



PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATION

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MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____

1. How long have you been a resident of Shoshone County? _____

2. Location of your residence (general area)? _____

3. Your Occupation and Employer? _____

4. Other public and/or community involvement (both past and present): _____

5. Why are you interested in becoming a Commission member? _____

6. What do you feel is the purpose of Planning and Zoning? _____

7. Other comments: _____

Please attach additional sheets if necessary. Thank you.

The Role of a Planning Commission Member

The role of a Planning commission member is complex. On the one hand, it is a role partially defined in law. It requires competence in the discharge of responsibilities, fairness and consistency in the application of procedures, and objectivity and equity in the exercise of regulatory power. In this sense, a planning commission member Takes a role.

On the other hand, the role of a member evolves from the actions of an individual having both understanding and conviction. It is further developed by an individual who can effectively argue for a specific position without seeking to bias deliberations, an individual who is tolerant of divergent positions and who exercises discretion. In this sense, a planning commission member Makes a role.

When these two components are put together, the full roll of the Planning Commission member emerges. It requires balance in the interpretation of the opinions of others, compassion in the giving of advice and the making of recommendations, neutrality in the negotiation of disagreements, and the fairness in the granting of permissions and imposition of restrictions. The decisions of individual members and of the commission as a whole should be seen as rational, fair, and capable of effective and efficient implementation.

Planning Commission members do not represent specific interest. They are, when taken together, broadly representative of the total interest of the communities within the county. The combination of mutiple-year appointments and staggered terms provide structural independence from the partisan electoral processes of other public offices.

The Planning Commission's deliberations are both comprehensive and long-range. A Planning Commission gives patient and fair consideration to all circumstances affecting the public. It's decisions focus upon the well-being of succeeding generations while giving due regard to the more immediate, everyday life of the community. Procedures common to all public offices guide its deliberations, but it is afforded great discretion and difference in its decisions regarding long-range development.