

CITY PLAN BOARD APPOINTMENT BALLOT

Openings: **One (1) Full Term Opening (City Residency Required)**

Applications: **Two (2) Applications**

PLEASE INITIAL YOUR SELECTION

NAME OF APPLICANT	Comm. Arreola	Comm Hayes-Santos	Comm. Simmons	Mayor Poe	Comm. Johnson	Comm. Ward	Comm. Warren
Blythe, James (3/21/19-11/1/22)							
Hawkins, Thomas (3/21/19 – 11/1/22)							
READVERTISE FOR ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS							



City of Gainesville CITY PLAN BOARD

BOARD DETAILS



OVERVIEW



SIZE 7 Seats



TERM LENGTH 36



TERM LIMIT n/a

(7-members; 3-year terms) (Ordinance Nos. 874, 1158, 1998, and 3777) (60 Day Probationary Period) CITY Residency REQUIRED.

The City Plan Board shall: a) plan for the proper development and growth of the city; b) prepare comprehensive plans or elements or portions of plans to guide future development and growth; c) make recommendations pertaining to comprehensive plans or elements or portions of plans; d) monitor and oversee the effectiveness and status of the comprehensive plan, and recommend changes in the comprehensive plan as are from time to time required; e) review proposed land development regulations and land development codes, or amendments thereto, and make recommendations as to the consistency of each proposal with the adopted comprehensive plan or element or portion of the plan; and f) perform all other functions, duties, and responsibilities assigned to it by the commission. The City Plan Board shall issue reports and hold public hearings as required by law. The commission may not take final action on any matter pending before a board until the board has completed its report in accordance with law.



DETAILS

ORDINANCE

Ordinance Nos. 874, 1158, 1998, and 3777



City of Gainesville
CITY PLAN BOARD

BOARD ROSTER



***VACANT *VACANT**

1st Term Mar 07, 2019 - Nov 01, 2022

Appointing Authority City Commission



ROBERT P HYATT

1st Term Aug 29, 2016 - Aug 29, 2019

Email: rob.hyatt@gm.sbac.edu
 352-955-7880

Category School Board Of Alachua County



TERRY CLARK

1st Term Feb 04, 2016 - Nov 01, 2019

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Appointing Authority City Commission



MEGAN D WALKER-RADTKE

1st Term Nov 16, 2017 - Nov 01, 2020

Email: megan.d.walker@gmail.com
 Mobile: (317) 697-4642
 Address:
 3520 NW 7th Avenue
 Gainesville, FL 32607

Appointing Authority City Commission



ERIN CONDON

2nd Term Nov 16, 2017 - Nov 01, 2020

(352) 219-8753
 Address:
 614 SW 27th Street
 Gainesville, FL 32607

Appointing Authority City Commission



ROBERT ACKERMAN

3rd Term Nov 16, 2016 - Nov 01, 2020

(352) 318-4727
 Address:
 4818 NW 19th Street
 Gainesville, FL 32605

Appointing Authority City Commission
Position Vice-Chair



STEPHANIE SUTTON

2nd Term Nov 16, 2017 - Nov 01, 2020

(727) 643-0811
 Address:
 411B NE 4th Street
 Gainesville, FL 32601

Appointing Authority City Commission
Position Chair



CHRISTAN NEWMAN

2nd Term Oct 18, 2018 - Nov 01, 2021

Email: christian@newmantam.us
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 2140 NW 7th Lane
 Gainesville, FL 32603

