



CITY OF SAINT ANTHONY VILLAGE
WORKSESSION AGENDA
Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:00PM

[Join Meeting via Zoom](#)

There is also a dial-in option available. Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting may do so in person.

1. Worksession Topics

A. Commissioner Interviews

Documents:

[COMMISSION INTERVIEW SCHEDULE AND INTERVIEW QUESTIONS.PDF](#)
[COMMISSION APPLICATIONS.PDF](#)

2. Adjournment

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Our Mission is to promote a high quality of life to those we serve through outstanding city services.

Commission Interviews
Monday, November 13, 2023

Planning Commission (Select top 3 candidates)		
6:00 pm	Thomas Kuykendall	
6:15 pm	Meridith Socha	
6:30 pm	Kelly Johnson	
6:45 pm	Barbara Anderson	
7:00 pm	Anna Johnston	
7:15 pm	Minerva Hark	
7:30 pm	Mike Mayne	

Process:

We open the applications to all residents. All applicants are being interviewed tonight. The chosen applicants will be appointed by the City Council. You will receive a phone call either way.

Questions for the Planning Commission:

1. The Planning Commission requires a commitment monthly, on the third Tuesday of the month, along with potential of various workshops and attendance at some Council meetings. Do you foresee any problems attending these meetings on a regular basis?
2. Please explain your interest in serving on the Commission.
3. What do you see is the fundamental role of the Commission?
4. What is the one thing that would make St. Anthony Village a better place to live?
5. Have you served on other boards or commissions? Please describe those experiences.

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Commission Application - Submission #5932

Date Submitted: 9/15/2023

All applicants are required to be a resident of St. Anthony Village.

Date Received

mm/dd/yyyy

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Thomas R. Kuykendall

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Please select which commission you are applying for.*

Planning

In order for the Mayor and Council members to have a better understanding of your background and interests, please provide the following information.

Why do you want to serve on a St. Anthony Village Commission?*

I've enjoyed my first term on the planning commission and have learned so much about the land use and governance in our community on a variety of private applications: Comprehensive Land Use Amendment for Urban Grove property; Plat for Bremer/City/Interstate Project; Chase Bank PUD Permit, and sign and fence amendment and variances, as well over a dozen city-initiated amendments to existing/new Ordinance. This has come through listening to and observing my more experienced colleagues on the planning commission, talking through real life scenarios, as well as studying the pre-work and current documents.

There's much to be done going forward and I'm prepared to continue to learn more and execute the duties of the role: The Comprehensive Plan implementation over the next 5-10 years and will likely include zoning ordinance amendments (commercial and industrial use); Review of recent City zoning decisions and ordinance issues/gaps; and Monitoring and processing development applications.

In addition to the three potential items above several potential applications may come before the planning commission that I'm looking forward to being a part of the planning and decision making process as a long-time resident of St. Anthony:

Development of 2410 Lowry site, City owned gas station site, potential development opportunity of St. Anthony Shopping Center, Ongoing code updates, Hemp and Marijuana considerations, as well as several topics related to transportation including scooter/bike rental.

I'm appreciative of the opportunity to serve my community as a Planning Commissioner thus far. Thank you for your consideration of my application for a second term on the St. Anthony Village Planning Commission.

Please list your prior experience serving on a Board, Commission, etc.*

St. Anthony Sports Boosters: 2001 - Present
Minnesota Youth Athletic Services: 1990 - Present
St. Anthony Parks Commission - 2 Years
St Anthony Planning Commission - 3 Years
IBA: 1989-2000

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Commission Application - Submission #5953

Date Submitted: 9/19/2023

All applicants are required to be a resident of St. Anthony Village.

Date Received

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Meridith Socha

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Please select which commission you are applying for.*

Planning

In order for the Mayor and Council members to have a better understanding of your background and interests, please provide the following information.

Why do you want to serve on a St. Anthony Village Commission?*

I would like to continue to serve on the Planning Commission because I find it rewarding to connect to the community and help guide my community in a manner that will allow it to thrive.

Please list your prior experience serving on a Board, Commission, etc.*

This St. Anthony Village planning commission for the last two terms.
Officer of Family Readiness Group for the 407th Civil Affairs Battalion.

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Commission Application - Submission #5980

Date Submitted: 9/26/2023

All applicants are required to be a resident of St. Anthony Village.

Date Received

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Name*

Kelly Johnson

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Please select which commission you are applying for.*

Planning

In order for the Mayor and Council members to have a better understanding of your background and interests, please provide the following information.

Why do you want to serve on a St. Anthony Village Commission?*

I am interested in land use issues and helping to shape the future of the city.

Please list your prior experience serving on a Board, Commission, etc.*

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Commission Application - Submission #6001

Date Submitted: 10/2/2023

All applicants are required to be a resident of St. Anthony Village.

Date Received

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Name*

Barbara Anderson

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Zip Code*

55418

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520-429-9615

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Please select which commission you are applying for.*

Planning

In order for the Mayor and Council members to have a better understanding of your background and interests, please provide the following information.

Why do you want to serve on a St. Anthony Village Commission?*

Local government service is in my blood. I grew up in Long Hill Township—a small township in New Jersey where both my grandfather and uncle served as the Chiefs of Police, and my uncle continues to serve as a township administrator. My father was a police officer there and my grandmother guarded a school crossing on the same corner for more than 30 years. When she retired, they named the street for her.

