



NOTIFICATION FOR SERVICE FOR THE
TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE
PLANNING BOARD

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APPROXIMATE HOURS AVAILABLE PER MONTH FOR SERVING ON ADVISORY BOARD 10

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

none

EXPIRATION DATE _____

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EDUCATION 2010 Master of City and Regional Planning (UNC Chapel Hill)
2006 Bachelor of Environmental Design in Architecture (NC State University)

BUSINESS AND CIVIC EXPERIENCE I have worked at CCCP in the Planning and Development Dept for 2 years; prior to that I worked in Dayton, OH at a neighborhood-center community development agency managing an affordable housing development and East End's economic development activity.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND INTERESTS/SKILLS In my current work, I help manage and implement long-range planning initiatives in Center City Charlotte, including the Rail Trail initiative and assisting in the North Tryon vision plan. I also work on urban design, transportation and placemaking projects.

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undersigned, acknowledge that this application and questionnaire will remain active for a two (2) year period, unless withdrawn by me, the applicant, and if appointed, the Town Board may remove members who do not meet attendance requirements pursuant to the Rules of Procedure¹.

Erin Gillespie
(Signature of Applicant)

05/24/17
(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.

I am a proud, recent graduate of the Spring 2017 Huntersville 101 class. In the Lake Norman area, I am an active volunteer at my Fellowship. In Ohio, I was the chair of UpDayton, a nonprofit dedicated to the attraction and retention of young talent. I am a community planner professionally and I have always valued being an active neighborhood association member. Through my work at CCCP, I work regularly with the Rail Trail community stakeholders including neighbors, property owners, nonprofits and education groups to carry out their vision.

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?

I think Huntersville is the most livable community in North Mecklenburg. As a first-ring suburb of a booming city, HVL is poised to experience immense growth residentially but also in commercial and retail. A comprehensive transportation system will help link residents to jobs and amenities. Active transportation enhancements will boost quality of life measures for homeowners, business owners, residents and visitors. HVL will continue to serve as a gateway between the city and the LKN community & will continue to attract employers.

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

State, federal and regional funding for transportation projects is in flux and will continue to be unpredictable. Pressure to build for short-term gain may impact long-range growth opportunities. Regional economic development efforts need improvement but are strong across LKN communities. Transitioning from residential growth to commercial/industrial growth may continue to require a lot of education and awareness-building in the community, particularly the impacts on land use and transportation.

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

I would encourage more regional planning efforts between the North Meck communities and with the City. I would also see the complex transportation challenges facing the community as opportunities to re-examine and recommit to our values and vision. I am encouraged by the town's direction in embracing the continued growth and I would look forward to helping maintain (or improve!) our high quality of life standard while adding new residents, neighbors and employers! I also think Downtown HVL is poised to be the next vibrant town center.

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.

As an urban planner, I admire HVL's early adoption of form-based codes. The values embedded in those regulations are visible in the streets and neighborhoods today. I think HVL gets great value from being a transit-served community with walkable neighborhoods and town centers. I also think the network of parks, open space and greenways also give residents great value-add. I support the plans to revitalize downtown HVL where affordable spaces in a walkable setting could boost emerging biz owners and entrepreneurs.



Other comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to apply to the Planning Board and to continue to serve my community!

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**