



CITY OF WHEATLAND

CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

January 8, 2019

SUBJECT: Appointment of two individuals to the City of Wheatland Planning Commission.

PREPARED BY: Tim Raney, Community Development Director

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Council re-appoint Commissioner Debbie Pantelaglow and to appoint Mr. Scott Witt to the City of Wheatland Planning Commission.

Discussion and Background

The City of Wheatland Planning Commission is comprised of five (5) members appointed by the City Council.

A list of the current Commission members is below:

Current Term Expires	Commissioner
2022	William Tinsley
2022	Tom Mihalyi
2018	Karan Curbow
2018	Debbie Pantelaglow
2018	Robert Glynn

The Wheatland Planning Commission has three seats that the term has expired and require the City Council to appointment commissioners to a new four year term. Commissioner Pantelaglow has requested to be re-appointed to her position on the commission. However, with the passing of Commissioner Karan Curbow and the retirement of Commissioner Robert Glynn, the city has two vacancies that will require the appointment of two new commissioners.

City staff has released a 30-day notice to the public regarding the Planning Commission vacancies and received applications from Commissioner Pantelaglow and Mr. Scott Witt. Therefore, staff requests City Council consider appointing these two individuals to the Planning Commission. According to Section 2.20.030 of the Wheatland Municipal Code, a Planning Commission appointment requires majority vote of the City Council.

The Wheatland Municipal Code Section 2.20.030 states the following:

2.20.030 Membership

The planning commission shall be composed of five members each of whom shall be appointed by majority vote of the city council, and one ex officio, nonvoting member, who shall be a member of the city council. The members may be from the city at large and are not required to be from specified areas of the city; however, it is the intent that the planning commission be composed of members who represent various areas of the city.

It should be noted that the Wheatland Planning Commission will continue to operate with one vacancy at this time. City Staff will release a second 30-day notice in order to solicit additional planning commission applicants. Once an applicant has been identified, staff will present them for consideration by the City Council to fill the remaining vacant planning commission seat.

Alternatives

Council may fill the vacancies by appointment at this meeting or postpone action to a future meeting.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachments

1. Debbie Panteloglew-PC Application
2. Scott Witt-PC Application

To: Wheatland City Council

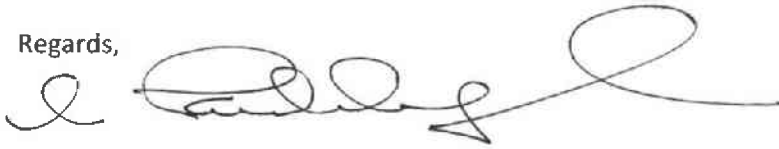
From: Debbie Panteloglow

Re: Planning Commission

My appointment to the Planning Commission is expiring Dec. 2018. It would be a great honor to consider me for another term. I have learned a lot (with all my questions) over the last three years, and have truly enjoyed being involved with our great community.

This is my request to be considered once again.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debbie Panteloglow', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Debbie Panteloglow December 3, 2018

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PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE)

Name: **Scott Witt**

Home Address: **102 C Street, Wheatland, CA**

Mailing Address: (If Different) **POBox 292, Wheatland, CA**

Home Phone: **(530) 701-7906 (cell)**

Work Phone: **(408) 465-6172**

Fax: **n/a**

E-mail: **scott.witt.ca@gmail.com**

Occupation: **Public Safety / Fire Dept**

Please answer the questions on the following page, and attach your responses to your Application. Please limit your response to two pages.

Completed Applications must be submitted no later than 31 December 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

City of Wheatland
 111 C Street
 Wheatland, California 95692.
 Tel (530) 633-2761 Fax (530) 633-9102

Scott Witt, 20 Dec 2018 - Supplemental questions & answers for Planning Commissioner application:

Why would you like to serve on the Planning Commission?

1) Wheatland is my home; I am a lifelong resident (40+ years), and have a son & daughter in the Wheatland School District (Bear River). I genuinely wish to serve the Wheatland community, using my knowledge & experience to work for the Planning Commission, City Council & Staff, and the citizens at large. I hope to help direct positive growth & development for Wheatland for years to come.

What do you believe is the most important role of the Planning Commission?

