

Salem Urban Development, Community Services and Housing Commission

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Supplemental Answers:

Have you attended a meeting of the Salem Urban Development, Community Services and Housing Commission? If so, how many?

Yes, about two dozen.

Please list any citizen advisory committees, civic, charitable or other organizations upon which you have served including the dates and length of service.

Oregon Citizen Review Board for Marion County, Jan 2014 to present: three years; Salem Housing Advisory Committee, Feb 2014 to present: three years; CANDO, Jul 2013 to present, more than three years, the last three as Secretary; Salem Social Services Advisory Committee, fall 2013 to fall 2014, one year; Julie's Four Corners Garden, co-Coordinator with Michael Livingston, Feb 2014 to present, three years; Community Radio Station KMUZ volunteer for Tuesday segment of Willamette Wakeup, Jun 2015 to present; Citizen Review Board Advisory Committee, Sep 2016 to present, six months. Service while a resident of North Carolina (prior to 2004) not included.

What do you believe you can contribute to the Salem Urban Development, Community Services and Housing Commission?

The CSHC needs appointees who are not also grantees, potential grantees, or their employees, and those who are knowledgeable but not so intimately involved with area social service providers that they feel they cannot participate in Commission decisions. The CSHC also needs members who are familiar with parliamentary procedure, understand how to read a financial statement, analyze a budget, think critically and ask difficult questions. Finally, the CSHC also needs members who are practical, and yet have a vision for and want to encourage a truly collaborative approach to addressing Salem's affordable housing and social service needs. In addition to my excellent record for attendance and punctuality, I believe I have something to contribute in these areas.

Do you have experience in Project Management? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your experience.

Yes, assuming the term "project management" doesn't have some specialized meaning, but just means an "undertaking requiring concerted effort." In addition to the garden and community radio activities listed above, I had project management duties as chair of the Employment Appeals Board for the State of Oregon (8 years), and prior to that, in North Carolina, while practicing law (business and real property-related litigation, mostly).

Do you have experience in Affordable Housing? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your experience.

Not as a developer or a legal advisor. I have read a lot about it, however, and have made a point to try and get to know the administrators of the Grand Ronde Housing Department, the Polk County Community Development Corporation, the West Valley Housing Authority, the Salem Housing Authority, and others in the field, to try and understand the housing situation here in Marion and Polk Counties.

Do you have experience in Construction? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your experience.

Only in construction litigation, and not a great deal.

Do you have experience in Economic Development? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your experience.

No, and it doesn't interest me terribly. But I do realize it is Consolidated Plan Goal #1, and I am familiar with the ED projects funded by CSHC and its predecessor entities.

Do you have experience in Budget Review? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your experience.

Yes. In addition to the budgetary duties involved in administering the Employment Appeals Board and a law practice, I've had some budget review duties on several committees I've served on. I've also watched the City of Salem's Citizen Budget Committee hearings the last couple of years.

Have you served, in any capacity, with a social service or economic development organization? If yes, please provide a brief summary of your experience.

No.

What is your experience in creating policy?

I've analyzed more policy than I've created, but for the most part, my policy-creating experience was as chair of the Employment Appeals Board.

What is your experience in research and large document review?

My experience in research and large document review comes from my law practice in North Carolina, my administrative law duties for the State of Oregon, and my duties as a member of the Citizen Review Board.

This board reviews large grant applications. Please describe your experience with analyzing grant applications to prioritize and identify needs.

While serving on the CSHC's predecessor board, SSAB, I reviewed the applications for the 2014 funding cycle.