Appointing Authority City Commission

Profile

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Blythe

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City

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State

32601

Postal Code

Ward

None Selected

Business: (352) 333-3233

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

LEVEL Architecture + Interiors

Employer

Vice-President

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

City Plan Board: Submitted

Primary Phone Type

Office

Alternate Phone Type

Not Specified

Interests & Experiences

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

My strong interest in serving on the City Plan Board is to be a part of a sustainable model for growth and development here in Alachua County and the City of Gainesville in particular. I've been a resident of Gainesville as a student (double Gator '02, '04 Architecture), a business owner, and most importantly a community member that realizes how special Gainesville is when compared to other cities around the country. Having been a professional that has worked in Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, Atlanta, Athens, Jacksonville, and now Gainesville, I've seen firsthand the role an effective planning board can play in positive development that benefits the individual as well as the community. It's not an easy task, but my experience is that Gainesville has a core value of finding ways to do the right thing, and I would like to do my part as a member of the community. My background gives me a unique voice, having been an architect for over 15 years, and I would enjoy being a member of the board that is able to speak to a combination of the vision and forward thinking that is very much a part of my day to day world, as well as the practical nature of planning and the built environment. Sustainability is key issue for me, which has many ways of being presented, including remembering when basic principles of design and planning still beat new technologies. I'm very much a hybrid of our design industry, with an empathetic world view that values multiple sides of every discussion. I seek the win-win approach as much as possible. Our family has enjoyed our time in Gainesville, and my hope is that by joining the Board I'm able to help play a role in continuing the positive growth and preservation of what makes Gainesville a special place to live, work, and play. Thank you for your time.

[James Blythe Level resume.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

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Demographics

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Male

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?

Yes No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?

Yes No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

Yes No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

JAMES PENDLETON BLYTHE AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE - ARCHITECT / SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTANT

- Results oriented Architecture professional with proven success delivering in fast paced environments
- Thought/Design leader, skilled at transforming strategic plans into workable solutions
- Excellent leadership, interpersonal, communication, analytical and project management skills
- Skilled in the various stages of project design and implementation
- Detail oriented manager with operational success using versatility, creative talents and business acumen
- Sustainability focused and driven, with an understanding of systems inter-relationships

Areas of Expertise

- Sustainable Design (LEED)
- Environmental Technology
- Visual Presentation
- Problem Solving
- Organization
- Client Relations

Project Management Experience

- Mixed-Use
- Commercial/Office
- Multi-Family Residential
- High Rise
- Laboratory
- Performance/Arts
- Adaptive Rehabilitation
- Restoration
- Urban Planning

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vice President

2017-present

Level Architecture + Interiors, Gainesville, FL

- Oversee architecture and interior design divisions
- Lead team in all phases of project delivery
- Provide internal and 3rd party services to commercial clients
- Develop relationships with vendors, outside contractors, design consultants, and new clients to build network

Principal

2011-2017

Content Architecture + Interiors, Jacksonville & Gainesville, FL

- Principal in charge of developing Gainesville and Central Florida markets
- Serve as Architectural Designer, Commercial Project Architect and Office Sustainability Advisor
- Manage Programming/Schematic Design/Design Development/Construction Documents
- Specializing in client relationships, early stage design services, and project management

Project Architect/Sustainability Advisor

2007-2011

Armentrout Matheny Thurmond Consulting Group, Athens, GA

- Served as lead Architectural Designer and Office Sustainability Advisor
- Managed Programming/Schematic Design/Design Development/Construction Documents for new projects
- Specialized in client relationships, early stage design services, and project management
- Directed all LEED Project coordination

LEED Project Manager

2007

Commissioning & Green Building Solutions, Atlanta, GA

- Provided Sustainable Design Consulting and Managed LEED Projects during all phases of design
- Developed LEED documentation strategies and worked with design teams to ensure USGBC compliance
- Collaborated with Architectural and MEP design teams to optimize building envelope and building energy systems characteristics to meet owners project goals and budget constraints
- Managed over \$152 million in construction projects as LEED Project Manager

Project Manager/Designer

2004- 2007

FSMY Architects & Engineers, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

- Managed Programming/Schematic Design/Design Development for new projects
- Member of Broward County School Board LEED Steering Committee
- High Quality Graphics for clients/presentations (3-D Modeling, Rendering)
- Served as Sustainable Design Consultant within the Firm

EDUCATION, SKILLS AND PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Master of Architecture - **University of Florida**, Gainesville, FL

2004

Specialization: Environmental Technology

- Thesis- *Fitter, Happier, More Productive*, an urban study of Gainesville, FL and the creation of an "Urban Ecology Museum" to address urban sprawl, the deterioration of the environment, and public education

Bachelor of Design - **University of Florida**, Gainesville, FL

2002

LEED EXPERIENCE

Commercial/ Mixed-Use

- TDSI/CSX Office Building, Jacksonville, FL – LEED BD+C Silver 2018
- Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville, FL – LEED Certification Pending 2015
- Covington Professional Building, Covington, GA – LEED CS Certified 2010
- Covington Professional Building – 2nd Floor Tenant Build Out, Covington, GA – LEED CI Certified 2010
- Maharam Fabric Showroom, Atlanta, GA – LEED CI Silver 2007
- DCO Lighting Facility & Showroom, Tupelo, MS – LEED CI Certified 2007
- Streets of Buckhead, Atlanta, GA – Schematic Phase LEED study 2007
- Windmark, Destin, FL - LEED analysis to develop standards for future phases of construction 2007

