

Planning Commission – Board Appointment – Mary Woodhead

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Anderson is recommending that Mary Woodhead, a resident of District 2 to be appointed to serve on the Planning Commission, for a term through July 1, 2010. Ms. Woodhead will be replacing Jennifer Seelig whose term will expire.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Ms. Woodhead is a self-employed attorney practicing in labor and employment law, intellectual property, trade secrets and business litigation. Ms. Woodhead was on the Land Use Appeals Board for six years and would like to use the experience and knowledge gained on that board on another entity dealing with land use issues.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

If you have any objection to this appointment, please let Vicki know by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 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 Matthew Wirthlin, District 7.

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.