida Fantasy Faire 2022

PERSONAL AND JOB RELATED INTERESTS:

Needle-felting and wine tasting.

REASONS FOR APPLYING:

I grew up in Salida and have been living here permanently for the last ten years. In my time growing up here plus versus living here in the past decade I have seen vast changes, some good and some terrifying. My interest, both personally and professionally is to find a way for young families, including my own, to continue to live and thrive in Salida. My favorite (non)joke is that it isn't really an S on the mountain, but actually a 5 for how many jobs you need to have to afford to live here. As an educator who holds two additional jobs to make ends meet, I would like to address that stereotype. I have been attending city council meetings either in person or virtually for years and my time with BETCH has convinced me further that we need young, working class thinkers on this board to actually enact change.

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