COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, December 12, 2013	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of the Selection Committee's recommendation to appoint Mr. Brian Haren and Mr. Bob Simmons to the Fayette County Planning Commission, and for each appointment to begin on January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2016.

Background/History/Details:

The Fayette County Planning Commission is a body comprised of five members who are appointed to three-year terms. The Planning Commission hears and makes recommendations concerning amendments to the zoning ordinance, including the rezoning of property and the comprehensive plan. The Planning Commission also approves preliminary plats, final plats, and minor subdivision plats, and hears variances on subdivision regulations, floodplain regulations, and watershed protection regulations.

Two Planning Commission positions are set to expire on December 31, 2013. Pursuant to Board direction, the positions were advertised for all interested citizens to apply. The County Clerk received six applications. Two other citizens expressed initial interest but chose not to apply. Two of the applications were for reappointments from current appointees to the Planning Commission and the four remaining applications were new considerations. Chairman Steve Brown and Commissioner Randy Ognio interviewed each applicant and decided to appoint the following two applicants: Mr. Brian Haren and Mr. Bob Simmons.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of the Selection Committee's recommendation to appoint Mr. Brian Haren and Mr. Bob Simmons to the Fayette County Planning Commission, and for each appointment to begin on January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2016.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?		If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*		Backup Provided with Request?	

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
Fayette County Planning Commission

Thank you for your interest in being considered for appointment to the Fayette County Planning Commission.

Applicants must be a legal resident of the State of Georgia and have been a resident of Fayette County for at least six months prior to the date an application is submitted.

The Planning Commission is comprised of five members appointed to three-year terms. Meetings are scheduled to be held twice monthly. Said meetings take place at the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue West, Fayetteville, Georgia. Please do not apply if you will be unable to attend a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of all meetings. **Applicants are encouraged to attend as many Planning Commission meetings as possible in an effort to become familiar with the responsibilities of the post.**

Please take a few minutes to complete the form and answer the questions on the reverse side of this form and return it with a resume, if available, to Floyd Jones, County Clerk, 140 Stonewall Avenue, West, Suite 100, Fayetteville, GA 30214 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22, 2013.

If you have any questions, please call (770) 305-5102.

NOTE: Information provided on this form is subject to disclosure as a public record under Georgia Open Records Law.

NAME Brian Haren

ADDRESS [redacted] 1pm

TELEPHONE (day) [redacted]

(evening) [redacted]

(email address) [redacted]

Brian W. Haren
Signature

21 NOV 2013
Date

20 November 2013

[redacted]

Fayette County Board of Commissioners
c/o Mr. Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk
140 Stonewall Avenue West, Suite 100
Fayetteville, Georgia

Subject: Application for Appointment, Fayette County Planning Commission

Sirs,

Let me extend my thanks for this opportunity to apply for a position on the Fayette County Planning Commission.

As a thirteen year resident of Fayette County with a strong involvement in County civic and governmental activities I am excited by the opportunity to continue my service to the County via the Planning Commission. I feel my unique background and current work experience make me an ideal candidate for the position and I'm excited by the prospect of applying these skills as part of the Planning Commission and helping Fayette County remain a great place to live and work.

Sincerely,

Brian W. Haren

Application for Appointment

Fayette County Planning Commission

1. How long have you been a resident of Fayette County?

   Thirteen years, having moved to Fayette County in the summer of 2000

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning Commission?

   Having been employed as an infrastructure planner and asset manager with the City of Atlanta at Hartsfield Airport I find the planning process to be both fascinating and challenging. I'd like the opportunity to bring my planning and asset management experience into service with Fayette County

3. What qualifications and experience do you possess that should be considered for appointment to the Planning Commission?

   I have been a member of the Fayette County Zoning Board of Appeals since May, 2008 and currently serve as the vice-chairman

4. List your recent employment experiences to include the name of the company and position

   Current employment: City of Atlanta Department of Aviation, Geospatial Information Services Manager, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. As part of the Airport's Planning & Development Division I manage the utility, airfield, environmental and facility mapping and modeling programs and the land and geodetic survey management program. In addition I serve on the multi-disciplinary Airport planning board, focusing on planning for airfield, facilities and utilities expansion for the 5, 10 and 20 year planning cycles

   Past employment: Construction Engineer & Geospatial Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers (Retired). Specializing in installation planning, environmental compliance, urban and transportation analysis, construction management, land surveying and mapping

