PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

3 year term

The Commission is an advisory board to City Council and shall (1) review all new text for proposed amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), and proposals to zone or change the zoning of all property regulated under the UDO and to make recommendations to City Council for final action thereon; (2) perform studies and surveys of the present conditions and probable future development of the City and its environs, including, but not limited to, studies and surveys of land uses, population, traffic, parking, and redevelopment needs; (3) formulate and recommend to City Council the adoption or amendment of a comprehensive plan and other plans, as necessary, for the City and its environs (4) review the terms of the UDO from time to time, as it deems appropriate, and to recommend to City Council any changes that the Commission considers necessary to regulate properly the development and use of land, buildings and structures; (5) review applications for planned unit development designation and the preliminary plans for such planned unit developments and to make recommendations to City Council for final action thereon; and (6) review and decide on approval of all proposed preliminary plats of major subdivisions.

- Seven members
  - Five appointed by City Council
  - Two residents of the extra-territorial area of the City and appointed by Buncombe County Commissioners

Planning & Zoning Commission - (3 year term)

Tony Hauser — **-NOT** eligible for reappointment
Term to expire 08-14-21
Has served two terms

Guillermo Rodriguez — **-NOT** eligible for reappointment
Term to expire 08-14-21
Has served two terms

MEMBER FName	MEMBER LName	TERM EXPIRES	APPOINTED	TERMS	RESIDENT	RACE	HOMEOWNER	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION
CITY APPOINTEES										
Tony	**Hauser**	08-14-21	07-24-18	2	City	W	H	M	North	Engineer/Landscape Architect
Guillermo	**Rodriguez**	08-14-21	07-24-18	2	City	Hisp		M	Central	Landscape Architect/ Urban Designer
Kimberly	**Levi**	08-14-23	09-08-20	1	City	W	H	F	East	Project Manager
Joe	**Archibald**	08-14-23	10-03-17	2	City	W	R	M	North	Architect Woodworker
Robert Franc	**Hoke**	08-14-23	01-12-21	unexp	City	B	H	M	Central	Crew Leader Kimberly Clark
COUNTY APPOINTEES										
Brenton	Faircloth	02-16-24	02-16-21	1	County			M		
Jenifer	Bubenik	02-16-24	02-16-21	1	County			F		

Chair: Tony Hauser (repl.Laura Berner Hudson)
Vice: Joe Archibald (repl.Tony Hauser)
Staff management: Shannon Tuch
Council Liaison: Sandra Kilgore

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Name	Male	Female	Black	White	Other	North	East	South	West	Central	City	County	Home owner
Hoke	X		X							X	X		Y
VACANT													
VACANT													
Levi		X		X			X				X		Y
Archibald	X			X		X					X		N
Faircloth (County)	X											X	
Bubenik (County)		X										X	

Planning Zoning Commission - Resource List

APPLICANT FNAME	APPLCANT LNAME	EMAIL	DATE SUBMITTED APPLICATION	RESIDENT	RACE	SEX	AREA	HOMEOWNER	OCCUPATION	INTEREST IN OTHER BOARDS
Sherrye	**Coggiola**	Sherrye.coggiola@gmail.com	07-20-20 07-14-21 still interested	City	W	F	North	Y	Co- Owner The Cantina @ Historic Bilt. Village	
Roosevelt	**Harvin**	rjharvin77@yah	09-02-20	City	B	M	Central	N	Deputy Clerk of Criminal Records Buncombe Co. Courts	
Ricardo	**Seijo**	seijo.ricardo@gmail.com	12-28-20	City	H	M	Central	N	Associate/Architect Grimm + Parker Architects	Downtown Comm
Sara	**Wilcox**	sarawilcox76@gmail.com	12-28-20	City	W	F	East	Y	Pastor Land of Sky United Church of Christ	
Kenneth R.	**Bussey, Jr.**	kenneth.bussey@gmail.com	06-28-21	City	W	M	West	Y	Senior Geotechnical Engineer HDR Engineering	
Geoffrey	**Barton**	geoffrey@mtnhousing.org	07-12-21	City	W	M	West	Y	Dir. of real Estate Development Mountain Housing Opportunities	
Matthew	**Allen**	mallen@lotsar.org	07-13-21	City	W	M	Central	Y	Professional Development & Gov't. Affairs Land of the Sky Assoc. of Realtors	Appl rec'd after deadline. Not considered for 7/27/21 apptment

