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CITY OF SPOKANE PLAN COMMISSION APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

It is the policy of the City to utilize citizen boards, commission, committees and other groups to aid the process of effective, responsible and efficient government.

City Charter states that The Plan Commission shall:

Section 127. General Authority: The City Plan Commission shall perform such functions and have such powers as may be conferred upon it by the City Council by Ordinance. The City Council may, by a majority vote, direct the Plan Commission to perform specific actions in relation to potential or pending legislative action of the City Council. The Council shall have power to appropriate any moneys necessary in its judgment to further the work of the Commission, including the employment of necessary clerical assistants and experts, and to provide for the same in its annual budget and tax levy.

Section 128. Specific Powers: In addition to the powers that may be specially conferred upon the Plan Commission by Ordinance, it shall have power to investigate and make recommendations to the City Council in relation to all matters pertaining to the living conditions of the City; the betterment of facilities for doing public and private business therein; the elimination of slums; the correction of unhealthful housing conditions; the proper laying out, platting, and naming of streets, squares, and public places, and the numbering of buildings and houses therein; the location, planning, and architectural designing of public buildings; and generally, all things tending to promote the health, convenience, safety, and well being of the City's population, and to further its growth along consistent, comprehensive and permanent plans.

SMC Section 04.12.010:

In addition to exercising those powers granted to the Commission in Section 128 of the City's Charter, the Commission shall provide advice and make recommendation on broad planning goals and policies on whichever plans for the physical development of the City that the City Council may request the Commission's advice by Ordinance or Resolution.

Plan Commission duties are very time intensive. At a minimum, the Plan Commission meets monthly – Fall, Winter, Spring the commission typically meets twice monthly , on the second and fourth Wednesday, with meeting times ranging between two and four hours. Members are expected to prepare for upcoming meetings by reading and reviewing materials in order to gain an understanding of planning issues. Members may serve on one or more sub-committees. The Plan Commission meets 2-4 times per year jointly with the city council. The Commission also holds a half-day summer conference.

Plan Commission members are expected to attend all scheduled and special meetings.

Please read all of the following questions prior to starting:

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1. Why do you want to serve on the Spokane Plan Commission?
2. What is your understanding of the role of the Plan Commission?
3. Describe any experience working with a Plan Commission, similar board, or other public or civic group.
4. Describe your work experience or involvement in planning, development, engineering, architecture, or related field.
5. How will your education, experience, and community involvement guide your work on the Plan Commission and to the community?
6. How will you address the concerns of the entire community, particularly when public opinion is divided?
7. How would you attempt to resolve a variety of opinions among Commission members in order to develop recommendations for the City Council?
8. What do you think are the three most significant planning and development issues facing Spokane, and why?