



Legislation Text

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Appointments to the Planning Board

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Town Council to make appointments to the Planning Board.

DEPARTMENT: Town Clerk

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COUNCIL DIRECTION:

☒ Race/Equity ☐ Climate ☐ Comprehensive Plan ☐ Other

The Town Council follows the Advisory Board Recruitment and Appointment Policy which was adopted on 11-21-2017. Text amendments to this policy were approved by the Town Council on 12-1-2020 and 4-13-2021, respectively, to the section entitled “Composition” which related to expanding the racial and ethnic diversity on advisory boards and commissions. It should be noted that the Advisory Board Recruitment and Appointment Policy has been evaluated using the Racial Equity Lens tool and has been sent to the CORE team for the next step in the review process. This review process should be completed by May 2023.

INFORMATION: The Planning Board consists of 11 members:

- 9 members, appointed by the Town Council, shall reside within the town.
- 1 member, appointed by the Orange County Board of Commissioners, shall reside within the town’s extraterritorial planning area.
- 1 member, appointed by the Orange County Board of Commissioners, shall reside within the town’s joint planning transition area.

Elmira Mangum, serving in the In-Town seat, is up for re-appointment and has indicated interest in being re-appointed for another term, which would be her second term.

Susan Poulton, who currently serves in the Joint Planning Transition Area seat, is up for re-appointment and has indicated interest in serving another term. It should be noted that there are no new applications received for this designated seat.

David Clinton, who currently serves as the ETJ Planning Area seat, is up for re-appointment. Mr. Clinton has served in this role since 2004. Mr. Clinton’s occupation is an architect and brings an area of special expertise to the Planning Board because of his occupation. Mr. Clinton has indicated he would be willing to be recommended to serve another term as the ETJ’s representative but would step aside if other applicants have applied. A new application has been received from Terri Buckner for the Planning Board. Ms. Buckner lives in the ETJ and has served on several Carrboro advisory boards in the past including the Affordable Housing Commission, Environmental Advisory Board, and the OWASA Board of Directors. Ms. Buckner currently serves as the chair of the Truth Plaque Task Force. Ms. Buckner has indicated preference of serving on the Planning Board but is willing to serve a dual role by remaining on the Truth Plaque Task Force, based on the

pleasure of the Council.

The Council would need to recommend one ETJ applicant to the Board of County Commissioners for this seat. It should be noted that Town Council could appoint one applicant to the ETJ seat and appoint the other applicant to an assigned in-town seat, if they desire.

There are currently three vacancies on the Planning Board for In-Town seats. Several new applications have been received and the applicants have attended a Planning Board meeting and/or met with the Board Chair. These applicants are: April Barber, Gia DeHart, Linda Haac, Galen Kirkpatrick, David Peretin, Keith Sawyer and David Salvesen (who was recently appointed to the Transportation Advisory Board).

The applications and chair forms are included as Attachment B.

An informational matrix is included as Attachment C.

Pocket questions are included as Attachment D.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Town Council consider making appointments to the Planning Board for vacant in-town seats and recommending appointments for the Joint Planning Transition Area and ETJ seats to the Orange County Commissioners.