City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Application Form

Applicants are strongly urged to attend several meetings of a board prior to applying

Name of board or commission: Planning and Zoning

Your name: SHERRYE COGGIOLA Home Phone #: 8646164325

Street address: 174 beaverdam rd City: Asheville Zip Code: 28802

Mailing address (if different): pob 7096 asheville 28802

Employer: The Cantina@ Historic Biltmore Village

Your position: Co-Owner Office Phone #: _____

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race White * Sex M___F_✔_* Age 55 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

Residence location (check one): Central ____ North _✔_ South _____ East _____ West _____

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: _____. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

Please indicate the area(s) of expertise that you can bring to the above board(s), and then in detail list education, experience, reasons for your interest, and other factors that support your interest in serving **Applicants are encouraged to provide a cover letter and/or a brief resume. Please use additional sheets if necessary.**

I was born and raised in Asheville with about 17 years making a living in other cities, I have been fortunate to be able to return in 2008 and plan to reside here for the remainder of my life.

I am the daughter of a local real estate developer and received my real estate licenses in 1990. I have been an active Broker in NC and SC ever since. My background has been focused in Commercial real estate investing and development.

My Husband and I own our own home and are in process of building a home and ADU on adjacent lot. My family owns commercial real estate in the Biltmore Village area.

I have served as an active SCORE member since November 2019

I would be honored to be a part of assisting the City of Asheville on the planning and zoning committee.

I have a strong staff at The Cantina which allows me to have time available to assist as needed

eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com

SHERRYE COGGIOLA

Key: df7872125f6e6f6f452aa1f6f2f0c5678

Signature: _____

Date: 7/20/20

E-Mail: sherrye.coggiola@gmail.com

Fax #: _____

Return to:

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City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Application Form

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Name of board or commission: Planning and Zoning Commission

Your name: Roosevelt Harvin Home Phone #: 828-407-6970

Street address: 49 Madison Avenue City: Asheville Zip Code: 28801

Mailing address (if different): same

Employer: Buncombe County Courts

Your position: Deputy Clerk of Criminal Records Office Phone #: 828-259-3401

Resident of City yes County _____ Race Black * Sex M ✔ F ___ * Age 28 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Renter

Residence location (check one): Central ✔ North _____ South _____ East _____ West _____

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: None
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Please indicate the area(s) of expertise that you can bring to the above board(s), and then in detail list education, experience, reasons for your interest, and other factors that support your interest in serving **Applicants are encouraged to provide a cover letter and/or a brief resume. Please use additional sheets if necessary.**

I was born and raised in Asheville. I went away to college but returned, and I want to better my community any way I can.

eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com
Roosevelt Harvin
Key: df76721a99e98f4d2aa1f402f0fc5678

Signature: _____

Date: 9/2/20

E-Mail: rjharvin77@yahoo.com

Fax #: _____

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Name of board or commission: Downtown Commission AND/OR Planning & Zoning Commission

Your name: Ricardo Seijo Home Phone #: 410-533-1154

Street address: 65 Furman Avenue City: Asheville Zip Code: 28801

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Grimm + Parker Architects

Your position: Associate / Architect Office Phone #: 240-965-0773

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race Hispanic * Sex M ✔ F ___ * Age 47 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Renter

Residence location (check one): Central ✔ North ___ South ___ East ___ West ___

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: None. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

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I am a Registered Architect with a Bachelor in Architecture from Virginia Tech and 18+ years of professional experience in a wide range of project types. I grew up in Puerto Rico, and I've lived in Blacksburg, VA and historic Downtown Annapolis, MD. These experiences have given me a diverse and unique perspective which I believe relate directly to the challenges and opportunities of the built environment in Asheville. I wish to apply my expertise and insight to benefit my community by serving in either or both the Downtown Commission and the Planning & Zoning Commission. Please see the attached cover letter for more information. Than you for your consideration.

