

# 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? \*

My entire life has been focused on serving others. At the age of 13, I joined the Civil Air Patrol, a volunteer search and rescue organization for the United States Air Force. That same year, my team saved the life of a 14 year old girl that survived an airplane crash.

After graduating from high school, I immediately began employment with Gwinnett County Fire & Emergency Services (Approx. 850 personnel) as a Firefighter/EMT. Part-time, I worked as a flight paramedic on a helicopter at a large Pediatric Hospital in Atlanta Georgia. I quickly rose through the ranks, and after serving the community of Gwinnett County for 22 years, I retired as a Chief Officer.

After retirement, I became employed at HCA TriStar Health as the Director of Physician & Provider Relations. In this position, I build relationships between physicians and other healthcare providers. I am the leader in my region for strategic development and growth.

For the past five years, I have served the Fairview community in a number of ways. I volunteered as a Firefighter Paramedic with the City of Fairview Fire Department and the Williamson County Rescue Squad. I also served as the Vice President of the Fairview Area Chamber of Commerce.

In my opinion, becoming a commissioner in the City of Fairview is the ultimate way I can serve my community. I want to "Keep Fairview small by thinking BIG." Being a commissioner takes more work than simply voting on agenda items during a meeting. Each agenda item should be researched and then carefully considered before casting a vote. I want to make sure this book of business is approached in a professional manner. The citizens of Fairview deserve commissioners that "WORK" for them, not simply show up to vote on issues they have seen for the first time that night.

I have been a servant leader my entire life. I want to serve the citizens of Fairview as a commissioner to protect our small town charm. I want to bring back credibility to the Fairview Board of Commissioners through truth, trust, and integrity. I want to add a professional approach while conducting business on the board. Every citizen in Fairview deserves this.....

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

1.) "Growth," it's often looked at as a bad word here in Fairview. However, a number of residents would like a few more choices to sit down and eat. Others would like to see more businesses providing services to families. The City of Fairview is a "Bed & Breakfast" community. This means the majority of the residents live, but do not work in Fairview. This dynamic does not loan itself to a lunch crowd that many restaurants need to stay in business. So how do we attract a lunch crowd?

Light industry and an office park is one way to create jobs here in Fairview. They will also create a lunch crowd which is needed to sustain the restaurants so many folks in the community want. This is where we think BIG to stay small. We should target the companies we want in Fairview, which will allow us to target the restaurants we want in Fairview. We need to be very strategic in our procurement process and not allow the process to be passive.

The 2040 comprehensive plan will be our guide to maintain our small town feel and culture. Many of you were involved with the creation of the comprehensive plan. For example, we heard your desire for a town center. We need to seek out developers and present our ideas. This will allow the city to proactively direct growth instead of being reactive later.

2.) Our PARKS, which are some of the most beautiful parks in the country, are the cornerstone of our community. Our friends and family visit these parks on a daily basis and enjoy everything they have to offer.

I would like to sponsor a 20 year comprehensive plan for our parks. By gaining the input of our Fairview Citizens, we can determine together what our priorities will be for our park system. I have a couple of ideas that I would like to share with you.

Bowie Nature Park– Bowie Nature Park is one of the top 15 largest city owned parks in the United States. It truly is a national treasure. Our current priority for Bowie is replacing the playground. It is wonderful to see our community coming together for this great cause. There is much work to be done and I know the leaders of the playground project are laser focused on providing our children the best playground in the region. By creating a 20 year comprehensive plan, we can address what Fairview Citizens would like to experience at the Bowie Nature Park. I have had a number of citizens recommend primitive camping, greater access to the trails for the handicapped, and more weekend events.

Veterans Park – The Veterans Park is home to the City of Fairview Veterans Memorial. Also located at the park is a lake, walking trail and picnic area. The fishing at the lake located at the park is great. Suggestions for the park consist of a fishing dock for disabled veterans and small children along with a playground.

Historical Village– The Historical Village is located across the street from the Williamson County Rec Center. The Triangle School building could be a wonderful venue for a number of events for the community. The many suggestions that I have fielded consist of the following: Seasonal events i.e., Halloween, Christmas Wonderland, Veterans Day, Easter Celebration, etc.

3.) The City of Fairview has some of the finest firefighters and police officers in the great state of Tennessee. I would like to see the Fire Department start to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) or Paramedic services in the City of Fairview. Paramedics give lifesaving medications and treatments during times of medical emergencies. Currently, only the ambulances have paramedics, and when they are transporting a patient to the hospital, the City of Fairview is not covered by Paramedic services. Currently, the Fire Department has to wait until an ambulance arrives on scene to give lifesaving medications and

treatment. By adding ALS or paramedic services to the Fire Department, the City will be delivering the highest level of medical care to our citizens. The City of Fairview Fire Department is the only paid fire department in Williamson County that does not provide this service. There are a number of ways we can implement this service. Working with the Fire Chief and City Manager, we will determine the service delivery model and change policy and procedure to work towards our goal. For example, when hiring a fire employee, would it be more beneficial to hire a firefighter and then send them to paramedic school or hire a paramedic and send them to firefighter school. Firefighter school is 2-4 months, Paramedic school is 1.5-2 years.

4.) City roads are a major concern of mine and many in the community. For years, many of our surface roads have been simply patched when they have needed to be resurfaced. A number of our city roads are not "Roads" at all, but right of ways that were paved over with no base layer. Not only are the condition of our roads a concern, but traffic flow is another issue we will need to address. I would propose a comprehensive traffic study for the City of Fairview. The study will provide us with a prioritized list of roads that will need to be resurfaced or reconstructed. The study will also provide us with a plan for future expansion of our traffic flow. Currently Hwy 100 and Hwy 96 are the main corridors into and out of our city. As everyone knows, this is problematic and alternates need to be identified and developed. With a city bond rating of AA- and extremely low interest rates, now is the time to obtain a bond for capital roadway improvements.

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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 feel that the Fairview 2040 comprehensive plan is a great starting point for our residential and commercial development in Fairview. Implementing the plan into our zoning ordinance is the next important step. We have formed work groups within the BOC and Planning and Zoning Committee to start this work.

The city needs to take a more active approach working with developers. For example, during the creation of the 2040 comprehensive plan, the citizens of Fairview made it clear they would like a dedicated town center. The city needs to seek out like minded developers and determine how we can work together to make our comprehensive plan a reality.

Water and sewer is a challenge for the City of Fairview. This is a significant limiting factor for future development in the city. We need to work closely with the Dickson County Water Authority and developers to address these issues. There is opportunity on both sides to overcome these issues.

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

I think it is vital that the BOC takes a more active approach to economic development in the city. I have made the recommendation to the Fairview City Manager to create a Economic Development Committee. If the city wants to direct and manage the growth in Fairview, we need to be more proactive. That means having a plan and executing on strategic initiatives for implementation.

I also want to work closer with our Fairview Area Chamber of Commerce. It is so important to align ourselves with our current business owners. This will be a force multiplier when we seek out and target other business we want in Fairview.

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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? \*

Currently, I do not feel the need for broader taxing authority in the City of Fairview. If Fairview were to experience explosive residential growth, we would have to look at additional revenue-generating options. Residential growth rarely pays for itself, thus the importance for light industry and business growth. I do not want explosive growth in Fairview and I do not want to raise taxes.

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