



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

June 3, 2015

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk *GT*

SUBJECT: Interviews of applicants to fill vacancy on the Planning Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Interview applicants to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

DISCUSSION

There are three candidates for the vacancy on the Planning Commission, but only two to be interviewed this evening, Cindy Swift and Chris Skelton. The third candidate, Mimi Newton, was interviewed at the Council's May 6th meeting. All three applications are attached.

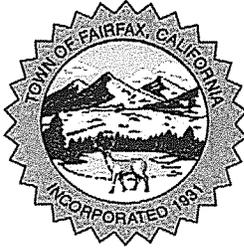
The Town received a total of seven applications for three vacancies on the Planning Commission, and on May 6th conducted interviews of five applicants. The Council selected their top three candidates out of the five, and appointed two. The third candidate was invited to return tonight to join the pool of candidates for the remaining vacancy.

The appointment to the remaining vacancy is on tonight's regular meeting agenda.

ATTACHMENTS

Application of Cindy Swift
Application of Chris Skelton
Application of Mimi Newton

AGENDA ITEM # 1



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**TOWN OF FAIRFAX
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE**

TO: Mayor and Fairfax Town Council

Date: 5.2.2015

Please consider this as an application for appointment to:

- Affordable Housing Committee
- Cittaslow Committee
- Design Review Board
- General Plan Implementation Committee
- Measure I Oversight Committee
- Measure K Oversight Committee
- Open Space Committee
- Planning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Volunteer Board
- Youth Commission
- Other

(Your completed application will become a public record upon submittal to the Town)

Name: Chris Skelton

Address: _____

Telephone: (Office) _____ Home/Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Years in Fairfax: 1 year

Education B.A. Duke (history and Japanese); J.D. McGeorge School of Law

Please list the names of professional societies, clubs, and other organizations to which you belong.

Marin County Bar Association; CA State Bar, Golden Gate Triathlon Club (inactive)

Briefly describe your employment background. _____

Land Use and Real Property attorney at Ragghianti Freitas, LLP. Previously worked for
Marin County Counsel's Office serving as counsel for civil matters (including Parks and DPW).

What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax? _____

Preserve the small town character while promoting opportunities to expand and improve
upon affordable housing. Protect and further promote open space and environmental
stewardship in Town and the sphere of influence.

Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest. _____

Ragghianti Freitas may have clients, from time to time, with interests adverse to the Town.
As a former Planning Commissioner in Mill Valley, this was an infrequent occurrence and I
recused myself from the decision making process anytime a conflict did arise.

Briefly explain your interest in serving on this Board, Commission, or Committee. _____

I have always engaged in some form of community service and volunteerism since I was
a youth growing up in San Francisco. I see the Planning Commission as chance to give back
on a community-wide scale. Furthermore, I am passionate about the built environment and
appreciate the chance to have a positive influence on the community where my family and I
interact. Finally, as a newer resident to Fairfax, serving as a Commissioner would facilitate
my own engagement with the community where I plan to raise my family.

Signature



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MAR 03 2015

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TO: Mayor and Fairfax Town Council

Date: 2 Mar 15

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(Your completed application will become a public record upon submittal to the Town)

Name: Cindy Swift

Address: _____

Telephone: (Office) _____ Home/Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Years in Fairfax: 35

Education City College of San Francisco, Humboldt State University

Please list the names of professional societies, clubs, and other organizations to which you belong.

Friends of the Fairfax Library, Friends of the Marin County Free Library, Canon Swim & Tennis

Club, Marin Humane Society volunteer, Corps of Engineers Reemployed Annuitant Cadre.

Briefly describe your employment background. IT Program Manager for HQs US
Corps of Engineers managing Corps-wide IT programs and projects as a certified Project
Management Professional (PMP).

What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax? My vision for Fairfax is that we continue to
preserve our unique small town qualities. We are a small town both in size and character and
need to maintain both. We also need to preserve and continue to support our business
community.

Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest. None known at this time.

Briefly explain your interest in serving on this Board, Commission, or Committee. I
have a vested interest in the future of Fairfax as well as interest in serving my community.
Serving on the Planning Commission supports both of those interests.

Signature Cindy Swift

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TO: Mayor and Fairfax Town Council

Date: 3/24/15

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(Your completed application will become a public record upon submittal to the Town)

Name: Mimi Newton

Address: _____

Telephone: (Office) _____ Home/Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Years in Fairfax: 9

Education JD Georgetown Univ. Law Center 1989

BA Univ. of Pennsylvania 1985

Please list the names of professional societies, clubs, and other organizations to which you belong.

Marin Green Party (co-chair)

Fairfax Open Space Committee (chair)

G.P.I.C. (FOSC Representative)

Briefly describe your employment background. 1989 - 1994 US EPA;
1994 - 1995 Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker;
1995 - 2000 Zeunik Horton; 2000 - present
U.S. EPA

What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax? I'd like to see the
town keep its small town character,
including retaining as much of
its beautiful natural settings as practicable.

Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest. Any issues involving
my own home or the US government
would raise potential conflicts

Briefly explain your interest in serving on this Board, Commission, or Committee. _____
I'd like to help the Town in navigating
some of the trickier issues involving
the General Plan, I'd also like to
work towards bringing people
together who have different perspectives
so as to help minimize internal
conflicts among Fairfaxians.

Signature Mimi Newfan

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