See attached

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Signature: eSigned via DocuSign.com Key: df7672145d6981d924a1f402f0fc5678

Date: 28 DEC 2020

E-Mail: seijo.ricardo@gmail.com

Fax #: 4105331154

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RICARDO J. SEIJO, RA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C

65 Furman Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801 | seijo.ricardo@gmail.com | (410) 533-1154

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to engage with and contribute to my community by serving on one or more of the committees that support the City of Asheville. I am particularly interested in the **Downtown Commission** and the **Planning & Zoning Commission** as I believe I am well suited to fulfill these functions. I am a Registered Architect with over 18 years of experience in a wide range of project types, including but not limited to: multi-use commercial, retail, office buildings and fit-outs, public and private K-12 schools, public safety facilities, religious spaces, master planning, and site design.

Growing up in San Juan, Puerto Rico, I developed a passion for architecture and the built environment at an early age. The permanence of the streetscapes there affirmed the need for sensitivity and integrity in design, and the characteristic vernacular architecture illustrated the impact of culture and climate on planning and design. I've always understood that communities must demand energy and substance from the built environment, and it is in this capacity that I wish to serve the City of Asheville.

While completing my Bachelor of Architecture at Virginia Tech, I learned to balance a thoughtful approach with practical knowledge of methods and materials. I carried forth this ideal of vitalism and mechanism, fueling my enthusiasm for civic enrichment through mindful design. My years living in Blacksburg at a critical time of growth taught me about urban development in a rural college town that must manage acute swings in population, not unlike the fluctuations Asheville faces due to seasonal tourism and the various higher-ed institutions in the area.

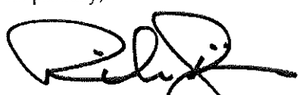
Prior to Asheville, I lived in historic Downtown Annapolis, Maryland which gave me first-hand insight into the obstacles of adapting modern life and energy strategies to a historic city. I witnessed the positive and negative effects of building renovations, and commercial and retail development and signage in a historic setting. Functionally, heavy tourism and traffic mixed with an unfavorable street design threaten pedestrian safety and create difficulties for commercial deliveries and parking. I recognize how Asheville shares many of the same struggles to balance character and scale with economic vitality and practical realities.

Professionally, my understanding of operational requirements has guided my work on public safety facilities. My visualization skills and attention to detail have served me in K-12 schools design, including phasing plans for work in occupied facilities. I am familiar with the opportunities and challenges of projects in dense urban settings, and with the formal policies and procedures that accompany them. These rigors are useful for clarifying objectives and providing structure to a nuanced process. Finally, thoroughness and sensitivity to context have contributed to my work on projects for the United States Naval Academy, which required balancing of stringent demands from varied stakeholders, including oversight by the State Historic Preservation Officer for work in a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

As an Associate at my current firm, my responsibilities include the full range of traditional management duties through all project stages, including project planning, budget reports, coordinating the work of staff, and daily communications with clients and consultants. As an architect, I am responsible for the development of projects from schematic design through full documentation. I have extensive experience in contract administration, having worked with general contractors and construction managers under different delivery systems. I have a solid background in sustainable design and have managed or collaborated on several LEED projects, including a LEED Platinum middle school in Washington, DC.

As an experienced professional, I rely on strong communication and organizational skills and regard good design as the fruit of collaborative effort. I believe my diverse background and unique perspective will yield strong contributions to the efforts of either or both referenced commissions. I am grateful for your attention and I look forward to the opportunity to serve this wonderful community I now call home.

Respectfully,



Ricardo J. Seijo, RA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C

City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Application Form

Applicants are strongly urged to attend several meetings of a board prior to applying

Name of board or commission: Planning and Zoning

Your name: Sara Wilcox Home Phone #: 828-505-2815

Street address: 52 Craig Circle City: Asheville Zip Code: 28805

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Land of the Sky United Church of Christ

Your position: Pastor Office Phone #: 828-989-8754

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race White * Sex M___ F ✔ * Age 44 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

Residence location (check one): Central ____ North ____ South ____ East ✔ West ____

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: Pastor a church that owns property. _____. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

Please indicate the area(s) of expertise that you can bring to the above board(s), and then in detail list education, experience, reasons for your interest, and other factors that support your interest in serving **Applicants are encouraged to provide a cover letter and/or a brief resume. Please use additional sheets if necessary.**

