

Board Appointment – Planning Commission – Robert Earl Forbis Jr.

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Anderson is recommending that Robert Earl Forbis, a resident of District 4 to be appointed to serve on the Planning Commission, for a term through July 11, 2006. Mr. Forbis will be replacing Jeff Jonas who has resigned.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Mr. Forbis is a Teaching Assistant at the University of Utah. Mr. Forbis would like to obtain a position with the City as an environmental administrator and feels the Planning Commission would help him accomplish this goal.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

If you have any objection to this appointment, please let Vicki know by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, 2005. **Please note that the Council is considering the number of members for this Commission and the Landmarks Commission.**

CURRENT COMPOSITION OF PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission consists of eleven voting members who are appointed to four-year terms, and must reside in Salt Lake City. Current members include: Tim Chambless, District 6; Robert Daniels, (“BIP”) District 2; Babs Delay, District 3; John D. Diamond, District 3; Craig Galli, District 5; Jeff Jonas, District 6; Peggy McDonough, District 7; Robert Prescott Muir, District 5; Laurie Noda, District 6; Kathleen Scott, District 4 and Jennifer Seelig, District 1.

BOARD STRUCTURE:

The Planning Commission’s mission is to initiate and propose amendments to the zoning ordinance and zoning maps; prepare general plan relating to the growth and development of City lands; prepare surveys and studies of existing conditions and trends of growth and probable future requirements of the City; hear and decide appeals of administrative decisions; and hear and decide application for conditional uses, planned developments and subdivision amendments. According to City Ordinance, combined expertise of the Planning Commission members should include experience in banking, development, contracting, engineering, geology and seismology, law, ecology, the behavioral sciences, historical preservation, architecture and landscape architecture, should not be limited to professionals only, but represent a cross-section of the community.