

CITIZENS COMMISSION - PENDING APPLICATIONS

Application Date	Name	District	Qualities/Qualifications Summary
6/10/2024	McMullen, Nicholas	Mesquite	<p>Interests: I have been a resident of Peoria for two years, pride myself on being civically engaged, and am interested in getting involved locally. Prior to moving to Peoria I served on the Certified Staff Performance Pay committee for Deer Valley Unified School District for three years. I have worked in HR my entire career and specialize in compensation.</p> <p>Qualifications: I hold well-regarded professional HR certifications including Certified Compensation Professional (CCP) and Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR). I hold a bachelors degree in applied mathematics and statistics and am in the final stages of obtaining a Master of Science degree in Program Evaluation and Data Analytics from Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions at Arizona State University. I have six years of professional HR experience in private industry.</p> <p>Characteristics: A productive member makes significant effort to understand local practices, procedures, and laws and advise local decision makers appropriately. They should ask hard questions and be willing to learn new concepts. A commission member will also have a sterling attendance record and remain engaged through the entirety of their term.</p> <p>Role: The role of a commission member is to be an advisor to local leadership and ensure the public has a voice in what elected officials receive for compensation. Commission members should be free from bias, experts in the field of compensation, and eager to learn about local government operations. RESUME ON FILE</p>

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION – Residency Required

Authority: City Code, Chapter 20, Section 3-36 and 3-37

Members: 7

Duties: The commission is responsible for recommending planning and zoning policies governing land use in Peoria. It also reviews and recommends approval of zoning codes and annual revisions to the City’s Comprehensive Master Plan.

Liaison: Chris Jacques / Planning and Community Development

Vacant
Reappointment

CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	District	Special Criteria	Appointed	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Expiration
Cottrell, Nathan	Mesquite		3/5/2024					6/30/2026
Feiter, Anthony	Willow		08/13/2019	01/07/2020	11/15/2023			12/31/2025
Egea, Julie	Willow		4/22/2025					6/30/2027
Gaynor, Emilio	Pine		2/11/2025					12/31/2026
Vacant (Was Myers)								12/31/2025
Villasenor, Layla	Willow		02/08/2023	11/19/2024				6/30/2026
Waitman, Joysaphine	Pine		2/2/2021	02/08/2023	11/19/2024			6/30/2026

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION - PENDING APPLICANTS

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
12/30/2024	Longest, Summer	Mesquite	<p>Interest: I would like to serve on this board or commission to help my community and to serve my fellow Peoria residents. I feel I will gain a lot of different knowledge and wisdom regarding city codes and regulations and I would love to gain a bigger understanding of how the city operates and functions.</p> <p>Qualifications: I am a huge advocate and supporter of the city of Peoria, I was born and raised in this city all of my life and each time I moved I always ended up right back here with my parents and then I began raising my kids here in Peoria with my husband. Both my parents still reside in Peoria about half a mile from each other over by Banner Boswell hospital.</p> <p>I am a business owner and I am a licensed pool builder as well in this great state of Arizona. I would love to bring my knowledge of pool building into the mix and my people skills as well. I am a stellar communicator and I pride myself on my reliability and promptness. I am a real big go getter and I am very determined to do and accomplish as much as I possibly can while I am here on earth. I am in the process of showing my three children how to become productive members of society and how to contribute to society in a positive way.</p> <p>Characteristics: Responsibility, Honesty, Integrity, Generous, Kind Hearted, Communicative</p>
9/2/2024	Bowen, Jeremy	Mesquite	<p>Interests: Invested in building Peoria to be the envy of Arizona</p> <p>Qualifications: Law degree from UofA. Currently a Health Care Administrator CEO</p> <p>Characteristics: Leadership Active member Understand a goal/vision</p>
3/27/2024	Reynoso, Yulissa	Pine	<p>Interest: I am deeply invested in serving the community where I have spent my entire life, and it's this personal connection that drives my interest in serving on this board or commission. Growing up in this community has given me a profound understanding of its strengths, challenges, and untapped potential. I am eager to contribute my skills, experience, and dedication to fostering positive change and improvement. By serving on this board or commission, I hope to be a catalyst for meaningful initiatives that address pressing issues, enhance the quality of life, and create opportunities for all members of our community. My ultimate goal is to see tangible improvements that positively impact the lives of those who call this community home.</p> <p>Qualification: As a current secretary board member of a non-profit organization dedicated to student success, I bring a wealth of relevant experience to this board or commission. My role has honed my organizational, administrative, and communication skills, ensuring smooth operation and documentation of board proceedings. Additionally, I have undergone training in governance, leadership, and non-profit management. My insights into educational challenges and my commitment to the organization's mission equip me to contribute effectively to discussions and decision-making processes.</p>

