

Notice of an Advisory Board Vacancy

Department of Community Services Land Use Planning Division

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Description of members to be appointed

Multnomah County's Land Use Planning Division is seeking three Multnomah County residents to serve as volunteer members on the Multnomah County Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission addresses land use planning for unincorporated (mostly rural) areas of the county in order to meet state planning requirements and policies set forth by the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners and state law. The Planning Commission typically makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption, revision or repeal of components of the Comprehensive Plan, zoning code and other regulatory ordinances intended to carry out the plan as adopted by the board.

The Planning Commission typically meets on the first Monday of every month (except for holidays and the month of August) starting at 6:30 p.m. Most meetings take place either virtually or at the Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., in Portland. The commission consists of nine members who serve up to four-year terms and are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

The successful candidate will have the ability to thoughtfully consider information regarding proposed changes to land use policies and regulations, consider competing points of view, and make sound recommendations. The expectation is that Planning Commissions arrive at meetings prepared by reviewing materials before meetings, attend meetings regularly, engage during deliberation,

communicate clearly and respectfully, and participate in identifying equitable, cost effective and creative regulatory solutions.

More information about the Planning Commission is available online:

<https://multco.us/landuse/planning-commission>

Timeline and process for appointment

The anticipated timeline includes a three-week recruitment launching April 26, 2023. Land use planning staff will review applications, prepare a recommendation, and schedule a meeting with the Board as soon as possible to consider appointments. Ideally, members of the Planning Commission will live in both east and west Multnomah County within urban and rural areas. The selection process attempts to increase diversity by considering factors such as, but not limited to, profession, gender, race, age and viewpoints on land use policy.

Notes

There are currently three open positions on the nine member Commission resulting from the expiration of Commissioner's Alicia Denney (rural east county), Kari Egger (rural west county), and Stephanie Nystrom (rural east county) term on March 21, 2023. Multnomah County Code 39.1610 allows the term of a Commissioner to continue past term expiration until a successor is appointed.

Members of the Commission must be residents of the various geographic areas of the county and no more than two members can be engaged in the same kind of business, trade or profession. Currently, two members live on the west side of the county and seven members live on the east side of the county. Five Commissioners live in rural parts of the county and four live in urban areas within the county. Multnomah County is recruiting county wide without a specific geographic focus.

Professions currently represented on the Commission include a teacher, two farmers, marketing economist, attorney, engineering business manager, construction contractor, land use data analyst and a shared prosperity program specialist. The candidates' profession will be reviewed to avoid conflicts with the County's Planning Commission membership regulations.

A press release will be initiated by the County Communications Office which will include notice to news media, relevant neighborhood associations and county social media accounts (Facebook and Twitter). Notice will also be published on the county's Land Use Planning webpage. Applicants able to offer multiple viewpoints on land use and transportation issues are preferred. Applicants owning land in unincorporated Multnomah County associated with an unresolved land use code compliance issue will not be recommended to the Board for consideration until the issue is resolved.

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The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners advisory board appointment process is outlined in the Chair's Executive Rule No. 367. For additional questions please contact the

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Chair's Office at mult.chair@multco.us or 503-988-3308. Current advisory board information is available online at multco.us/oci. Updates regarding advisory board staffing changes and approved governance and membership changes should be sent to the Office of Community Involvement at community.involvement@multco.us.