5. Do you have any past experience related to this position? If so, please describe

   I find that my extensive background in infrastructure project planning and management, geospatial program management, and my recent experience as an aviation planner with the City of Atlanta gives me a strong insight into the multi-faceted and multi-disciplinary planning process. Hartsfield Airport is, in essence, a medium-sized city with a big city population. All of the planning issues impacting a medium sized city with a high population density immediately reveal themselves in all projects – from transportation to zoning to utilities to environmental compliance to stakeholder input and review, these are all issues that must be balanced against the development and growth needs of the

world's busiest airport. From this perspective I feel my experience can greatly benefit the planning process as practiced by Fayette County

6. Are you currently serving on a commission/board/authority or in an elected capacity with any government?

   No, only my current Fayette County Zoning Board of Appeals appointment

7. Have you attended any Planning Commission meetings in the past two years and, if so, how many?

   I've attended just one Planning Commission meeting to discuss development at the State Routes 85 & 74 interchange. This visit was prompted by a ZBA hearing at which New Hope Baptist Church requested a variance in order to re-route a parking lot access road. The request triggered an in-depth discussion about how the County intends to develop the intersection as a 'gateway' into the County, piquing my interest in how the Planning Commission was handling the issue

8. Are you willing to attend seminars or continuing education classes at County expense?

   Yes

9. Would there be any possible conflict of interest between your employment or your family and you serving on the Planning Commission?

   No

10. Are you in any way related to a County Elected Official or County employee? If so, please describe.

    Yes. My wife, Roberta Haren, is an employee of the County Board of Education and serves as a fifth grade teacher at the Fayetteville Elementary School on Hood Avenue

11. Describe you current community involvement.

    I serve as a formal and informal volunteer for a number of community organizations, to include the Southern Conservation Trust, my local church, local Fayette County schools (providing enrichment education opportunities in geography and science) and the Flint River chapter of Trout Unlimited, working on conservation projects in and around Fayette County. In addition, as part of my job with Hartsfield Airport I serve in an outreach capacity to local communities and governments to discuss issues that directly impact both the airport and local communities and projects of joint interest such as the Airport's involvement in the creation of the Sam's Lake Nature Preserve

12. You have been given a copy of the County's Ethics Ordinance. Is there any reason you would not be able to comply with the ordinance?

No

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NAME Robert E. Simmons

ADDRESS [redacted]

TELEPHONE (day) [redacted]

mobile ~~(evening)~~ [redacted]

(email address) [redacted]

Robert E. Simmons
Signature

11/10/13
Date

1. How long have you been a resident of Fayette County?
   28 years

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning Commission?
   To use my economic & community development experience to give back to Fayette County. Help Fayette County plan for the future.

3. What qualifications and experience do you possess that should be considered for appointment to the Planning Commission?
   See previously submitted resume & professional bio.

4. List your recent employment experiences to include name of company and position.
   See previously submitted resume.

5. Do you have any past experience related to this position? If so, please describe.
   Yes - See previously submitted resume & professional bio.

6. Are you currently serving on a commission/board/authority or in and elected capacity with any government?
   No - Retired Fulton County Employee.

7. Have you attended any Planning Commission meetings in the past two years and, if so, how many? None - Items affecting Fayette County were not issues of conflict with my residential area.

8. Are you willing to attend seminars or continuing education classes at county expense?
   Yes. Previous employment mandated continuing education seminars, workshops, conferences and meetings.

9. Would there be any possible conflict of interest between your employment or your family and you serving on the Planning Commission?
   No - Retired.

10. Are you in any way related to a County Elected Official or County employee? If so, please describe.
    No.

11. Describe your current community involvement.
    Member Friends of the Fayette County Library.

12. You have been given a copy of the county's Ethics Ordinance. Is there any reason you would not be able to comply with the ordinance? No.
    Previous employment as Chief Development Officer & Economic Development Marketing Manager in Fulton County did not allow local involvement for fear of conflict of interest.

Floyd Jones

From: Bob Simmons [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2013 2:38 PM
To: Floyd Jones
Subject: Bob Simmons Application for Appointment .pdf

Bob Simmons Application for Appointment .pdf
996K View Download

Mr. Jones, the attached is my Application for Appointment to the Fayette County Planning Commission.

As the scanned copy is not very clear I am also mailing a copy to you.

Thank you for your assistance.

Bob Simmons

Bob Simmons
121 Hilo Road
Fayetteville, GA 30215
(770) 461-0844 (home)
(404) 558-6705 (mobile)
Email: bobsimmons511@gmail.com

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Floyd Jones

From:	Bob Simmons [redacted]
Sent:	Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:49 PM
To:	Floyd Jones
Subject:	Planning Commission
Attachments:	resume.101509.doc; bob simmons professional bio.2011.doc

Dear Mr. Jones:

Recently I became aware the Fayette County Planning Commission was seeking candidates to fill two vacancies.

