COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Charles Oddo
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, March 10, 2015	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of the Selection Committee's recommendation to appoint Mr. Arnold Martin to the Fayette County Planning Commission for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2017.

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.

Mr. Brian Haren's appointment to the Planning Commission expired on December 31, 2014. Mr. Haren had previously notified the County that he would not seek reappointment to the position.

The County issued two public notices informing citizens of the vacancy on the Board. The notices were issued on October 30 and on December 5, 2014. Four citizens made application and three were interviewed by Commissioners Barlow and Ognio. The fourth applicant voluntarily removed herself from consideration.

Mr. Arnold Martin has been recommended for appointment to a three-year term with said term beginning January 1, 2015.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of the Selection Committee's recommendation to appoint Mr. Arnold Martin to the Fayette County Planning Commission for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2017.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** 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:

Fayette County

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Fayetteville, Georgia 30214
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March 5, 2015

Mr. Arnold L. Martin, III
222 Flat Creek Court
Peachtree City, GA

Dear Mr. Martin:

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

We would like to inform you that we are making a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners that you be given the appointment based on your knowledge, personal commitment and passion for this area of need. You are a strong candidate and the right fit for this appointment.

This appointment is contingent on a vote from the Board of Commissioners. The next step is to bring this recommendation before the Board of Commissioners during our next meeting. This will take place on **Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m**. at 140 Stonewall Avenue, West, Fayetteville, Georgia in the Public Meeting Room. This date is changed from our regular Thursday meeting.

We invite you to attend in case the Board would like to ask you questions.

Please notify, Tameca White at 770-305-5103 no later than Friday, March 6, 2015 if you are able to attend.

We certainly enjoyed getting to meet you.

Sincerely,

Randy Ognio, Commissioner

David Barlow, Commissioner

Cc: Board of Commissioners
Pete A. Frisina, Director of Community Services

8:30(?)

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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, January 9, 2015.

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 Arnold L. Martin, IV

ADDRESS 222 Flat Creek Court
Peachtree City, GA 30269

TELEPHONE (day) [redacted]

(evening) [redacted]

(email addr[redacted]

Signature

1/8/15
Date

1) **How long have you been living in Fayette County?**
I have been a resident of Fayette County for 17 Years

2) **Why are you interested in serving on the Planning Commission?**
I have always been interested in the future planning of Fayette County ever since I was Chairman of the Fayette County United Way and learned the role of how the organizations, citizens and government can work together to ensure the planning and development meet the needs of all people of Fayette County.
Additionally I have been a volunteer with the Fayette Visioning project in the last year, which has given me true insight of the future plans for the county.

3) **What qualifications do you possess that should be considered for appointment to the Planning Commission?**
I have an extensive real estate background spanning 30 years beginning as a licensed commercial appraiser, then matriculating in to commercial and residential lending. Most recently I consulted on a planning and development project for the relocation of one of the historic churches that had to relocate as a result of the new Atlanta Falcons Stadium in downtown Atlanta.

4) **List your recent employment experiences to include name of company and position**
2013- Present Sr. Loan Originator, Element Funding
2010-2013 Regional Manager, Southeast Mortgage
1997-2010 President/CEO Absolute Lending & Mortgage, LLC

5) **Do you have any past experience related to this position? If so please describe.**
My experience has come from volunteer positions on boards that I have served on over several years, which includes the United Way, Fayette Visioning, and a planning committee for the expansion for Georgia State University.

6) **Are you currently serving on a commission/board/authority or in an elected capacity with any government?**
No, I do not serve on any commission/board or authority.

7) **Have you attended any Planning Commission meetings in the past two years, and, if so, how many?**
I have attended a few meetings. I don't recall the exact amount. However, I have tried to attend meetings of almost all of the different boards and commissions to keep abreast of what is happening in the county.

8) **Are willing to attend seminars or continuing education classes at county expense?**
Yes, I am will to attend seminars or continuing education

9) **Would there be any possible conflict of interest between your employment or your family and you serving on the Planning Commission?**
There would be no conflict in serving on the Planning Commission.

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

I am not related to any Elected Official or County Employee

11) Describe your current community involvement.

As noted, I have served on several boards throughout Fayette County. These have included the United Way, The Joseph Sams School, Fayette County Ethics Ordinance Advisory Board, and Fayette Visioning.

12) Have you been given a copy of the County Ethics Ordinance?

Yes, I have received a copy of the Ethics Ordinance.

13) Is there any reason you would not be able to comply with the ordinance ?