Governmental

- GSA, Federal Courthouse & Office Building, Tuscaloosa, AL – LEED NC Silver 2011
- ACC Water Business Office Customer Service Center, Athens, GA – LEED NC Gold 2011
- ACC Police Headquarters Renovation, Athens, GA – LEED NC Certified 2011
- Elbert P. Tuttle U.S. Court of Appeals Annex, Atlanta, GA – LEED NC Silver 2010
- EPD Air Quality Testing Facility, Davie, FL – LEED NC Silver 2009
- Atlanta Public Health & Safety Headquarters, Atlanta, GA – LEED NC Silver 2008
- Airport Fire Station #33, Hartsfield Jackson, Atlanta, GA – LEED NC Certified 2007

Educational

- Thatcher Hall - Darlington Middle School, Rome, GA – LEED for Schools Gold 2010
- Alabama 4-H Environmental Education Center, Columbiana, AL – LEED NC Gold 2008
- The Suites - Spelman College Residence Hall & Dining Facility, Atlanta, GA – LEED NC Silver 2008
- GSU Recreation Activity Center Expansion, Statesboro, GA – LEED NC Certified 2008

RENOVATION EXPERIENCE

- Jax Bank Building – 10-Story Office Building** – Jacksonville, FL 140,000 sq.ft.
 - On-going service contract to provide interior design services for the building (existing and new tenants)
 - 14,000sf lobby redesign and exterior street level renovation, including full building LED lighting installation
- Chi Omega Sorority House** – Gainesville, FL 2,400 sq.ft. addition
 - Renovation of existing space, adding coffee services, beer on tap, and kitchen facilities for pastry prep
 - Worked with owner to fast track design and construction services for 45 day build-out
- Karma Cream** – Gainesville, FL 1,100 sq.ft.
 - Renovation of existing space, adding coffee services, beer on tap, and kitchen facilities for pastry prep
 - Worked with owner to fast track design and construction services for 45 day build-out
- Bold Bean Coffee** – Jacksonville, FL 1,200 sq.ft.
 - Renovation of existing space, adding coffee services, beer on tap, and kitchen facilities
 - Project awarded local and national design awards
- Bold Bean Coffee** – Jacksonville Beach, FL 1,374 sq.ft.
 - Renovation of a former Starbucks location, to create the 2nd location for Bold Bean
 - Worked with GC & client to fast track a 30-day build out
- Ocean City Church** – Jacksonville, FL 4,800 sq.ft.
 - Renovation of existing space, adding classrooms, support spaces, and worship space
 - Worked with staff members to fast track design and construction services
- Art Gallery – Office Building** – Gainesville, FL 3,500 sq.ft.
 - Project Architect in charge of the design of master set of architectural and interior plans to include construction documents, interior elevations, millwork designs, lighting, signage, color palette, and finish boards
 - Worked with CRA façade grant program for exterior improvements
- Athens Clarke County - Public Utilities Customer Service Center** - Athens, GA 17,600 sq.ft.
 - Project Architect in charge of the design of master set of architectural and interior plans to include construction documents, interior elevations, millwork designs, lighting, signage, color palette, and finish boards
 - Coordinated, prepared and submitted all LEED documentation for project
- Athens Clarke County – Police Headquarters** - Athens, GA 27,400 sq.ft.
 - Assisted in the conceptual phasing planning and design of master set of architectural and interior plans to include construction documents
 - Prepared and submitted LEED documentation for project
- Ice Plant Renovation - TE Grant Project** - Waynesboro, GA 8,500 sq.ft.
 - Assisted in the design of an adaptive historic re-use for community center/ history museum
 - Conducted LEED feasibility study

