

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? *

I am am running for re-election because I believe service of others is a moral obligation wether it is through public or community service. Four years ago the citizens entrusted me with serving them as their representative on the board of commissioner. I would like to serve one more term to complete what this most recent board has begun particularly with the 2040 comprehensive plan. I want to ensure that the plan which was created based upon community input is fully implemented. I also want to ensure that Fairview continues to remain fiscally healthy and able to prosper in uncertain times. I believe that my 17 years as a practicing attorney including the last 10 years as running my own law firm in addition to my understanding of the law and how it works provides me the tools to think outside the box to come up with ways to problem solve any issues that come before the Board of Commissioners. The majority of what I do as a litigator on a day to day basis is using my skills of negotiation and persuasion to help parties reach reasonable solutions to difficult and emotionally charged issues. I find these skills apply to my duties as a Fairview Commissioner on a regular basis.

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

I believe the top priorities for Fairview in the next four years are to implement the 2040 Plan, replace the Bowie Park playground, and securing financing for infrastructure repairs while maintaining fiscal responsibility to the citizens.

The playground and implementation of the 2020 plan can be accomplished through current budgeting along with citizen fundraising for the playground. Fortunately we have a few budget items which will be going away which will free up funds such as the cost of the radio system for the Ploice and Fire Departments. In addition to financing these projects we have maintain citizen buy in by keeping them involved in the process by use of committees and providing information. As to road infrastructure we are already investigating options for issuing bonds and what that would look like.

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? *

I want to see Fairview grow responsibly both the residential and commercial arenas. Growth is coming to Fairview whether anyone wants it to or not. I believe that we must examine each development weigh the pros and cons of each and the impacts they will have on the community as a whole and on the individual location and make the best decision we can for the betterment of Fairview. In addition to paving roads in need of repair the city has been performing a road survey for the past year through our planning department with the assistance of the city engineer to determine the status of the roads. We know there are roads such as Chester Road that will need to be reconstructed with an engineered road base and widened. Unfortunately the cost of building these roads will also require purchasing right of ways and relocating utilities. All of this is very expensive and will cost millions of dollars just for Chester road alone in addition to any others. The only way to fund this kind of infrastructure will be by issuing bonds which we are currently investigating due to the low interest rates. In addition to roads we need additional sewer capacity which is going to require a partnership with WADC and most likely a financial contribution on the city's part to make that happen.

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

I think the biggest role we can play is to stand out of the way and allow the market to determine what opportunities make sense for our area.

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

Are there any REALTORS® supporting your campaign? *

I have no idea if any realtors are supporting me.

Are you accepting contributions from a Political Action Committee (PAC)? *

I do not accept any contributions from any source. I believe if you accept contributions then there are expectations and pressures even if unintended tied to those contributions. I feel I should represent all of the citizens equally and not feel beholden to anyone based upon financial contributions. As the old saying goes follow the money.

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