December 20, 2020

To Whom it May Con

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See Attached

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Signed by: Sara R. Wilcox
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Signature: _____

Date: 12/28/2020

E-Mail: sarawilcox76@gmail.com

Fax #: 8289898754

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Sara Wilcox

To Whom it May Concern, I offer my gratitude for the many avenues of public service that so many undertake in an effort to shape and create the communities for which we long. Those who serve in elected positions, on boards and commissions, and our paid employees deeply shape who and what we are and who and what we hope to be. A diverse representation of views is vital to ensuring the needs of many are served. With undergraduate and graduate degrees in political science, I have an understanding of policy and the importance the government plays in shaping our community. I left the field of political science to answer a call to ministry that I have faithfully honored for over a decade. In my vocation of ministry, my lens has widened to better understand the breadth and depth of needs in a community. From this unique location, I am submitting my application to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Planning and Zoning Commission is a commission tasked with important decisions and advisments that impact how we use land and create opportunities for sustainable development. Our current system has deep intention around growth. Growth must be done with intention regarding our community, including its most vulnerable and our environment. Balancing these competing needs is not simple, but it is vital to work that creates flourishing communities. Over the years, the Planning and Zoning Commission has been served by immensely qualified individuals. What makes one an expert can also create unintentional blindspots to individual and organizational impact. As a community that has named a commitment to repair the systemic injustices of history, it is vital that each area of our government include the voice and lens of those who are grounded in that commitment and its complexity. My education, training, location, and desire to serve uniquely qualify me for this commission at this time. Our economic growth cannot continue to outpace our human capacity to live and thrive across all socioeconomic sectors. The imbalance creates vast inequities that may never have been the intention, but too often arise as the unintended consequence of limited visions and concerns in the rooms of power and decisions. My hope is to bring an understanding of the human impact our policies and decisions have to allow us forethought in creating policies that are more just and community-oriented. I respectfully submit this application to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission and do so with gratitude for the service of so many, Sara Wilcox

SARA WILCOX

52 Craig Circle
Asheville, NC 28805

sarawilcox76@gmail.com
(828) 989-8754

servant-hearted, justice-minded, receiver and giver of grace, growth mindset-oriented, connector of dots, visionary, relationship-oriented, collaborative
Ordained Minister in the United Church of Christ, 2009
International Coaching Federation, Associate Certified Coach

EDUCATION

Chicago Theological Seminary	Master of Divinity	2008
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Master of Arts (Political Science)	2000
University of Virginia	Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (Political Science) *with Distinction*	1997

THE CHURCH

Land of the Sky United Church of Christ — Asheville, NC
Pastor — July 2017-Present
Co-Pastor — March 2009-July 2017

- Co-founder of new church plant in the WNC association of the UCC, which currently has 175 threshold partners and 115 friends
- Vision and plan for continued evolution and development of community
- Plan and lead weekly worship services and special services
- Supervision of Staff and Liaison to Operations Teams: Personnel, Finance, and Building
- Visit and provide pastoral care to members and friends in need (hospital, jail and home visits)
- Plan and execute events to increase membership and expand ministries of the community
- Share responsibility for public prophetic voice on issues of social justice in our community
- Plan and lead Adult Education, seasonal series, and small group opportunities
- Identify and develop ministry skills of church members
- Design and publish materials for marketing and growth

Center for Progressive Renewal — Atlanta, GA
Director of New Church Initiatives — October 2013-Present

- Coach and support new church planters, renewing and revitalizing teams
- Support Conference Staff and New Church Development Teams to forward new church initiatives
- Promote church planting and culture change to enhance new church initiatives at regional events
- Teach Church Planting 1.0 and 2.0
- Develop ecumenical resources for church planters
- Work with national UCC staff to develop systems that support and grow new church initiatives
- Co-Creator of Revision Curriculum, Revision Coach

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church and Chapel — Asheville, NC
Associate in Ministry — October 2007- January 2009

- Provided visitation and pastoral care for members of the congregation.
- Contributed to planning and leadership for worship services, including preaching monthly.
- Served as staff liaison to the deacons, providing assistance with various events in life of community.
- Responsible for youth programming during transition period.

