

Candidate Questionnaire - Fairview

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What is your motivation for seeking election to the Fairview Board of Commissioners (BOC)?
How does your background and experience qualify you to hold this position? *

We have seen many changes in the 5 years since calling Fairview home. Subdivisions continue to develop all over the city and those houses are filled with many people like my wife and I that are "newcomers" to Fairview. Fairview is a great place to raise a family and the word has gotten out. I want to represent those families, the newcomers. People that are concerned about making sure Fairview retains its charm but also grows in an organized direction to afford family leisure activities, dining options, and local job opportunities. I grew up in a small farming town in Indiana and looking back I would not want it any other way. I want those same things for my children. Fairview is loaded with potential and we need to take advantage of new opportunities while maintaining calculated growth.

Though I am considered "young" compared to most individuals running for local office, I feel my life experiences qualify me to get involved. I have worked most my professional life in sales and have had the opportunity to lead sales teams in a professional setting. These experiences have taught me how to work as a team towards a common goal and how to motivate individuals to bring their very best each and every day. If elected, I plan on bringing that same level of tenacity to the position, working hard towards what is best for the City of Fairview and its citizens.

What should be the top priorities for Fairview over the next four years? How would you address and/or fund these priorities? *

My first priority of my campaign is to encourage business growth in the City of Fairview. It is no surprise that most of Fairview residents work elsewhere. This contributes to local restaurants having a tough time to thrive as they are limited to evening and weekend business. Encouraging business and office space to develop here in Fairview will create weekday business that can support more dining options in the city. This also will increase tax revenue that can be used to develop other aspects of Fairview.

My second priority is family entertainment. Bowie Park is our towns greatest treasure and I would love to see us take advantage of what it has to offer. I will make it a priority to work with the Friends of Bowie, as well as input from the citizens, to expand the opportunities that Bowie Park has to offer.

Third on my list is fiscal responsibility. As Fairview grows, so do the opportunities to expand. One of which is growing Fairview's footprint, which subsequently grows our tax revenue. This provides addition funding to deal with other issues we have around the city.

Lastly, and possibly my most passionate topic, transparency. We live in an age that affords multiple ways to communicate. All too often, the citizens of Fairview find out about changes after it is too late. I want to increase the outreach and visibility that the citizens have when decisions are being made that directly affect us. Encouraging more community involvement in these decisions will ensure we move forward as a city, guaranteeing everyone's opinions and needs are taken into consideration.

What is your vision for residential and commercial development in Fairview over the next decade? What steps will you take to help ensure that road and other infrastructure needs keep up with growth? *

Fairview's infrastructure is our greatest weakness. Though the city has put a plan in place to tackle growth over the next 20 years, it is vital that we, as a community, stay on track with this plan. My vision for the BOC is that we continue to put this at the forefront. Providing a solid base for growth will allow for future generations to continue to expand Fairview. Growth doesn't happen over night, nor should it. I think staying focused on the bigger picture will lead us to a place that we can all be proud of calling home.

What role should the Fairview BOC play regarding promoting economic development opportunities? *

Much like my answer to the previous question, I think it is paramount that the next BOC stays on track with what has been laid out in our 20 year plan. The city went to great lengths to get the community involved when developing the 2040 comprehensive plan and I think the next BOC owes it to the community to continue that progress. The plan itself sets the city up for success when considering economic growth opportunities. Though there is still much to be decided and agreed upon, the ball is rolling in the right direction. Staying on task and addressing issues as they come up will be the most important part of the visions success. Building a solid foundation that can, and will, set Fairview up for the long term is how we as a city move towards tomorrow.

Do local governments in TN need broader taxing authority granted from the General Assembly? Does Fairview? If so, what specific revenue-generating options would you support? *

No

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