



**Staff Report**

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**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**THROUGH:** Steve Powers, City Manager  
**FROM:** Board and Commission Appointments Committee

**SUBJECT:**

Planning Commission Appointments

Ward(s): All Wards  
Councilor(s): All Councilors  
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods  
Result Area(s): Good Governance

**ISSUE:**

Shall the City Council appoint two applicants to the Planning Commission for full terms expiring on December 31, 2023?

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Vote by ballot to appoint two applicants to full-terms position expiring on December 31, 2023.

**SUMMARY:**

The Salem Planning Commission is established in SRC Chapter 6 and provides that the Commission shall consist of nine members to be appointed by the City Council, not more than one of whom shall be a nonresident of the City of Salem.

The Salem Planning Commission acts as an advisory commission to the City Council with a broad scope of concern in promoting the growth and orderly development of the City of Salem. In addition, the Commission reviews and issues decisions regarding a number of quasi-judicial land use applications.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

There are two full-term vacancies for four-year terms expiring on December 31, 2023. The Council Board and Commission Appointments Committee reviewed applications and recommended the following applicants for consideration: Lisa Heller, Ann Lovejoy, Stephan Price, and Michael Slater. City Council voted on January 13, 2020, to interview candidates on February 10, 2020. Copies of the applications and candidates' responses to the Questionnaire for Planning Commission candidates and are attached.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Council Board and Commission Appointments Committee reviewed and considered applications on December 11, 2019, for two vacancies. Following review, the Committee recommended the four applicants be interviewed by the City Council on February 10, 2020. Ballots are to be cast and counted following the interviews prior to the City Council meeting.

**Attachments:**

1. Lisa Heller - Application (redacted)
2. Lisa Heller - Responses to Supplemental Questionnaire
3. Ann Lovejoy - Application (redacted)
4. Ann Lovejoy - Responses to Supplemental Questionnaire
5. Stephan Price - Application (redacted)
6. Stephan Price - Responses to Supplemental Questionnaire
7. Michael Slater - Application (redacted)
8. Michael Slater - Responses to Supplemental Questionnaire