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
10/15/2023	Dejoy, Sydney	Mesquite	<p>Interest: I am interested in joining the Planning and Zoning Commission because I have been a resident of the Peoria area for many years. It has been a wonderful experience to see the city of Peoria grown and expand in such positive ways, and I would love to be an integral part of that team. While serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission, I hope to gain additional leadership experience, further develop my professional skillsets, and network with other professionals in the Peoria community.</p> <p>Qualifications: I currently serve as the Executive Board Secretary for a non-profit organization, meaning that I am responsible for creating, publishing, and maintaining meeting minutes. Additionally, I manage and organize various aspects of the meetings for the Executive Board team. Outside of serving on the board, I work in enterprise sales development and handle new business generation and communications within my designated territory. I have also obtained my Masters of Business Administration.</p> <p>Characteristics of a productive member: Characteristics of a productive member of the Planning and Zoning commission would include the ability to actively listen to community members and maintain an unbiased and fair perspective. Productive members should be personable towards both their fellow commission members and community members. Lastly, productive members should be both dependable and have high character.</p> <p>Contentious agenda item: Prior to my current role, I was an animal cruelty investigator. A significant amount of my time during investigations was spent de-escalating aggravated citizens. What I often found was that those individuals just needed to feel heard and have their concerns addressed. As a board member, I would handle these situations in a similar manner. Actively listen to their concerns, address their concerns, and proceed forward.</p> <p>Opportunities and challenges facing the City: Peoria has experienced a significant amount of growth over the past several years, both industrial and residential growth. As more and more people make the move to Peoria, land will continue to be developed. The city faces the challenge of handling and overcoming major zoning disputes. Major zoning disputes may arise between property developers, landowners, and current homeowners. Additionally, zoning may contribute to the state's housing affordability problem.</p>
6/27/2025	Bevans, Laurel	Willow	<p>Interest: I have served on two different Planning Commissions in the past and have enjoyed my time serving in both cities. I want to serve here because as a new resident I'd like to become involved with the city and the people. This is one way I can serve and use my expertise for good. I hope to gain a better understanding of how the city of Peoria works, and interact with both the public and city employees to contribute to the community future in a meaningful way.</p> <p>Qualifications: I am a recent transplant from South Jordan City, UT. I served on the Planning Commission there for four years (Only left to move here) I bring a wealth of experience and knowledge about land use, CUPs, Site plans etc. I have also served on the Planning Commission in Woods Cross, UT many years ago. I also work in Land Development for a company based in Utah, so I understand both sides of applications as they come through the city process. I am happy to provide references if desired.</p> <p>Characteristics: Someone who is willing show up, do the work, and make decisions based on fact and the betterment of the community. Someone who has integrity and is not willing to compromise that Someone who is willing to learn and admit when they do not know the answer so those who do have the knowledge can step in and assist or teach.</p> <p>Continuous Agenda Item: First you take a deep breath and remind yourself why you chose to do this. Everyone who shows up to a meeting whether or not they are angry care deeply about their community and what goes on in it. I see this role as their opportunity to be heard and listened to. Even if what they are saying is not in the scope of responsibility, it is our job to listen and at the end of the day make the best decision for the community as a whole. It is also to follow the city code (particularly in administrative hearings where there is very little leeway)</p> <p>Opportunities and challenges facing the City: Peoria is large city, with a lot of infill opportunity as well as undeveloped land in the northern portion of the city. There are also large mandates and calls for affordable housing, which many interpret as high density. It is a major challenge and opportunity for the city and city council to align the goals of city to meet those housing needs in ways that allow the city to prosper and grow, but keep the city identity and roots.</p>

