



NOTIFICATION FOR SERVICE FOR THE
TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE
PLANNING BOARD

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NAME OF ANY TOWN OR COUNTY BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS YOU ARE PRESENTLY
SERVING ON:
N/A EXPIRATION DATE _____
EXPIRATION DATE _____

EDUCATION BS Mechanical Engineering, University of Tulsa (1994)
MSc Engineering, University of East London (UK) (2001) MBA, Henley Management College (UK) (2004)

BUSINESS AND CIVIC EXPERIENCE Senior management roles in sale, marketing and engineering.
Substantial experience in international business and management of business growth cycles.
Experience in strategic planning for business.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND INTERESTS/SKILLS Previous experience in writing and administering State and
Federal grants (NC Dept of Commerce and US Dept of Energy). A specific interest would be in
the area of identifying and winning funding for the local community.

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undersigned, acknowledge that this application and questionnaire will remain active for a two (2) year period, unless withdrawn by me, the applicant, and if appointed, the Town Board may remove members who do not meet attendance requirements pursuant to the Rules of Procedure¹.


(Signature of Applicant)

15 Feb 16
(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.

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

I served on the Pack 19 Parent Committee from 2007 through 2012. Cub Scout Pack 19, based out of Huntersville Presbyterian Church in downtown Huntersville, is a large organization with over 100 Cub Scouts. During that time I was responsible for organizing all of the Cub Scout Pack campouts. Each campout involved all the Scouts, parents and siblings (usually over 250 attendees). My service to the Pack resulted in me being awarded the Parent of the Year Award in 2012.

Other service has been volunteering through Christ Community Church and Grace Covenant Church.

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

Fortunately, Huntersville is a growing and vibrant place to live with several distinct areas (downtown, "exit 25", "exit 23", etc....) each with their own character, businesses and communities as well as rural sections of the community. The local government continues to maintain these areas and support the growth while at the same time spurring new growth in the community. Connecting these areas with an overall Huntersville Plan for Growth (ie. The Huntersville 2030 Plan) will be key to maintaining these areas.

From the Huntersville 2030 Plan the number one key item to retain is the citizen's evaluation that Huntersville is a great place to live and raise a family. No matter what changes may be forced upon the community through outside channels (Raleigh, Charlotte, etc....) this high citizen evaluation must be maintained.

The role of local government through this process will be to influence to the extent possible the implementation of these projects through other government entities such as the NC DOT, Charlotte, Regional Transportation Authority, etc... and support our neighborhoods through zoning and local business development in line with the overall 2030 Plan.

A significant risk to Huntersville is coming through the I-77 toll project. The character of the town is at risk if this project is not implemented with a context toward regional transportation and turning Huntersville into a "Destination" on the toll road rather than simply a place to pay the toll. As such developing each exit with businesses and services as well as access to regional transportation will be a strong part to Huntersville's success past the I-77 project.

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

The growth for Huntersville will continue to be the community's largest challenge. Clearly, current issues surrounding I-77 and school redistricting are also issues. However, each stems from the core problem of population growth in the community.

Working with other government agencies with agendas that are not in line with the 2030 Plan will be a continuous challenge.

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

With the expansion of I-77 should also be funding from the State and Federal levels for infrastructure, economic development and regional transportation. The Board should be actively pursuing these opportunities.

At the same time the Board has the responsibility to remain firm in its pledge to rural areas and to maintain these areas as best as possible in line with the 2030 Plan.

This combination of all the parts of Huntersville is what makes our community what it is.

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.

Economic development around the lake areas could improve again making this a destination point in Huntersville. . Although direct access to the Lake from Huntersville is limited it is an important resource that could be better used over time.

Traffic patterns across the Town are also going to be greatly impacted. From Huntersville it is possible that drivers will avoid I-77 altogether when headed into and from Charlotte. This will put additional stress on the side roads further congesting the area.