



NOTIFICATION FOR SERVICE FOR THE
TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE
PLANNING BOARD

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NAME Catherine Grafty HOME PHONE 860-805-1196
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DO YOU RESIDE IN THE TOWN LIMITS OR ETJ? Town
PRESENT OCCUPATION Retired/Volunteer WORK PHONE _____
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT -
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APPROXIMATE HOURS AVAILABLE PER MONTH FOR SERVING ON ADVISORY BOARD 20

NAME OF ANY TOWN OR COUNTY BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS YOU ARE PRESENTLY SERVING ON:

EXPIRATION DATE _____

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EDUCATION BA Geography U of Illinois ; MA Urban Geography UNC-Charlotte
I intend to pursue the Certificate Masters program in Urban Management Policy to
update my skill set.

BUSINESS AND CIVIC EXPERIENCE Site location research/management for First Union Bank
(now Wells Fargo), Federated Department Stores, Red Lobster (now Darden Group), Ames Department
Stores, Consumer Research for above plus pro bono work for Hartford YAC. Retail
management - Thrift Shop in support of social service agency for children/families in Hartford area.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND INTERESTS/SKILLS Site Location Analysis, Marketing (Volunteer)
Research, Demographics, mapping, economic development

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that this application and questionnaire will remain active for a two (2) year period, unless withdrawn by me, the applicant, and if appointed, the Town Board may remove members who do not meet attendance requirements pursuant to the Rules of Procedure¹.

Catherine Grafty
(Signature of Applicant)

2/18/2016
(Date)

¹ Must attend seventy-five percent (75%) of the Regular meetings in a twelve (12) consecutive month period, or miss three (3) consecutive regular meetings



QUESTIONNAIRE

To assist the Board of Commissioners in making appointments to the Planning Board, please respond briefly to the following questions. There is no right or wrong answer. Your responses will provide a framework for discussion with the Mayor and Commissioners.

Overview: The Planning Board consists of nine (9) total members of whom at least seven (7) members shall reside within the corporate limits, appointed by the Town Board, and in no instance be less than one (1) ETJ member appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Planning Board acts as an advisory body to the Board of Commissioners on all matters related to the growth and development of Huntersville. The Planning Board considers the facts relative to rezoning applications, new subdivisions and site plans, and ordinance amendments, among other issues. The Board formulates a recommendation on each matter, which in turn goes to the Commissioners for final action.

1. Please describe the areas of community service in which you have participated, in Huntersville or elsewhere.

Glastonbury CT YMCA Board of Managers 13 years 2001-2014; General Program Committee Hartford CT YMCA 10 years 2004-2014
Second Chance Shop auxiliary to The Village for Families and Children Volunteer, Shop Chairperson 4 yrs; Auction Chair 3 years; Board Member of the Village 2012-present

2. Briefly describe your vision for Huntersville in the next 10 to 15 years. What factors during that time will shape the growth of our community?

My vision is for Huntersville to increase its self-sustainability (less reliance on Charlotte) for employment, entertainment, recreation of its residents. Factors affecting growth in that time are the overall economy, Charlotte and nationally; the widening of the I-77 corridor and increased accessibility to the "Eastern third" of Huntersville enhanced by completion of the last segment of I-485.

3. What obstacles do you see to achieving this vision?

Obstacles include widening project of I-77 while under construction; the division of town east+west by I-77; ability of town to provide services to expanding geographical area with low property taxes that attract new residents; lack of a "town center"; expense of including bike lanes and other amenities to development projects

4. What special opportunities could be used to achieve your vision?

opportunities exist as roads are widened to include sidewalk and bicycle lanes; Use the I-77 corridor as opportunity to extend commuter rail from Charlotte to Statesville, continue to attract employers to Huntersville, require new subdivisions to include sidewalk and walkable recreation areas (small parks, play grounds, etc)

5. With rapid development occurring in Huntersville and the surrounding area, the character and growth patterns of our community are changing rapidly. Please discuss briefly any problems that you perceive, anything that you would like to change, and/or anything you find particularly appropriate to Huntersville.

A unique feature of Huntersville is its rural open space. As residential areas expand that rural land is encroached or gone. - reserve open space + provide incentive for rural owners
The traffic congestion at exits 23 and 25 is a hindrance to crossing through those areas or frequenting those shops and businesses.



Other comments:

The vitality of Huntersville is energizing. It's "problems" are due to growth, a "good" problem to have! It would be exhilarating and an honor to have input into the development of Huntersville through the Planning Board.

The Town of Huntersville Board of Commissioners sincerely appreciates the interest of all citizens in the Town's advisory committees and urges the public to nominate qualified persons for membership. Nominations may be sent to:

Town of Huntersville
Attn: Michelle Haines
Post Office Box 664
Huntersville, NC 28070

For more information on the responsibilities of various advisory bodies, applicants may contact the Planning Department at (704) 875-7000.

**Thank you for completing the application and questionnaire.
Please return to the Huntersville Planning Department**