Lake Edge United Church of Christ Madison, WI
Interim Associate Pastor August 2006- August 2007

- Provided general pastoral responsibilities such as worship leadership, education, visitation, pastoral care and counseling.
- Responsible for development of Lay Visitation Program and coordination of Prayer Chain, empowering members of the community to care for others in need

OTHER MINISTRY RELATED SERVICE

ICF, Associate Coach 2017-Present
Faith for Justice, provoking justice for black and brown-bodied people 2016-Present
Prison Ministry at Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women 2011-Present
Macedonian Ministry Project, Cousins Foundation (PCUSA) October 2013-2016
Wild Goose Festival Steering Team March 2013-2014
National Planning Team, 2030 Clergy Network June 2011-2013

CONTINUED EDUCATION

Boundary Training, (Every 3 Years)
Racial Equity Institute, 2019
Intentional Interim Ministry, 2020
Motivational Interviewing, 2020
Ongoing Enneagram Work

HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCE

Pavillon Treatment Center Mill Springs, NC
Spiritual Wellness Counselor May 2013-May 2015

- Provide spiritual care to women at residential recovery center
- Meet with women individually to discuss spiritual obstacles to recovery, including providing new insights on theology that empower them toward health, wellness and strengthen their recovery
- Lead workshops that target issues of self-esteem, grief, loss, lack of voice, shame, guilt, and regret

Care Partners Supportive and Palliative Care, Inpatient Team Asheville, NC
Chaplain February 2013-October 2013

- Provide interfaith spiritual care to inpatient palliative care patients and their families
- Attended and engaged in daily interdisciplinary group aimed at discerning best course of care for patients based on medical, psychosocial, emotional and spiritual needs
- Provided support to medical staff in complex conversations with patients and families

Mission Hospital Asheville, NC
Communication in Healthcare Facilitator February 2012-February 2013

- Trained facilitator for the Communication in Healthcare curriculum from the Mayo Clinic
- Implemented strategy for Department of Service Excellence involving intentional training of communication skills for all employees in the hospital system

Family Support Coordinator July 2010- February 2013

- Coordinated team of Family Support Liaisons, who provide care to families of potential organ donors
- Served on-call rotation of Family Support Liaisons
- Created and executed education to hospital staff to improve hospital referral and consent rate
- Led monthly meetings for the Family Support Team, Task Team Meetings, and After Action Reviews

- Secured $10,000 grant for Mission Hospital to increase education around donor designation and produce a video on donation for the on-demand patient television station

Chaplain January 2009-February 2013

- Provided interfaith spiritual care to families and patients
- Responsible for general orientation presentation on patients' rights
- Served as Chaplain at Camp Blue Bird, Mission's adult cancer camp (Oct. 2009-2013)
- Assisted in developing redesign of our charting system

SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice Asheville, NC

Case Manager and Court Advocate December 2008- June 2010

- Provided case management services to men in the criminal justice system who faced substance abuse and mental health issues
- Coordinated a weekly life skills group for program participants
- Served as a court advocate for clients, advocating for alternative services to incarceration

HOBBIES

- Public Policy, Governance, Running, Yoga, Basketball Spectator, Good Food, Laughter, Creating a More Just and Generous World

City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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Name of board or commission: Planning & Zoning Commission

Your name: Kenneth R. Bussey, Jr. Home Phone #: 270-331-1778

Street address: 60 Skyview Terrace City: Asheville Zip Code: 28806

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: HDR Engineering

Your position: Senior Geotechnical Engineer Office Phone #: _____

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race Caucasian * Gender Identity: (non-trans) man *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner Age: 37

Residence location (check one): Central ____ North ____ South ____ East ____ West ✔

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: ~~Unaware of potential conflicts of interest~~ _____. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

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I have 14 years of experience as a civil engineer after graduating with my bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Kentucky in 2006 and 2007, respectively. I have worked with public and private clients on projects ranging from site developments to multi-level highway interchanges.

While I am fairly new to the City of Asheville with becoming a resident in September 2020, I have been a frequent visitor to the area. The city is undergoing a lot of changes as it continues to grow. As a resident, I would like to put my professional skills along with love for the area to serve the city and its residents by helping it grow and change without sacrificing its unique character.