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
5/8/2025	Brannigan, Jason	Mesquite	<p>Interest: Serving on the planning and zoning commission in Peoria, Arizona offers a unique opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the city's growth and development. As a member I would play a pivotal role in shaping Peoria's future. I have lived in the city of Peoria for roughly 25 years. I went to High School at Sunrise Mountain and my kids currently attend Peoria Traditional School. My wife is a first grade teacher at Peoria Traditional School. So we are vested within the community and have an interest in making the city of Peoria the best city this state can offer.</p> <p>Qualifications: I am currently a business advisor and help small and mid-sized companies grow. I would love to talk to business owners and the positive impact that doing business within Peoria can have. I know the struggles that owners have today when it comes to attraction and retention. A large part of this is where the business is located and what amenities are around it. I have also worked within the Architectural, Engineering, and Construction industry for several years. I believe that has brought me an understanding of how development and planning works. I know personally some of the largest firms we have in Arizona. I would love to talk to them about the benefits of doing business within Peoria.</p> <p>Characteristics: I think having a genuine interest in how cities evolve and function can drive one to participate in planning and zoning activities. Serving on the commission provides exposure to a variety of projects and challenges, fostering ongoing learning. This role can enhance my knowledge of local issues, planning processes, and community dynamics. Having integrity is a characteristic that is vital to being a board members. Especially one that is sitting on the planning and zoning commission.</p> <p>Contentious Agenda Item/Citizen: worked in a jail for 2 years. I know how to de-escalate a situation without it turning physical. I am very good at confrontation, because it's more about my tone and how I respond. It is all about listening and having respect for those even if they are upset at you.</p> <p>Major Land Use/Planning Opportunities/Challenges: Right now we do not have the businesses that we need in Peoria. The vast majority of people that live in Peoria travel to other cities for work. I think the city needs to do a better job attracting employers to do business in Peoria. And in order to attract them we need to have the infrastructure in place. Where will their employees grab breakfast or coffee in the mornings? Do we have restaurants within walking distance that the employees can go to. What about bars/restaurants for happy hours, or employees celebrating big wins or birthdays. This all needs to be in place to attract employers to move their companies to Peoria. And then obviously the employees will follow.</p>
7/22/2025 Continued to next page	Dyer, Mikah	Ironwood	<p>Interest: As a lifelong Peoria resident and former Chair of the Peoria Youth Advisory Board, I've seen firsthand how thoughtful planning shapes the quality of life in our city. I'm applying to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission because I care deeply about responsible, community-centered growth and ensuring every resident has a voice in the development process. Serving in this role would allow me to give back to the city that raised me and to better understand how we balance population growth with long-term planning that protects our shared values—economic opportunity, public safety, and neighborhood character.</p> <p>Qualifications: I bring a comprehensive background in public policy, youth and community organizing, and civic leadership—all grounded in real-world, results-driven experience. As a Flinn Scholar and Barrett Honors College student at Arizona State University, I am studying Secondary Education (History) and Political Science, with a strong focus on public institutions and governance. I currently serve as the Vice President of Policy for ASU's Undergraduate Student Government at the West Valley campus, where I lead a policy team representing over 5,000 students. I manage town halls, oversee policy development, and collaborate with university officials to improve housing, affordability, and access to services. Previously, I served as Chair of the Peoria Youth Advisory Board and as the Youth Liaison to the City Council, roles through which I gained firsthand experience working with city staff and engaging residents on key issues like youth services and civic participation. I have managed field operations in Legislative District 2 as a Field Organizer and later Lead Organizer. Across two election cycles, I've personally knocked on 13,000+ doors, managed 50+ volunteers, and helped flip competitive precincts. I also serve on the Advisory Board for ASU's School of Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Studies, providing input on institutional planning and student experience.</p>

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VETERANS BOARD – Residency Requirement

Authority: City Code, Chapter 3, Sections 3-42 and 3-43

Members: 7 and 2 Alternates

Duties: The Board is responsible for development and promotional activities related to the recognition of veterans of the armed forces of the United States and their contributions to the community. The Board recommends activities and events to the City to focus on the contributions of veterans.

Liaison: Marylou Stephens and Bill Moss / Arts, Culture and Library Services

Vacant
Reappointment

CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	District	Alt	Appointed	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Expiration
Duke, Scott	Mesquite	No	11/19/2024						12/31/2026
Dobson, Richard	Willow	No	03/07/2023	6/17/2025					6/30/2027
Irby, Anthony	Acacia	No	08/01/2008	11/01/2009	10/01/2013	10/03/2017	9/14/2021	11/15/2023	12/31/2025
Kruk, Michael	Palo Verde	No	1/4/2022	7/1/2024					6/30/2026
Snidecor, Tad	Palo Verde	No	11/07/2017	9/14/2021	11/15/2023				12/31/2025
VACANT		Yes							
VACANT		Yes							
VACANT		No							
VACANT		No							

