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Applications Open for Planning Commission

Derby, Kansas – Derby has a volunteer opening on the Planning Commission, beginning in May. Applications are available at DerbyKS.com/boards and are due March 18 at 5 p.m.

“Although we usually have more turnover on boards this time of year, this time most volunteers asked to serve another term,” said Randy White, Mayor. “Some boards were not very active in 2020 due to the pandemic, so it makes sense that our volunteers want to serve another term.”

The Derby Planning Commission meets on the first and third Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at Derby City Hall. Members receive a packet of information several days in advance of each meeting to read and prepare to vote on zoning changes, commercial site plans, subdivision regulations, and other matters that help shape the built environment of the city and in so doing support transportation, accessibility, walkability, and diverse housing to meet changing needs.

As with any decision-making board, the Derby Planning Commission functions best when it includes people representing the diversity of the community. Derby residents who are women or members of minority racial/ethnic groups would be most welcome to apply. Age diversity on the current commission is well balanced, but only three of ten members are women.

“We have a good balance of professional diversity on the current commission,” said Scott Knebel, City Planner. “The most important qualifications are the ability to ask sincere questions in a respectful manner and the desire to continue to make Derby a welcoming and accessible community.”

Find an application at [Derby KS.com/boards](http://DerbyKS.com/boards) or pick up a paper application at City Hall (M-Th 7:30-5:30; F 7:30-1:00). Contact Lynn with questions at CityClerk@derbyweb.com or 788-3132.

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