My family moved to Minnesota from Tucson, Arizona last year. I immediately fell in love with Saint Anthony Village because of the small-town similarities to Long Hill Township. Since moving here, I have been welcomed by neighbors, community leaders and friends and would love to give back to the town.

Professionally, I bring local government experience and knowledge to bring to the commission. I have served as a local government advocate, employee and customer. I worked for the League of Arizona Cities and Towns and as their legislative liaison, analyzed legislative impacts to municipalities and communicated concerns to State legislators. One of the most contentious and hard fought issues during my three years with the League was over local government’s ability to exercise eminent domain, which required working with planning directors from around the state to educate legislators on this topic. Additionally, for three years I worked as a communications manager for the Town of Sahuarita, Arizona. In this position, I worked with town staff, elected officials and commissions to increase public involvement and engagement. I left the position to start my own government and public relations consulting firm where I worked with a land use developer and the state multihousing association to advocate for their projects.

I would like to serve on the planning commission because I am passionate and interested in the role local government plays in people’s lives. The planning commission is especially important, as it shapes the health, diversity, sustainability and look of a city for generations to come.

Please list your prior experience serving on a Board, Commission, etc.*

In 2013, shortly after completing my MBA at the University of Arizona, my 18-month old child, Jude, was diagnosed with leukemia. While I have served in a variety of organizational leadership and volunteer roles, the most important job I have served in was that of “Momcologist” - a term for a parent whose role shifts to relentless advocacy for a child battling cancer. Jude relapsed three times. I juggled medication schedules, chemotherapy, radiation and more than 300 days in the hospital. Jude and I crossed the country to participate in two groundbreaking clinical trials. Today Jude is a thriving 11-year old at St. Anthony Middle School.

Advocating for Jude and managing his years-long battle with leukemia, forced me to step away from professional life and while there is a gap in my board and commission service, the experience of learning complicated medical protocols, giving voice to a child who had none while working with medical teams, insurance companies and limited-space trial facilitators helped me hone my communication, advocacy and quick decision making skills.

My experience with Jude has driven me to give back to help other children impacted by blood cancers. To that extent, I serve as a nationwide ambassador with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Dare to Dream Project, which is raising \$175 million specifically for children’s cancer research, support and advocacy. In this role, I speak publicly and advocate with elected officials in support of better treatment options for childhood cancers. I have personally raised more than \$75,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Service:

Green Valley-Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce, Board member - 2008

Innovation Academy Parent Teacher Organization, Board member - 2018

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Dare to Dream Ambassador - 2021 - present

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Commission Application - Submission #6006

Date Submitted: 10/3/2023

All applicants are required to be a resident of St. Anthony Village.

Date Received

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Anna Johnston

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Zip Code*

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Phone Number*

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johnstonaaa@gmail.com

Please select which commission you are applying for.*

Planning

In order for the Mayor and Council members to have a better understanding of your background and interests, please provide the following information.

Why do you want to serve on a St. Anthony Village Commission?*

We recently moved into our forever home in Saint Anthony and I would like to get involved in the local government. I think that being part of the planning commission will allow me get involved and also make a lasting impact in the community. Also, I have hopes to one day run for city council so this committee will give me the opportunity to learn the city code & city comprehensive plan in more detail.

Please list your prior experience serving on a Board, Commission, etc.*

This is my first time applying to be part of a board or commission. I am excited to join/get involved in the local government in Saint Anthony!

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Commission Application - Submission #6093

Date Submitted: 10/30/2023

All applicants are required to be a resident of St. Anthony Village.

Date Received

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Minerva Hark

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6192525986

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Please select which commission you are applying for.*

Planning

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Why do you want to serve on a St. Anthony Village Commission?*

It would be an honor to serve the City of St. Anthony as a Planning Commissioner, and I believe I have the appropriate experience and knowledge to do so successfully. I graduated from San Diego State University in 2016 with a Masters in Public Administration, focused on City Planning. I was employed by the City of Encinitas in California for almost 5 years as a Land Use Planner, working with both the Planning Commission and City Council on resolving very challenging, controversial, coastal land use initiatives, which ultimately helped the City progress. After moving to St. Anthony in 2020, I was employed by the City of Columbia Heights as their City Planner until giving birth to our first child last year. There, I also worked very closely with the Planning Commission and City Council in crafting and passing policies, explaining proposed land use initiatives, and ensuring that the proposed land uses were what was best and most fitting for the community.

I fully understand the roles and responsibilities that a Planning Commissioner ought to hold, and I hope to give back to this beautiful community by serving as one.

Please list your prior experience serving on a Board, Commission, etc.*

Lebanese Collegiate Network
Vice President of Membership April 2013-May 2015
Executive Director - Western Regional Division June 2017-May 2019

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Commission Application - Submission #6134

Date Submitted: 11/7/2023

All applicants are required to be a resident of St. Anthony Village.

Date Received

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Please select which commission you are applying for.*

Planning

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Why do you want to serve on a St. Anthony Village Commission?*

As a six year resident of St. Anthony Village, parent to a SAMS middle schooler, and small business owner, I am invested in ensuring our community continues to grow and adapt to the changing times. I spend a lot of time thinking about ways to make our village a better place for civic and commerce alike and I would love to be a part of making that happen.

Please list your prior experience serving on a Board, Commission, etc.*

Secretary, Saint Anthony Area Chamber of Commerce Board - 7/2023