

Board Appointment – Planning Commission – Matthew T. Wirthlin

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Anderson is recommending that Matthew T. Wirthlin, a resident of District 7 to be appointed to serve on the Planning Commission, for a term through July 1, 2007. Mr. Wirthlin will be replacing Craig Galli who has resigned.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Mr. Wirthlin is an attorney at Holland & Hart LLP with experience in General Real Estate & Corporate Law, Commercial Real Estate Lending, Land Use and Zoning and Non Profit Corporate Representation. Mr. Wirthlin would like to contribute positively to the community and he believes strongly on getting involved in the community and governmental affairs. He is fascinated with the planning process and hopes to see the city plan grow in smart ways.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

If you have any objection to this appointment, please let Vicki know by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2006.

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; Babs Delay, District 3; John D. Diamond, District 3; Robert Forbis, Jr., District 4; 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.