City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting **August 12, 2013**

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 2

From: Luis Garcia Jr., CBO, CSBA, Building Official/Zoning Administrator

Subject:

Appointments to the Benson Board of Adjustment to fill the two terms that expire July 31, 2013 (Possible appointments are renewals of Ron Brooks and Robert Barnaby and new applicants Jean Baden and Jane Scholer)

Discussion:

The Board of Adjustment hears and decides on requests for variances from the provisions set forth in the City of Benson Planning & Zoning Regulations. The Board also hears and decides appeals from orders, requirements, decisions or determinations made by the Zoning Administrator. The Board of Adjustment hears and decides applications for non-conforming uses.

The Board of Adjustment has five (5) positions, of which three (3) are filled. Two terms that expired on July 31, 2013 are Ron Brooks and Robert Barnaby. Staff has received letters from Mr. Brooks and Mr. Barnaby expressing their interest in being reappointed and two new applications, which are attached. The new term will run three (3) years, from August 1, 2013-July 31, 2016. There are no qualifications applicants must meet to apply for, or be appointed to, the Board of Adjustment. There are no residency requirements for the Board of Adjustment.

Member 1 Term 2011-2014 filled
Member 2 Term 2012-2015 filled
Member 3 Term 2012-2015 filled
Member 4 Term 2013-2016 to be filled-have interested applicant
Member 5 Term 2013-2016 to be filled-have interested applicant

Attachments: Letter requesting reappointment from Ron Brooks
Letter requesting reappointment from Robert Barnaby
Application from Jean Baden
Application from Jane Scholer

Staff Recommendation:

Council pleasure

July 5th 2013

City of Benson
Department of Planning & Zoning
120 W. Sixth Street
Benson, Arizona 85602

Ron Brooks
647 S. Huachuca Street
Benson, Arizona 85602
(520) 586-1612

Re: Board of Adjustments

Hello,

I would like to officially request to continue sitting on the Benson Board of Adjustments. As an Owner of a Home Improvement Business & 7 years as a Volunteer Firefighter – Tuolumne County, Calif., City Councilman for 2 years, I have a good understanding of Building Codes and Property Improvements. I also have 9 years of experience making decisions on the Board of Adjustments. I understand Zoning Codes and I am an advocate for Owner Property Rights and Yet, understand how changes can impact other Owners of property or Safety issues that have long been established for good reasons. I have continuously had the other Board members elect me Chairman of the Board from their respect of the way I run the meetings.

Please consider my continued service for the City & Citizens of Benson, Arizona.

Sincerely

Ronald A. Brooks

July 6, 2013

Robert Barnaby

PO Box 1345

Benson, AZ 85602

City Manager: Jim Cox

City of Benson

PO Box 2223

Benson, AZ 85602

Subject: Board of Adjustment request for new term

Dear City Manager,

I am requesting to be considered for another term on the Benson Board of Adjustment.

I have served for over 4 years and I would be honored to serve another term.

I have lived in Benson for approx. 10 years and have run a small business providing and installing manufactured homes in the Iron Horse Subdivision.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Barnaby

Robert Barnaby

Benson
Arizona
Gateway to the San Pedro Valley

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APPLICATION FOR BOARD, COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION

Name: Jean Baden
Address: [redacted] Mark. St. Benson, AZ 85602
Phone: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

Which Board, Committee or Commission are you interested in?
Board of Adjustments

Please state why you would like to serve.
Because Michelle asked me & I feel it is something I can do for the community.

What do you believe to be the key responsibility of this position?
To hear the petitions of citizens for an adjustment to a set-back law, etc; placement of a building, etc.

Please state why you believe that a Board Member, Committee Member or Commissioner can make a community better.
It takes more than one person to make a decision that affects the community. We all have different perspectives to a problem & therefore the board can make a more wise decision.

What personal and/or professional experience or background will be advantages to this Board, Committee or Commission?
I don't have any experience other than being in the Benson area for 30 years. I am a retired RN and a citizen of Benson. I have no professional experience in this area of the board.

Each Board, Committee or Commission has scheduled meetings. The meetings could last 2 or 3 hours. Will this be a hardship?
NO

Board Members, Committee Members or Commissioners may be asked to participate in sub-committees that meet other than the regularly scheduled meeting time. Will you be able to participate?

Yes

List any Professional, trade, business, or civic activities and offices held. *You may exclude memberships which would reveal sex, race, religion, national origin, age, ancestry, or handicap or other protected status.*

I served as the RN at the County Health Dept in Benson for 10 years. I have served on our Church board for 20 years. (Actually about 40 years total)

Have you been convicted of a felony within the last seven (7) years? _ Yes X No
If yes please explain. A positive answer will not necessarily disqualify you from consideration.

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

I certify that answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application for appointment to the Board, Committee or Commission as may be necessary in arriving at an appointment decision by the City Council.

In the event of appointment,

- I understand that false or misleading information given in my application may result in my being excused from the Board, Committee or Commission.
- I understand that attendance is important and I will strive to attend all meetings and that continual absences will result in my being excused from the Board, Committee or Commission.
- I understand that I am required to abide by all Arizona and City of Benson Statutes and Regulations adopted by these governing organizations.
- I understand that this application is subject to the Arizona Open Records law and should not be considered confidential.

Jean Baden
Signature of Applicant

6-21-2013
Date

Office Use Only:

Appointment Date _____

Term of Position _____

Date of Resignation/Term End _____

Notification by: _____

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APPLICATION FOR BOARD, COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION

Name: JANE SCHOLER

Address: [redacted] Dogwood LANE, BENSON, AZ 85602

Phone: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Which Board, Committee or Commission are you interested in?
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Please state why you would like to serve.
I would like the experience and the opportunity to work with the citizens on their needs and issues with land-use, variances and the possible impacts on their neighborhoods.

What do you believe to be the key responsibility of this position?
To grant exceptions to the Zoning ordinances. Especially in cases where the enforcement of the zoning laws would cause hardship or injustice on specific parcels of property.

Please state why you believe that a Board Member, Committee Member or Commissioner can make a community better.
They are empowered to grant exceptions to the zoning laws.

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2 year Commission on Planning and Zoning Board in Benson. July 2011 ⇒ July 2013

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Jane M. Scholer — Signature

6/21/2013 — Date

Office Use Only:

Appointment Date:_____

Notification by:_____

Term of Position:_____

Date of Resignation/Term End:_____/_____

Notification by:_____