Tri Delta Sorority House - Athens, GA	18,500 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member of construction coordination team ▪ Provided detailed 3D model to assist construction team with staging, bracing, and demolition 	
Sweet Peppers Deli - Athens, GA	7,700 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Worked with client to redesign building façade and floor plan ▪ Developed 3-D renderings to assist team with decision making and tenant marketing 	
Art Gallery Piedmont College – Demorest, GA	6,400 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Architect responsible for design and coordination of architectural, structural, and MEP plans to renovate a 1916 brick 2-story building ▪ Created and developed 3D model to assist team in spatial coordination 	
Bentley – Rolls Royce Dealership – Fort Lauderdale, FL	26,800 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member of design team responsible for master set of architectural and interior plans ▪ Created and developed 3D model for client approval of design 	
BMW Dealership Concept – Fort Lauderdale, FL	12,600 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Designer responsible for analysis of existing building, site, and client programming ▪ Created and developed 3D model for client marketing usage 	

INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

Caterpillar Manufacturing Facility - LaGrange, GA	51,590 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Worked directly with client to complete coordination documents for LEED submittal ▪ Coordinated architectural and MEP teams to optimize building envelope and systems 	
Budweiser Gate House – LaGrange, GA	1,200 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Served as Project Manager for architectural and structural components of project ▪ Refined corporate master set of interior build-out plans to include construction documents, materials and finishes, lighting design, exterior solar shading, and M/E/P coordination 	

MULTI-FAMILY EXPERIENCE

The Retreat at Lake Tamaha - Clubhouse - Tuscaloosa, AL	10,400 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member of design team responsible for master set of architectural, interior, and structural plans for both the clubhouse and accessory buildings ▪ Created and developed 3D model 	
412 Thomas – Mixed Use – Athens, GA	142,900 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project manager responsible for master set of architectural, interior, and structural plans for the building and attached 3-level parking deck ▪ Created and developed 3D model to coordinate all disciplines and find structural conflicts 	
414 Thomas – Mixed Use – Athens, GA	9,100 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project manager/designer responsible for architectural, interior, and structural plans ▪ Developed 3D model to coordinate all disciplines and refine sectional relationships 	
Bottleworks Apartments – Athens, GA	298,100 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Manager/Designer in charge of developing urban site into a 9-story complex with attached parking garage and amenity deck ▪ Created and developed 3D model 	
Strada 315 – High Rise Mixed Use – Fort Lauderdale, FL	302,500 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member of design team responsible for architectural coordination of the parking deck levels ▪ Developed and refined interior condominium floor plans 	
Cypress Bay - Mixed Use – Miami Beach, FL	19,700 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Manager responsible for master set of architectural and interior plans ▪ Created and developed 3D model 	
Bayshore Condos – Fort Lauderdale, FL	9,400 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Manager responsible for master set of architectural, interior, and structural plans ▪ Created and developed 3D model ▪ Led project through demanding approval process 	
Woodlands of Columbia - Clubhouse – Columbia, SC	9,400 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developed conceptual 3D model for client marketing use ▪ Worked with builder to optimize plan and materials 	

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Concession/Restroom Building – Oak Hall School – Gainesville, FL	1,000 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Project Architect/Designer responsible for preliminary design award, design development, and C.A.▪ Worked with client, engineers, and contractor to provide full value engineering study	
Arrendale Amphitheater - Piedmont College – Demorest, GA	35,400 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Project Architect/Designer responsible for preliminary design award, design development, and C.A.▪ Created and developed 3D model to design structural, acoustical, lighting, and solar shading	
Art School - Piedmont College – Demorest, GA	26,500 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Project Architect/Designer in charge of preliminary design concept, design development, and systems coordination for budgeting▪ Created and developed 3D model for pricing estimation, detailing, solar modeling, and material usage	
New Gymnasium & Classroom Building Renovation – Boys & Girls Club – Waynesboro, GA	20,400 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Project Designer in charge of developing concept plans and renderings for fund raising▪ Analyzed existing building to determine structural and MEP coordination items	
New Gymnasium & Classroom Building – Monsignor Donovan Catholic School – Athens, GA	27,000 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Project Designer responsible for creation of floor plans and renderings for approval and fund raising▪ Worked with builder and civil engineer to maximize cost effective site development	