VETERANS BOARD - PENDING APPLICANTS

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
10/28/2024	Bushong, Kim	Palo Verde	<p>Interest: N/A</p> <p>Qualifications: N/A</p> <p>Experience: I am a Veteran. Air Force 1971-1975</p> <p>Engaged with Special Events: Luke Days while employed with with andUSAF. Duties included weekly planning meeting to plan each set up of sale ,multiple display, food and souvenir stands. Also emergency committee to preplan possible emergencies that could develop.</p> <p>What do you see as an appropriate role for a City in supporting veteran causes? There's a number of veterans that has not been seen since Viet Nam. With the advance of weaponry and medical advances the numbers of survivors has increased that many Vets have slipped into areas that are harder to bring them to areas of help.</p>
2/11/2025	Clure, Joe	Mesquite	<p>Interest: I am interested in serving on the Veterans Memorial Board to assist the City in recognizing our great veterans and current members of the military. As far as what I hope to gain from my service, just the satisfaction of helping our veterans!</p> <p>Qualifications: As a veteran of the U.S. Army, I understand the veteran/military community. I am a member of Peoria American LegionPost 62 as well as an honorary commander of the 944th Fighter Wing/LRS, Luke Air Force Base.</p> <p>Experience: I recently lobbied a bill (SB1174; tuition; family; posttraumatic stress; suicide 2024) at the Arizona State Legislature that provides in state college tuition for the surviving dependents of police, fi re, and veterans/military members who commit suicide as a result of duty related PTSD.</p> <p>I am familiar with USERRA and have assisted numerous police officers with employment/employer issues over the years.</p> <p>Special Events: I have planned several large scale events involving the LODD of police officers in which several thousands have attended over a 16 hour period. These events depended heavily on volunteers and community donations.</p> <p>Role of the City: I see the City's role as a partnership with the community and the VMB. We live in an area that has tremendous support for our military and our veterans. I believe the city's main role is to assist in getting the word out about our veteran community events.</p>
6/17/2025	Lyons, Joshua	Mesquite	<p>Interest: I am a combat veteran, a current reservist and have served 3 deployments during the global war on terrorism. I often see with my day to day job as the District Director for Congressman Abraham Hamadeh the silent service of Veterans who choose to continue service silently and unrecognized. I think working to support veterans and their memory is a vital and important part of creating a strong community fabric as well as acknowledging the liberty we enjoy from their service so that it's not forgotten.</p> <p>Qualification: I am a combat veteran, current Army Reserve Intelligence Officer, and the District Director of a congressional office. I have worked for the Department of State as a Counterintelligence analyst, and have supported several community service organizations with volunteer time and financial support. My service as a GWOT veteran provides a unique perspective to a community that has yet to receive an official national memorial and is underrepresented in veterans service organizations and advocacy. I attempted to attache a resume but it would not let me.</p> <p>Experience: I have assisted the DAV and VFW with veteran outreach. Drafted legislation for assisting Veterans with tax benefits, and have participated with many veterans outreach and events through my job as the District Director for Congressman Abraham Hamadeh.</p> <p>Special Events: was a special operations contingency planner during my military career. I have done embassy events to include evacuations, and planned diplomatic events with my time at state department. As an additional duty I was a protocol officer and helped planned events for visiting VIPs or senior leaders.</p> <p>Role of the city: I believe that honoring the sacrifice and service of the men and women who serve a community is a critical social function of a city. We enjoy liberty based on their service and sacrifice, we as a society owe a debt often not fully understtod. I have two published op-eds I can provide pertaining to most recently to memorial day and veterans day that were designed to help others gain an understanding of the importance of price our liberty costs.</p>

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PENSION BOARD – Residency Requirement w/Exceptions

Authority: City Code, Chapter 3, Sections 3-44 and 3-45

Members: 7

- Mayor or designee (1)
- City's Fire Chief (1)
- Resident of the City (5)

Duties: The Board is responsible for providing the disbursement of the fund and designating the beneficiaries of the fund as directed by law.

Liaison: Sean Kindell / Finance

Vacant
Reappointment

CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	District	Special Criteria	Appointed	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Expiration
Albright, John	Mesquite		11/13/2012	11/17/2015	1/7/2020	11/15/2023		12/31/2025
Beck, Jason	N/A	Mayor						
Bernard, Gary	N/A	Fire Chief						
Vacant (Was Cota)								
Mwangi, Kenneth	Mesquite		3/8/2023					6/30/2026
Rehnke, Brenda	Palo Verde		11/13/2018	11/15/2022	11/15/2023			12/31/2025
Zenko, Dan	Mesquite		11/9/2021	3/8/2023	6/17/2025			6/30/2027

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PENSION BOARD - PENDING APPLICANTS

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
4/28/2025	Evans, Jonathan	Ironwood	<p>Interest: am interested in serving on the Volunteer Firefighter Pension Board because I value the critical role our first responders play in protecting and strengthening our community. I am committed to ensuring that those who have dedicated their service to Peoria are supported through the careful stewardship of their pension benefits. By serving on this board, I hope to contribute to the responsible management of these resources and to help uphold the trust and security that our firefighters have earned through their service. I am interested in serving the community in Peoria, where I have lived for the previous 12 years. A community that I enjoy and love.</p> <p>Qualifications: Not answered</p> <p>Experienced: Through my involvement with Leadership West and other professional and volunteer experiences, I have had the opportunity to observe and participate in board and committee work. One idea for enhancing the board experience is to ensure ongoing communication and training opportunities for members, especially related to relevant policies, fiduciary responsibilities, and city updates. Clear orientation processes and periodic briefings would help board members stay engaged, informed, and aligned with the city's goals. Additionally, fostering stronger connection between boards, city leadership, and the community could further enhance collaboration and allow board members to serve as more effective ambassadors for Peoria's mission and initiatives.</p>