Return to:

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PO Box 7148
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Email: boards@ashevillenc.gov
Telephone: 259-5839
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Signature: Kenneth Ray Bussey, Jr.

Date: 6/28/2021

E-Mail: kenneth.bussey@gmail.com

Fax #: _____

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City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Application Form

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Name of board or commission: Planning and Zoning Commission

Your name: Geoffrey Barton Home Phone #: 919-239-0905

Street address: 119 Virginia Ave City: Asheville Zip Code: 28806

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Mountain Housing Opportunities

Your position: Director of Real Estate Development Office Phone #: 828-254-4030

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race White * Gender Identity: (non-trans) man *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner Age: 37

Residence location (check one): Central _____ North _____ South _____ East _____ West ✔

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: Any proposed project by Mountain Housing Opportuni _____. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

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Georey Barton
Director of Real Estate Development,
Mountain Housing Opportunities

Licensed Architect
North Carolina Registration Number: 12968

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mountain Housing Opportunities, Inc., Asheville, NC
Director of Real Estate Development, 2020 - present
Staff Architect, 2016 - 2020
Enterprise Rose Architectural Fellow, 2013 – 2015

Van Meter Williams Pollack, San Francisco, CA
Designer, 2011 – 2012

HH Architecture, Raleigh, NC
Designer, 2009 - 2011

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Signature: eSigned via SignatureDesk.com Geoffrey Thomas Barton Key: 4f1f0721a5fc6d1633ad1f4529f0c5878

Date: July 12, 2021

E-Mail: geoffrey@mtnhousing.org

Fax #: _____

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Director of Real Estate Development,
Mountain Housing Opportunities

Licensed Architect
North Carolina Registration Number: 12968

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EDUCATION
2009 Master of Architecture (MArch), North Carolina State University
2005 Bachelor of Arts (BA), English and Art History, cum laude, Wake Forest University

Statement of Intent

I am pleased to submit my qualifications for your consideration for membership on the Asheville Planning and Zoning Commission. Asheville is a special place. I live here, work here, go on walks here, relax here, sleep here. I shop here, dine here, ride my bike here, embark on scenic hikes from here, and recover here after hiking a little too far. In the last year and a half, I have barely left here due to COVID-19 (and the concurrent birth of my son).

As special as it is, Asheville is also a divided place. My experience of all the great things that Asheville has to offer is unfortunately not a universally shared experience. Across the country, Planning played a key role in creating our segregated neighborhoods, so it is clear to me that Planning can and should be a tool to help repair the damage. I am a passionate proponent of the premise that a community is best when its residents shape its vision and aspirations for its future. This has been the driving force behind my work to bring more affordable housing to Asheville, and it is the reason that I am applying for a seat on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

As a licensed architect and non-profit affordable housing real estate developer, I regularly consult the Unified Development Ordinance and have followed proposed and adopted changes that have been made to it in recent years. I have been a frequent collaborator with City staff to bring much needed affordable housing to the City of Asheville. In my eight years on staff at Mountain Housing Opportunities, I have served as on-staff architect and supported project management duties for the Eagle Market Place development and Maple Crest Apartments at Lee Walker Heights. I have attended many Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council meetings in my eight years at MHO, and I regularly follow issues impacting the ability of Asheville to sustainably grow. I have been a regular participant in City Planning initiatives such as creation of the River Arts District Form-based code and various policies to stimulate affordable housing development.

For the Lee Walker Heights redevelopment, I have worked closely with Housing Authority staff and residents to bring a community-crafted master plan through the final stages of construction. The Lee Walker Heights redevelopment has been a complex undertaking requiring a deep level of coordination with City staff including Planning, Community and Economic Development, and Development Services. Throughout master planning, design, and zoning approval, I have often served as a liaison between City staff, our team of architects and civil engineers, and the resident committee.

I am an intent listener and an analytical thinker with a keen eye for detail. I am a planning policy wonk, and I enjoy the challenge of putting plans and policy to the service of people. I have yet to find weeds that I will not dig into. I look forward to working closely with City staff and other Commission members to help create a brighter Asheville for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.