OFFICE EXPERIENCE

UFICO Office – Gainesville, FL	6,300 sq. ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Principal/Project Architect – Design Build team (with Theory Construction) for new office interior	
Shadow Health Office – Gainesville, FL	15,300 sq. ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Principal/Project Architect – Design Build team (with Theory Construction) for new office interior	
Ignite – Jacksonville, FL	8,500 sq. ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Principal/Project Architect – Managed design team for new office interior	
TDSI/CSX Office – Jacksonville, FL	4,000 sq. ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Project Architect – Design Build team (with F&G Construction) for new office building	
1290 Lumpkin – Athens, GA	8,900 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Project Architect/Designer tasked with developing a multi-tenant solution on a tight infill site▪ Developed a site specific design working to maintain a large caliper tree and existing views	
Oaks at Epps Bridge – Athens, GA	26,900 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Member of design team responsible for architectural, interior, and structural plans▪ Reviewed project for LEED feasibility and coordinated potential changes with design team	

LAB & MEDICAL EXPERIENCE

HCA Medical Clinic – Gainesville, FL	6,000 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Project Architect working with HCA/NFRMC to develop a local tenant space▪ Worked with Developer and engineering team to ensure coordination with highly technical standards	
UF / Biotility Teaching Lab – Alachua, FL	4,500 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Project Architect working with lab manager and UF to develop a local tenant space▪ Worked with MEP team to ensure coordination with highly technical standards	
Commerce Dialysis Clinic – Commerce, GA	19,300 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Project Manager working with Fresenius Medical Care to develop a local tenant space▪ Worked with MEP team to ensure coordination with highly technical standards	
Air & Water Quality Testing Lab – Environmental Protection Department – Davie, FL	10,000 sq.ft.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Member of design team responsible for master set of architectural, interior, and lab casework and equipment▪ Coordinated LEED materials selection and documentation	
Holy Cross Hospital Renovations – Fort Lauderdale, FL	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Member of project team responsible for renovations to existing buildings▪ Provided site inspections and documentation services	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Adjunct Professor, Architectural Design Studio 3** 2015
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- Responsible for the instruction of 15 second year students
 - Devise and implement curriculum, while encouraging students critical thought processes and creative yet functional design strategies – focusing on creation of space and study of urban context and systems
- Adjunct Professor, Building Systems** 2010
The University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- Responsible for the instruction of 31 Junior level interior design students
 - Coursework included structural concepts, systems and materials, building envelope materials, R-value relationships of wall systems, interior materials and finishes, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, and Fire Suppression system overviews, Passive Design strategies, and a general LEED overview
- Adjunct Professor, Architectural Design Studios 1 & 5** 2006
Florida Atlantic University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Responsible for the instruction of 30 first & third year students over two semesters
 - Devise and implement curriculum, while encouraging students critical thought processes and creative yet functional design strategies
 - Promote projects which increased awareness of community issues. Developed highly successful 3rd year Studio project collaboration with school woodshop training to implement “Stitch-A Full Scale Building Integrated Public Design Installation”
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Environmental Technology/ Design Studios 1 & 2** 2002-2003
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- Taught 30 person Environmental Technology lab session and 20 person Architectural Design 1 & 2
 - Developed and conducted seminar on lighting and lamp design
 - Cultivated awareness of critical design thought processes, as well as furthering fundamental design and analytical skills
 - Instructed students individually, as well as lead group discussions and projects

AWARDS, DESIGN COMPETITIONS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Top 25 Architecture Firm – Jacksonville Business Journal 2014, 2015, 2016
- ALCOA website/2011 calendar feature on Piedmont Amphitheater
- 2010 Metal Architecture Magazine – Winner “Metal Roofing” Category – Piedmont Amphitheater
- Guest Speaker, Athens, Ga Green Life Expo – Topic: “Being a Green LEEDer” 2009
- Member of GBCI LEED 2009 Exam Development Team 2008-2009
 - Invited to attend two LEED 2009 Exam Development workshops
 - Worked with Prometric Testing Services to ensure compliance with test creation parameters
 - Developed exam questions for Green Associate and Building Design & Construction test bank
- Athens, GA “You, Me, and the Bus” National Bus Stop Design Competition (winner) 2009
- Community Appearance Award - Commercial Low Rise, Renovation - Bentley/Rolls Royce 2007
- Park Avenue Design Ideas Competition (Marco Island, FL) 2005
- Guest Juror, University of Florida, Florida Atlantic University, University of Georgia 2004-present
- Habitat For Humanity Participant 2004-Present
- International Lighting Competition, Design of Theatre Lighting/Program of Venue 2003
- Gainesville Eco-History Trail National Design Competition (winner) 2002
- University of Florida - Lighting Design Award 2001

Skills

- SketchUp
- AutoCAD
- Revit
- Photoshop
- Proficient in all Microsoft Office Applications

Certifications and Professional Associations

- Licensed Architect - Florida, Georgia
- AIA Member, Director at large, Past Director of Education
- LEED Accredited Professional
- NCARB Certificate Holder
- USGBC Member

Profile

Thomas

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1000 Friends of Florida, Inc.

