

Application Form

Profile

Michael _____ K _____ Slater _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Email Address _____

Home Address _____ Suite or Apt _____

Salem _____ OR _____ 97302 _____
City State Postal Code

What Ward do you live in? *

Ward 7

Primary Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Mission Street Parks _____ President _____ Nonprofit Executive _____
Employer Job Title Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Salem Planning Commission: Submitted

Which of the following City of Salem Board or Commission meetings have you attended? *

- Citizen Budget Committee
- Downtown Advisory Board
- Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Salem Planning Commission
- Salem Public Art Commission
- Salem Public Library Advisory Board

Interests & Experiences

What do you feel you can contribute as a board or commission member?

I can contribute (1) a good understanding of the issues facing the city, (2) a good understanding of City process, (3) the perspective of a resident from a developed neighborhood (Faye Wright) that is facing the need to accommodate growth, (4) a recognition that climate change is real and that adaptation and mitigation need to be incorporated into our planning and zoning policies, and (5) some expertise related to our urban forest, our parks and open spaces, and our natural resources.

What prompted your interest in applying to serve as a board or commission member?

Over the past several years, I've participated extensively in a number of policy issues that the City has taken up, including the strategic plan, downtown and neighborhood development, climate change, natural resources, and now, the Our Salem initiative. Serving on the planning commission would be a more formal opportunity to continue my efforts to help Salem become a city of excellence and one that successfully navigates the many challenges it faces.

Please explain how your education, professional, personal, or volunteer experience and knowledge qualify you to serve on the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying.

My background as a nonprofit executive has given me extensive experience with government process and boards, as well as the ability to work with a diverse range of people and stakeholders to solve common problems. I am familiar with, and can comply with, the expectations to meet ethical and regulatory requirements that accompany public service. Finally, as the land use chair for the Faye Wright NA and an active Salem resident, I have a good understanding of the policy issues and ordinances that the planning commission takes up.

List any experience you have with volunteering for the City of Salem or other organizations.

I have been a volunteer with Friends of Bush Gardens, which led me to co-found the Mission Street Parks Conservancy (MSPC) last year. MSPC has contributed funds and significant volunteer time to help maintain and improve Bush's Pasture Park. As noted below, I volunteer my time as the land use chair in my neighborhood association. I also contribute my time and expertise to Temple Beth Shalom in south Salem.

Briefly explain any experience you have working with your neighborhood association or other public bodies or committees.

I have served as the land use chair of the Faye Wright N.A. for the the past few years, and have presented at a wide variety of City fora, including City Council, SPRAB, and others. Professionally, I have provided expert testimony before many public bodies, including a Congressional committee, state legislative committees in MN, NV, OR, and WA, as well as state and federal regulatory agencies over the past 20 years. I have also worked with staff and boards in many jurisdictions to develop legislation and administrative rules.

Can you commit to attending a minimum of 75 percent of scheduled meetings? (Please refer to the City's website for the meeting schedule. Failure to meet the attendance requirement may result in removal from office.)

Yes No

Please list up to three (3) references whom we could contact to learn more about your qualifications (name/email address or phone number/relationship).

Christine Chute. Colleague.

Trevor Phillips, MD. Friend.

Karl Roth. Colleague.

Question applies to Salem Planning Commission

The Commission strives to make decisions that implement the Salem Area Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code. Please describe your affiliations within the community that could affect your ability to participate in land use decisions if you are appointed to the Planning Commission (i.e., familial or financial relationship with developers, builders, land use attorneys, land use consultants, etc.).

None.

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Please state your profession

Nonprofit Executive

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Male