I will be able to comply with the Ethics Ordinance.

Arnold L. Martin III, MBA

Fayetteville, GA • [redacted]

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP / COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Strategic Planning • Team Management • Business Development • Fundraising

A dynamic leader and industry pundit, with an exceptional background in Leadership, business development, team-building, policy and fundraising.

- Leadership
- Sales Management
- Government Relations
- Urban Renewal & Development
- Compliance Management
- Contract Negotiations
- Community Relations
- Team Building & Management
- Risk Management
- Business Development
- Customer Relationship Management
- Charity Management & Fundraising

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Element Funding **2013 – Present**

SENIOR LOAN ORIGINATOR, *Atlanta, Georgia*

Daily business development, sales and government compliance, resulting in high closed loan production. Community outreach practices, within Fayette County and the Metropolitan Atlanta area :

Community Relations **Board of Trustees**: People to People International, 2010-Present

Board of Directors: The Colorful Arts Society, Inc. – Board Member and Former President 2005-Present

Advisory Boards The Andrew Young School for Policy Studies, Georgia State University 2008-Present
Fayette County Ethics Ordinance Advisory Board, 2013- Present

Honors Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Citizen of the Year Award, 2013

Southeast Mortgage of Georgia, Inc. **2010 - 2013**

REGIONAL MANAGER, *Fayetteville, Georgia*

Provide day-to-day Branch Operations Management and Sales Leadership, through lending compliance and mortgage policies, business development tactics, and community outreach practices, within Fayette County:

- Recruit and train staff, manage loan processing and branch operations, oversee loan pipelines, coordinate work flow, and communicate new policies and procedures to staff members

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Honors NAACP President's Award for Outstanding Leadership and Community Service, 2012
People to People International - Outstanding Leadership Award, 2011

Absolute Lending & Mortgage, LLC. **1997 - 2010**

FOUNDER & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, *Fayetteville, Georgia*

Founded and cultivated this lending and mortgage company to excel in annual management and closing of multi-million dollar loan portfolios:

Leadership

- Principled centered leadership based on gold standard compliance guidelines, which ensured zero fines during its thirteen-year history
- Recruited, managed, lead, and developed teams to exceed loan portfolios, which led to year-over-year closed loan production in excess of $33 million dollars

Finance and Sales

- Licensed organization in multiple states which increased business opportunities and exposure by 25%
- Enhanced lender partnerships from a national to a global level, by growing the business from a Licensed Mortgage Brokerage to a Licensed Correspondent Lender

Government Relations and Housing Policy

- Provided consultation to numerous State of Georgia agencies, which aided them in the development of pertinent housing and finance guidelines, applicable to their lending divisions
- Served as a policy expert on various think-tank panels with HUD and government sponsored enterprises (Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae), to increase awareness affiliated with Consumer Protection and Fair Lending policies

Community Relations

Board of Directors- *The Joseph Sams School for Special Needs Children – Public Schools Policy Guidance, Market Research Studies 2006-2008*

Advisory Boards- Georgia Council for Economic Education 2008-2010
United Way of Fayette County – Chairman – Smart Start Program Candidate 2002-2006

Advisory Boards- Atlanta Dogwood Festival, Strategic Planning, Market Research Studies 2005-2007
The Alliance Theater, 2006-2009

Sunshine Mortgage Corporation **1992 - 1997**

SENIOR LOAN OFFICER, *Marietta, Georgia*

Originated mortgage loans through community outreach practices, client development and day-to-day sales production.

- Sales production of FHA, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and VA Loans
- Lead sales originator for First Time Home Buyer Bond Programs, URFA, GHAFA

Community Relations

Board of Directors: Board of Governors - Mortgage Bankers Association of Georgia 2005-2007
Commissioner: State of Georgia, Equal Opportunity *(sworn in by Governor Roy Barnes), 1999*

Honors **Proclamation:** Governor Zell Miller: Affordable Housing and Fair Lending, 1997
Featured Cover Story: Fayette Magazine, 2003

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Numerous courses encompassing Real Estate Policy and Development, Professional Sales, Business Development, International Business, Organizational Leadership, and Compliance

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Project), NetMeeting, Internet Explorer, Windows, Skype,

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

- **Master of Business Administration (MBA)**
  PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY - Plymouth, NH
- **Certificate of Completion** – Executive Development Program
  LEADERSHIP ATLANTA - Atlanta, GA
- **Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration**
  MOREHOUSE COLLEGE - Atlanta, GA