Employer

Policy & Planning Director

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

City Plan Board: Submitted

Primary Phone Type

Cell

Alternate Phone Type

None Selected

Interests & Experiences

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

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Demographics

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Male

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?

Yes No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?

Yes No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

Yes No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

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Education

Master of Science, Real Estate, 2010
University of Florida, Hough Graduate School of Business

Doctor of Law, Law, 2005
Emory University School of Law

Bachelor of Arts, Economics, 2002
University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Certifications

Certified planner, American Institute of Certified Planners

Member in good standing, Florida Bar
Member, Environmental and Land Use section
Member, City, County and Local Government section

Courses taught

URP 6131, Land Use Planning Law
University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning, on campus

URP6341, Urban Planning Project
University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning, online

URP 5125, Plan Implementation
Florida State University, Department of Urban & Regional Planning, on campus

LAW 6462, Florida Land Use
University of Florida, Levin College of Law, on campus

LAW 6460, Land Use Planning and Control
University of Florida, Levin College of Law, on campus

Professional positions

Policy and Planning Director, 1000 Friends of Florida, Inc.. May 2016 to present
Manage litigation, develop environmental and land use policy and direct legislative and governmental relations for leading Florida not-for-profit organization committed to environmental conservation and improved community development throughout Florida

Executive Director, Florida Defenders of the Environment, Inc., April 2015 to April 2016
Manage all aspects of Florida not-for-profit corporation dedicated to environmental education and advocacy including board of trustees management and communication, member communication, litigation management, fundraising and development of new initiatives

Principal Attorney, W. Thomas Hawkins, P.A., May 2008 to April 2016

Advise clients on Florida growth management law, local government comprehensive plans and land development regulations and Florida corporations law. As a sole practitioner, manage all business and legal aspects of the firm. As research associate in the Conservation Clinic at the Levin College of Law complete grant funded legal research related to planning and local government law and provide legal services to Florida local governments

Associate Attorney, C. David Coffey, P.A., June 2005 to May 2008

Advise public and private clients on Florida growth management law and local government comprehensive plans and land development regulations. See representative matters for additional information

Elected office

Commissioner At-Large, City of Gainesville, May 2008 to 2014

Adopt laws and a biannual budget, render decisions in quasi-judicial land use hearings, and supervise six charter-level professional management staff (Mayor pro tempore, 2011-2012)

Service appointments

Member, Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency, May 2008 to 2014

Adopt budget, prioritize projects and participate in strategic planning for tax increment funded community redevelopment agency created pursuant to §163.365, Florida Statutes (Chair, 2009–2010, Vice-Chair, 2008–2009)

Member, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, May 2008 to 2014

Develop and maintain Regional Policy Plan for eleven north central Florida counties and thirty-three municipalities. Review amendments to city and county comprehensive plans and Development of Regional Impact development orders for consistency with Regional Policy Plan

Member, Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization, May 2008 to 2014

Develop regional transportation plan and prioritize regional transportation projects to allocate federal and state funding (Chair, 2010–2011 Vice-chair, 2009–2010)

Proceedings in which expert testimony admitted as evidence

Anderson et al. v. Ibis Rd. Investors, LLC, Case No. 18-004203GM (DOAH Awaiting Order)

Rogers v. Escambia Cnty, Case No. 17-005530GM (DOAH May 10, 2018)

Farrell et al. v. Orange Cnty, Case No. 16-004556GM (DOAH Aug. 29, 2017)

Publications and projects

Co-author, *Protecting Florida's History from Hazards*, University of Florida Levin College of Law Conservation Clinic for the National Park Service, June 2017

Co-author, *Crediting Adaptation Strategies through the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System Coordinator's Manual: A Resource for Florida's Local Governments*, University of Florida Levin College of Law Conservation Clinic for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, June 2015

Co-Author, Special Assessments for Flood Elevation March 2015, W. Thomas Hawkins, Chelsea Hardy and Thomas Ankersen, Special Assessments for Flood Elevation (SAFE): Using the PACE Financing Mechanism as a Model for Funding Structure Elevation to Avoid Flood Risk“To Sink or Swim? Water-

Dependent Infrastructure and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Policy,” THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE LAW SECTION REPORTER, Vol. XXXVI, No. 3 (March 2015).

Co-author, *A Study of Municipal Incorporation of Panacea, Florida*, Panacea Waterfronts Florida Partnership, Inc., December 2012

Invited presentations

Guardians of Martin County Annual Meeting, December 11, 2018, “Managing Population Growth: Shaping a Positive Future for Martin County”

Emerald Coast Section of the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, November 16, 2018, “Emerald Coast Law + Ethics Panel”

30th Annual RPTE Spring Symposium, American Bar Association Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law, May 10, 2018, “Urbanization and Gentrification: Tools to Increase Equity While Revitalizing City Centers”

33rd Annual Everglades Coalition Conference, January 13, 2018, “What’s Happening in Land Use”

Florida Association of Counties Policy Conference, September 2017, “Smarter Growth”

National Academy of Sciences Transportation Research Board Future Interstate Study, Miami Beach listening session, March 27, 2017, “Land use impacts of IHS”

Legislative testimony at invitation of Chair, Senate Community Affairs Committee, January 2017, “Florida Growth Management”

32nd Annual Everglades Coalition Conference Growing Green: Restoration in a Developing Landscape, January 2017, “How do we reclaim our neighborhoods, cities and environment?”

Social Coast Forum 2016, February 2016, “Climate Change Risk Mitigation Strategies for Cultural Resources Within Small and Medium Sized Communities”

Public Interest Environmental Conference, February 2016, “St. Johns River Estuary: Mitigating Port Expansion Through Restoration”

National Working Waterfronts & Waterways Symposium, November 2015, “To Sink or Swim? Water-Dependent Infrastructure and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Policy”

Center for Transportation Excellence 2013 Transit Initiatives and Communities Conference, June 2013, “Open Alachua, Open for Business, Open for Innovation”

Honors

Nominated, Florida State University Graduate Teaching Award, 2018

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization, Dr. Kermit Sigmon Citizen Participation Award, 2013

Smart Growth America Local Leaders Council, April 2012 to May 2014, Profiled in December 11, 2013 edition of Smart Growth America series on local leaders council members

Harry S. Truman “Buck Stops Here” Award for Outstanding Service, Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee, 2010

Thomas Hawkins
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Wednesday, February 27, 2019

The Honorable Lauren Poe, Mayor
The Honorable David Arreola, Commissioner
The Honorable Adrian Hayes-Santos, Commissioner
The Honorable Gail Johnson, Commissioner At-Large
The Honorable Gigi Simmons, Commissioner
The Honorable Harvey Ward, Commissioner
The Honorable Helen Warren , Commissioner At-Large
City Hall
200 East University Avenue
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Re: Request for appointment to the City of Gainesville Plan Board

Dear Mayor Poe and Commissioners,

I respectfully request that you appoint me to the City of Gainesville Plan Board. I seek this appointment so that I can help improve Gainesville's built and natural environment for all Gainesville residents.

I have organized my career, education, and public involvement around land use and growth management issues. I know a great deal about Gainesville from my life-long residence and from my two terms in elected office. As you know from your service, being an elected official forces a person to balance competing interests and make tough decisions in favor of a community's long-term health and success. I would bring this broad perspective to the Gainesville Plan Board and strive to provide you with the best advice on land use matters.

Over the last three years, as Policy & Planning Director for 1000 Friends of Florida, I have also learned a great deal about how other communities throughout Florida approach land use regulation. 1000 Friends is Florida's leading not-for-profit advocate for smart growth issues including curbing suburban sprawl and improving housing affordability. In my position, I have studied and compared comprehensive plans from dozens of Florida local governments. I am eager to bring new ideas I have learned throughout Florida to Gainesville.

I am qualified to hold a position on your plan board. I am a licensed attorney and a certified professional planner. I have taught graduate courses in land use law and planning design at the University of Florida and Florida State University. If appointed, I will work for a comprehensive plan that clearly presents our community's view for how Gainesville should grow.

If you have any questions about my qualifications or interest in this position, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at 352-377-3141.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William Thomas Hawkins", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas Hawkins

Enc.: curriculum vitae