2a) The Planning Commission (& ultimately the City Council) makes choices that effect the City *in perpetuity*. Buildings & infrastructure, once completed, are permanent. Good choices will allow the City to thrive. The most important role the of the Commissioners is to analyze land-use proposals – to be the first set of eyes & ears – and provide valuable feedback & recommendations to the City Council. I can objectively, thoroughly, and consistently evaluate items presented to the Commission.

How would you promote this role as Planning Commissioner?

2b) As much as possible, members on the Planning Commission should share common values with the City Council & City residents, to maintain a consistent philosophy throughout the City's activities.

What do you think are the major concerns of Wheatland residents regarding its future?

3) My family moved here in 1976, I graduated from WHS in 1991. I have seen Wheatland grow from a town of less than 1000 people, to its current size. The concerns I have for the future of Wheatland are:

- Growth – Wheatland will continue to grow & evolve as Placer & Sacramento Counties expand as the area's job center. What happened to Lincoln in the late 90's & early 00's is headed our way.
- Agriculture – As the City grows, my concern is what happens to the productive ag lands (both commodities & jobs). The Planning Commission must identify potential conflicts that could arise from proposed land-use choices.
- Beale – Our neighboring Air Force Base is a vital part of Wheatland & all of Yuba County. Beale is critical to the economic health & well-being of our community.
- Business & Jobs – Economic activity in the City provides a secure tax base for public safety (LE & Fire), infrastructure (roads, water, & sewer), schools, and recreation.
- Transportation – Hwy 65 is at capacity during commute time, and the UPRR railway bisects the City. Just like Lincoln, it will get much worse before the proposed Hwy 65 bypass is built.
- Prop 64 – Marijuana production in the City would have negative effects to the community, and any regulation or zoning changes must be evaluated closely.

What knowledge or experience do you have in planning and zoning?

4) I am a career CALFIRE employee, currently working as Deputy Chief for Fire Plan & Prevention Grants, in the Planning & Risk Analysis (PRA) Program, at the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

- I am responsible for CALFIRE's statewide & regional Fire Plans
- Directly supervise a \$75 million annual budget, and \$200 million in grant funding
- Analyze maps & data for 31 million acres of land protected by CALFIRE
- Bill analysis for Senate, Assembly, & Governor's Office re: proposed laws affecting CALFIRE
- Help communities plan, thru Fire Safe Councils & Community Wildfire Protection Plans
- Review grant proposals for protecting homes threatened by wildfires
- Respond to disasters throughout California; I see firsthand effects of good (& poor) planning and zoning choices. I speak with affected members of the public, and planning officials.

My CALFIRE career has also included:

- Chief Officer for Morgan Hill FD & surrounding Silicon Valley communities (south of San Jose)
- Pre-Fire Engineer (Planner) for Nevada, Yuba, Placer, Sierra, & Sutter Counties
- Fire Captain for rural Lincoln, rural Roseville, and Thunder Valley Casino (Placer County Fire)
- Fire Apparatus Engineer (Marysville City Fire Dept, including Hallwood & D10)

I served 22 years as a Firefighter & Captain with the Wheatland Fire Department, spent a few years with Bi-County Ambulance and Sutter County Fire, and have even volunteered as a community member on a couple of Wheatland planning workshops.

What would you hope to accomplish as a Planning Commissioner?

5) Wheatland is a great community – my biggest accomplishment would be to ensure that all proposed changes to it, thru the Planning Commission, would make it even better for current & future residents.

Any other thoughts you would like to share?

6) I do not seek this position for any selfish reason – my only desire is to give back to my community in the capacity that I can best serve. I believe in private property rights, and feel the ‘first use’ (existing residents & businesses) takes precedent over proposed land uses changes. Nothing in life is static – growth will occur – and it is up to those in public service to ensure it is done in a wise manner. I have a good eye for troubleshooting & analyzing proposals.

Additional Information:

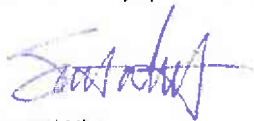
7a) I am available for Tuesday meetings.

7b) I am a registered voter & resident of Wheatland. I vote in every election.

7c) I work in Sacramento, although my area of responsibility is Statewide.

7d) I have no conflicts of interest. I own 40 acres in Camp Far West (outside of City Limits). I know many families throughout the greater Wheatland community; I will be open, truthful, and impartial to all matters that come before the Commission.

Thank you for considering my application for the Wheatland Planning Commission. Feel free to contact me with any questions,



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