

Planning Board

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Name: Rafael Da Costa Melo Baptista

Date of application/last contact: 10/18/2013

Summary of qualifications: Mr. Baptista hails from Portland, OR, where he was active in local issues and became interested in public administration. He is currently an MPA student at UNC-CH and aims to enter local government administration as a career path. He is an Advisory Board member of the Oregon Emerging Local Government Leaders Association. (According to their website, "The overarching goal of the group is to address the issue of mentoring the next generation of local government leaders.") He is also a member of the International City/County Management Association. While he has not lived in Carrboro very long, he already is active as a soccer coach and in his church (Newman Center).

Advisory Board Chair reconfirmed applicant's interest in serving by phone or e-mail.

☒ Yes ☐ No (Briefly explain: Emailed him on 12/18/2013; received an immediate response and a commitment to attend a January planning board meeting.)

Applicant attended Advisory Board meeting prior to BOA review.

☒ Yes (Date: 1/16/2014) ☐ No (Briefly explain: All but one PB member was present. Spent 15 minutes discussing planning board operations, expectations, and the rewards of serving. Mr. Baptista was clearly engaged and made a positive impression on board members.)

Applicant has demonstrated a clear understanding of the time commitment, roles and responsibilities of serving on the Advisory Board.

☒ Yes ☐ No
Briefly explain: Mr. Baptista was informed of the meeting schedule; average duration of meetings; and the particular rigors of joint review. He expressed his intent to remain on the board throughout his degree program.

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Name: Jae Furman

Date of application/last contact: January 27, 2013

Summary of qualifications: Mr. Furman has past experience serving on non-profit boards and is particularly interested in environmental issues. In a conversation and a subsequent e-mail, Mr. Furman expressed his primary interest would be to serve on the EAB, where his background and interests would be better applied.

Advisory Board Chair reconfirmed applicant's interest in serving by phone or e-mail.

☒ Yes ☐ No (Briefly explain: first e-mailed on 12/18/2013; had brief conversation before the holidays, during which he expressed a preference for serving on the EAB. He had already spoken at length with the EAB chair and was scheduled to attend a meeting in January.)

Applicant attended Advisory Board meeting prior to BOA review.

☐ Yes (Date: _____) ☒ No (Briefly explain: Mr. Furman was invited to attend the planning Board's January meeting but did not attend.)

Applicant has demonstrated a clear understanding of the time commitment, roles and responsibilities of serving on the Advisory Board.

☐ Yes ☒ No
Briefly explain: Did not discuss at length.

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Name: Susan Poulton

Date of application/last contact: 10/18/2013

Summary of qualifications: Ms. Poulton is the Planning Board's long-standing representative from the Northern Transition Area. She has served multiple terms and is well-apprieved of Carrboro's planning policies and issues. There have been no alternative applications from the NTA, and she is happy to serve. Plus, we couldn't do without her annual holiday party. She keeps us going!

Advisory Board Chair reconfirmed applicant's interest in serving by phone or e-mail.

☒ Yes ☐ No (Briefly explain: Confirmed in person at the holiday party.)

Applicant attended Advisory Board meeting prior to BOA review.

☒ Yes (Date: _____) ☐ No
Briefly explain: Currently serves with excellent attendance.

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Briefly explain: Ms. Poulton demonstrates this through her attendance and full participation.

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Name: Bethany Chaney

Date of application/last contact: 10/31/2013

Summary of qualifications: Ms. Chaney has served one term on the planning board and one and one-half terms as Chair. She is a member of the BOA's Affordable Housing Task Force and active the Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition. She is a long-time Orange County resident and has lived in Carrboro for nearly ten years.

Advisory Board Chair reconfirmed applicant's interest in serving by phone or e-mail.

☒ Yes ☐ No (Briefly explain: Ms. Chaney talks to herself about stuff like this all the time.)

Applicant attended Advisory Board meeting prior to BOA review.

☒ Yes (Date: Last meeting was 1/16/2014) ☐ No (Briefly explain: _____)

Applicant has demonstrated a clear understanding of the time commitment, roles and responsibilities of serving on the Advisory Board.

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Name: Catherine Adamson

Date of application/last contact: 11/11/2013

Summary of qualifications: Ms. Adamson is completing her first term on the planning board, during which she has contributed consistently and thoughtfully. She joined the planning board after spending many months of her volunteer time organizing members of the Alabama Avenue community who were opposed to a commercial project that would have significantly infringed on this historically African-American and modest-income community. She contributed significantly to the recent Zoning Conversations sponsored by the planning board.

Advisory Board Chair reconfirmed applicant's interest in serving by phone or e-mail.

 X Yes No (Briefly explain: confirmed via e-mail and during past planning board meeting.)

Applicant attended Advisory Board meeting prior to BOA review.

 X Yes (Date: Last meeting she attended was in December, 2013.) No (Briefly explain: _____)

Applicant has demonstrated a clear understanding of the time commitment, roles and responsibilities of serving on the Advisory Board.

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Applicant(s) recommended at this time (1 per open seat)

Applicant 1: Rafael Da Costa Melo Baptista

Outstanding qualifications: Demonstrated interest in planning and governance issues from his leadership activities and graduate studies.

How applicant compliments current board composition: Mr. Baptista brings both youth and important ethnic diversity to the Board. In addition, he has excellent knowledge and perspective on leadership development and engagement.

Other comments: _____

Applicant 2: Susan Poulton

Outstanding qualifications: Fifteen years of service to date. Ms. Poulton continues to serve the NTA and all of Carrboro through her service on the Board.

How applicant compliments current board composition: Ms. Poulton offers continuity given her length of service, and important representation for the NTA. In addition, her presence helps maintain gender balance on the board.

Other comments: She makes a mighty fine Mint Julep.

Applicant 3: Catherine Adamson

Outstanding qualifications: Ms. Adamson has demonstrated a facility for the issues and strong leadership capacity through her community organizing and activism, as an active participant on the planning board to date, and assisting with the recent Zoning Conversations.

How applicant compliments current board composition: She offers neighborhood diversity (Alabama Avenue) and gender balance, as well as continuity given her past term.

Other comments: _____

Applicant 4: Bethany Chaney

Outstanding qualifications: Knowledge of affordable housing issues; ability to lead and participate in constructive discussion; commitment to using planning

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issues as a community engagement tool.

How applicant compliments current board composition: Offers continuity having completed one term and served as Chair for almost two; and also gender balance.

Other comments: _____
