

City of Sugar Hill
Agenda Item Summary Planning Staff Report

DATE: May 26, 2017
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Planning Director
SUBJECT: 2017 Planning Commission Appointments | Post 2



SUGGESTED ACTION

Consider Barbara Pugh and John Pickens for appointment to Planning Commission Post 2.

DISCUSSION

The Planning Commission consists of five members appointed by the City Council. Terms are for three years and members shall serve until their successors are appointed. The term for Post 2 expires on December 31, 2018.

Mr. Todd Herion was appointed to Post 2 in 2013. Todd has sold his home and relocated. Since he no longer resides in the city limits, staff recommends appointing a replacement to complete his unexpired term.

Mrs. Barbara Pugh has reached out in order to be considered for appointment to serve on the Planning Commission. Barbara has resided in Sugar Hill for 15 years and has served on a number of citizen boards and committees through her neighborhood and the local school system.

Mr. John Pickens also reached out to express interest in serving on the Planning Commission. He is the owner of a Civil Engineering Firm.

Good Morning,

Thank you for your consideration. I am very interested in pursuing Planning and Zoning. I love where I live and care about Sugar Hill's charm and character. Please find below a brief history of my job experience. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I began my career in banking. I worked closely with business owners providing cash flow solutions, credit card processing, and other small business solutions. I made a career transition 3 years ago started a business dealing with Civil Engineering. Due to a non-compete clause, that my partner has we do not do design plans at this time.

We work with developers, apartment owners, attorneys, landowners, HOAs, and other property groups to resolve stormwater issues. We perform inspections of detention ponds, streams, sinkholes, retaining walls etc. We also look and examine sewer issues and help property owners obtain sewer easements. We also clean and repair detention ponds.

We also work closely with attorneys on the cost to cure cases and properties affected by stormwater. We aid apartment owners with the development of concept plans and guide the permitting process for light construction projects, parking plans, and other small design projects.

We worked with the company performing the demolition of the Georgia Dome to examine demolition methods and certify their work plan.

Sincerely,
John Pickens

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am honored to be considered for a position on the Planning Commission and would be happy to serve in this role for the community of Sugar Hill.

I have been a resident of Sugar Hill for 15 years. I joined the board of my neighborhood HOA a few months after moving in. Later, I became the treasurer and have been in that position for the past 14 years.

Over this time, I have volunteered at the elementary, middle and high schools in Sugar Hill. These activities have included shelving books in the Sugar Hill Elementary Media Center, being a room mom at Sycamore Elementary, and a marching band parent volunteer at the high school. Most recently, I participated on the local school council at Lanier Middle School.

My interest in education extends beyond our local community. I was on the steering committee for the Educate Georgia Summit 2017 held at the state capitol.

I teach part-time at Gwinnett Technical College in the Adult Education Department.

I am a charter member of the Sugar Hill Toastmasters club and served as the club president for the past year.

Best regards,
Barbara Pugh