

## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PLANNING COMMISSION CANDIDATE

**CANDIDATE: Dan Augustyn**

**PLEASE RESPOND IN WRITING BY: Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at 5 p.m.**

PLEASE SEND TO: Lynda Rose  
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1. Please explain your understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Planning Commission.

My understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Planning Commission is to serve as an advisory board to the local town or city council. The Planning Commission advises on zoning districts and appropriate regulations while promoting the growth and orderly development of the City of Salem.

2. What skills, knowledge and perspectives do you possess that will enable you to be an effective member of the Commission?

I feel that I have several skills, knowledge and perspectives that would enable me to be a productive member of the commission but my ability to research and the fact that I am driven by data to help form decisions will serve me well. I am a particularly good listener who welcomes several different voices and opinions to help form decisions. Others find me to be extremely fair and open minded to other perspectives. I have an immense passion for helping the City of Salem with the planning of the present and future livability of this beautiful city.

3. One of the most common application types you will hear at the Planning Commission is a Comprehensive Plan Change and Zone Change, where an applicant wants to change their zoning to facilitate a development proposal. What is your perspective regarding responding to the current market versus maintaining a long-term vision?

I believe that when it comes to a Comprehensive Plan Change and Zone Change most requests are different and need to be addressed on a case by case scenario. I am fully committed to the long-term vision and would not deter from that for a single zone change if it does not fit into the long-term scope that the city envisions.

4. What are some examples of how you believe Salem has done a good job of land use and transportation planning? What are some areas for improvement?

Some good examples of the land use and transportation planning is the bike lane that was installed on High Street in the downtown corridor. Another example of good land use is the mixed-use buildings and new development that is taking place in the downtown area. The development of the downtown area into more of a desired area to live and visit is especially important for the small businesses in our area. An area where Salem needs to work on is our focus on transportation and making the city easier for alternatives to the automobile.