



BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission meets at 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in Conference Room D at County Square.

Personal Information

Name:	Bryan De Bruin		
Prefix:	Mr.	Birthdate:	
Home Address:		City/State/Zip:	
Email:		Phone #:	
Voter Registration #:		Driver's License #:	
Employer:	De Bruin Law Firm	Occupation:	Attorney
Highest Degree Earned:	Juris Doctorate	School Attended:	University of Baltimore School of Law
Year of Graduation:	2014	Field of Study:	Law
Linked In Profile:		Social Media Profile:	

Experience / Certifications / Interest

Military Experience:

NA

Certifications:

NA

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

Board Member – Fellow Countrymen <https://fellowcountrymen.org/> Provides housing and suicide prevention for homeless veterans in Upstate South Carolina.

Volunteer Experience (please list and describe):

Fellow Countrymen – helped plan, schedule and fundraise for events
Rebuild Upstate – helped build ramps and improvements to disabled homeowners
Previous Volunteer assistant basketball coach for Riverside Highschool (2015–2016)

My interest in serving on the Planning Commission is:

Since moving to Greenville in 2014, my wife and I have been very fortunate to call Greenville home. We now have two daughters we look forward to seeing grow up in Greenville County. As growth continues in Greenville, I want to contribute to smart growth in our County to ensure my children and the rest of the County has the opportunity to enjoy living here for decades to come.

Describe your understanding of the position for which you are applying:

I understand the role Planning Commission has in reviewing and approving new subdivision applications and voting on recommendations to Greenville County Council. I believe this position is impactful in that it creates a link between residents and County staff on how new development should be addressed in our County.

Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the Planning Commission:

My core strength is problem solving. In order to problem solve effectively, I believe a person needs to be able to first, listen to the opinions of others in good faith, second, be able to gather enough information to truly understand the issue at hand, and third, communicate a clear line of thinking on why a decision is or isn't made on an issue.

My community topics of concern that relate to the Planning Commission are:

Smart growth within the county that allows both residents and developers to have a clear understanding of how future development should be addressed and viewed. Understanding where growth makes sense and where it doesn't. While the growth we've seen in Greenville has been a blessing, we also need to make sure we are clear in where future growth should and should not occur in order to best utilize our utilities and County resources.

Qualifiers / Areas of Expertise

Please check the box(es) that apply to your field of employment or expertise:

- Attorney / Paralegal
- Real Estate Development
- Land Use Planning
- Insurance
- Banking / Finance
- Land Conservation
- Engineer
- Real Estate Agent / Broker
- Builder / Contractor
- Investments / Securities

Other elected or appointed offices / Ethics / Legal

Do you currently hold an elected or appointed office or commission? Yes No
If yes, please list:

Have you previously held an elected or appointed office or commission? Yes No
If yes, please list:

Have you ever been fined for an ethics violation? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation? Yes No
If yes, please give details:

Are you currently, or have you ever been, a part or party to any litigation with or against Greenville County? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Yes, my firm previously represented a land owner in a dispute with the County where they wished to appeal the County's approval of a Planned Development.

Additional Questions

Do you hold a South Carolina Real Estate License? Yes No

Would you be willing to submit to a criminal background check and/or credit check? Yes No

Are you aware of the meeting schedule and time commitment for the Planning Commission? Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of the Planning Commission? Yes No

Are you aware of the County's attendance policy as it relates to boards and commissions? Yes No

Are you aware this is not a compensated position? Yes No

Conflict of Interest

It is the policy of Greenville County to require disclosure of any personal or financial interest that may be influenced by decisions of the Committee, Board or Commission for which any citizen applies for membership.

Do you or a member of your immediate family provide goods and/or services to this board? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Do you or a member of your immediate family receive direct services from this board? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Do you or a member of your immediate family financially benefit from the actions of this board?
If yes, please explain: Yes No

Does your employer provide goods and/or services to this board?
If yes, please explain: Yes No

Does your employer receive direct services from this board?
If yes, please explain: Yes No

Does your employer financially benefit from the actions of this board?
If yes, please explain: Yes No

Statement of Agreement and Understanding

Electronic Signature Agreement. By selecting the "Submit" button, you are signing this Application electronically (e-signature), you agree your "e-signature" is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this Application. Additionally, you agree to and attest to the following:

All information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand it is my responsibility to insure my application is submitted within the application period and that it has been received by the County Council office.

I have read the Greenville County Board and Commission Policy and I understand the rules of conduct for the seat for which I am applying.

I understand my lack of attendance for three (3) consecutive meetings or 25% of all regular scheduled meetings within a year may result in my removal from the board.

I understand that I serve at the pleasure of County Council and all appointments are subject to the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-100 et. seq., and any member appointed to a board or commission whose action is inconsistent or may be perceived to be inconsistent with the spirit or intent of the Act may be subject for removal.

I understand that information provided in this application may be subject to South Carolina Freedom of Information disclosure.

Signature: Bryan De Bruin

Date: 3/20/2024

Applicants are encouraged to notify their representing Council Member of their interest to be considered for a desired board seat.