Please consider this email and attachments as my desire to be considered for one of those vacancies. As my professional bio and resume show I have over 20 years experience dealing with relevant issues which might come before the Fayette County Planning Commission. My wife and I have resided in Fayette County since 1985 and have enjoyed our experience in the community. We raised 2 children and each is a graduate of the Fayette County Public School System. Now that I am retired and am in a position to utilize my knowledge and experience, I want to give back to Fayette County, its citizens and businesses.

Please contact me as to my application as to when we can schedule a meeting

Bob Simmons

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Bob Simmons

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ROBERT E. SIMMONS
[redacted]

SUMMARY

Proven record of effective program development and implementation, daily and long term. Ability to achieve results. Broad based experience in organizational management and economic development operations. Demonstrated ability to manage business issue organizations and community development.

WORK HISTORY

Retired – 04/01/12

Fulton County Government/Development Authority of Fulton County (1993 -2008))
Business Development Manager

Overall responsibility for the staff in the business development section

Development of plans to market Fulton County for new business locations

Design and placement of target marketing advertising

Presentations for industrial, commercial and residential clients

Work with all development agencies and brokers in regard to industrial, commercial and residential recruitments

Work with elected officials and other community leaders to enhance the business climate of Fulton County

Assume leadership role in executive director's absence

Work with various other county departments regarding issues of community development

Work with leadership programs of the several chambers of commerce

Work with the planning department on a Master Plan for south Fulton

ROBERT E. SIMMONS

Develop the South Fulton Parkway into a developmental highway corridor

Old National Highway revitalization

Fulton Industrial District revitalization

Fulton County Government/ Development Authority of Fulton County (2008 – 2012)

Chief Development Officer

Monthly meetings with other county departments to stay aware of their programs as associated with economic development initiatives

Liaison with the Joint Development Authority of Metropolitan Atlanta

Maintain a relationship with agencies and companies which bring projects to Fulton County

Project manager for over $8,000,000,000.00 in capital investment.

1991 - 1992
P. E. Holdings, Inc.
President
Marketing/sales and client relations

1989 - 1991
Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
Vice President Economic Development

Worked with industrial, commercial and international clients

Coordinated special projects: public transit; *County Management Operations Study*; Jobs Expo

1988 - 1989
The Habersham Agency
Vice President Business Development

Developed marketing proposals and gave client presentations

ROBERT E. SIMMONS

1984 - 1987
Fayette Chamber of Commerce
Executive Vice President

Began initial thrust for comprehensive community planning guide

Lead referendum to maintain and create local jobs

Directed Blue Ribbon Committee Needs Analysis project, forerunner of comprehensive planning guide

1979 - 1984
Tift County Chamber of Commerce
Executive Vice President

Far-reaching review for a duplicated services and consolidated governments project

Coordinated voter registration effort as prelude to local referendum

Coordinated program for retail growth

EDUCATION
B.A. Political Science
Georgia Southwestern State University

Bob Simmons

Retired

Formerly Chief Development Officer for the Development Authority of Fulton County.

Prior to the Development Authority of Fulton County assuming the role as the economic development arm for the Fulton County Government, he was the Marketing Division Manager for the Fulton County Economic Development Department. During his tenure with Fulton County and the Development Authority, Bob was the project manager for projects which located in Fulton County and its municipalities, those projects generating capital investments over $8,000,000,000.00 and creating or retaining over 8,500 jobs. Prior to his tenure with Fulton County, Bob served several chambers of commerce in Georgia as the chief professional staff person.

Bob was a member of the Georgia Economic Developers Associatiopn GEDA over 25 years, and served as a board member for 3 years. He was also a board member of the former Georgia Industrial Developers Association (GIDA) He as on numerous committees with the association, most recently as chairman for the GEDA Bylaws Revision Task Force. He was also chairman of the Development Authority Executives Committee. He served as a board member for the Metro South, Inc., an association of development authorities and chambers of commerce, filling the positions of Secretary/Treasurer, First Vice President and President. He was a founding member of the Association of Development Authorities of Georgia (ADAG) and served as a member of the board of directors. He held several committee positions with the South Fulton Chamber of Commerce and served as a member of the board of directors. Additionally, he was a presenter for the University of Georgia's Fanning Institute – Development Authority Board member training courses. He is a graduate of the ARC Sponsored Regional Leadership Institute and the Georgia Academy for Economic Development. Also, he was one of the executive support staff for the Joint Development Authority of Metropolitan Atlanta (JDAMA), a joint development authority comprising Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, Henry and Rockdale Counties. Additionally, Bob was a member of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and the Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC).