



NOTIFICATION FOR SERVICE FOR THE
TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE
PLANNING BOARD

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DO YOU RESIDE IN THE TOWN LIMITS OR ETJ? Yes
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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 MBA - University of Southern California BA - Global Studies, Azusa Pacific Univ.
In progress - Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) - Liberty University

BUSINESS AND CIVIC EXPERIENCE Have served for 17 years in the non-profit sector as an executive, Facility project manager, adjunct professor and district leader. Also worked in public accounting for two years and served as a corporate accounting for The Walt Disney Company.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND INTERESTS/SKILLS High level of expertise in accounting, project management and managerial finance. Expert level proficiency with multiple software suites including: MS Office. Apple iWork Suite, Adobe InDesign, MS Visio and Project and other design software.

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undersigned, acknowledge that this application and questionnaire will remain active for a two (2) year period, unless withdrawn by me, the applicant, and if appointed, the Town Board may remove members who do not meet attendance requirements pursuant to the Rules of Procedure¹.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

6/25/17

(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 have served as Treasurer of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 323 in Huntersville and help to facilitate and staff the numkin patch fundraiser held next to Brewsters Ice Cream in Kenton Place Shopping area off Catawba Ave. and participated in the Fall 2016 food drive. I have also been actively involved with the "Love Week" community outreaches organized by Elevation Church - Lake Norman campus. Looking for other ways to serve my community.
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 believe that Huntersville is postured to be an area that will continue to draw new transplant residents from all over the country due to the natural appeal of the region, affordable cost of living, desirable culture for raising a family and accessibility to Charlotte for employment opportunities. I would like to see town engage this reality by preparing the infrastructure in way that gives forethought to the associated challenges that come with continued population growth, while preserving the charm and quasi-rural allure of the area of that makes this town such a desirable place to live.
3. What obstacles do you see to achieving this vision?
I believe the most significant obstacles lie in identifying the appropriate balance between the approval of new housing and commercial developments, along with the associated benefits of increased tax revenue, etc., and the impact on traffic, school utilization, strain on city services and amenities. There is a delicate balance that must be struck when granting entitlements for new property developments to ensure that the infrastructure can keep pace with the increases in population density.
4. What special opportunities could be used to achieve your vision?
I believe there are some significant opportunities for increased partnership between neighboring towns for reciprocal services and long-term master planning of roads to better connect the east and west regions of Lake Norman to provide alternative routes for traffic and to allow for neighboring communities to absorb some of the impact of continued growth and increased population density in the region through win-win arrangements.
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.
Towns that experience this kind of rapid growth often run into space constraints for community events, particularly those associated with children and youth. It can become very difficult to accommodate, school graduation ceremonies, recitals, sports programs etc. due to facility size and parking constraints. I would love to see an initiative for the development of new multi-purpose facilities with large and



Other comments:

extensible assembly spaces that could be managed in a way that affords more venues and opportunities for these kinds of events. Perhaps incentives could even be offered to schools, churches or performing arts businesses to construct these venues in exchange, for the town's ability to access these venues to accommodate the needs of the community. I have experience navigating a similar arrangement in California between the City of Anaheim, and the Anaheim Foursquare Church in the operation of a 2,400 seat performing arts venue that was utilized through a partnership between the church and the City Department of Community Development.

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**