



# TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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### Appointments to the Planning Commission.

**Staff:**

Sabrina Oliver, Director/Town Clerk  
Amy Harvey, Deputy Town Clerk  
Brenton Hodge, Assistant Town Clerk

**Department:**

Communications and Public Affairs



**Recommendation(s):**

That the Council make appointments to the Planning Commission for four seats.



**Attachments:**

- Council Interview Committee Recommendation
- Board Recommendation
- Ballot
- Applications

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Council Committee: Planning Commission Interviews  
(Council Members Anderson, Berry & Stegman)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for the vacancy(s) and upcoming vacancy(s)

DATE: April 28, 2023

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Council Committee: Planning Commission interviews met on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 2 PM and by a unanimous vote made the following recommendation(s) to the Town Council for consideration:

- Jonathan Mitchell, Reappointment, Town Resident
- Elizabeth Losos, Reappointment, Community Design Commission Champion
- Geoffrey Green, Appointment, Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board Champion
- E. Strother Murray-ndinga, Appointment, Town Resident

**SPECIAL REQUEST(s):** None

**BACKGROUND:** The Council Committee interviewed Pamela Cooper, Ken Faulkner, Geoffrey Green, Cecelia Greenbarr, Ashok Lamichhane, Elizabeth Losos, Jonathan Mitchell, E. Strother Murray-ndinga, and Aaron Shah. Kent Earnhardt, Emanuel Kearney, and Gabriel Scott confirmed their interest in the Commission but were unable to attend the interview committee meeting.

The Committee recommends Jonathan Mitchell, Elizabeth Losos, Geoffrey Green, and E. Strother Murray-ndinga by unanimous vote. Council members would like to see incumbents Jonathan Mitchell and Elizabeth Losos continue to do a great job. Geoffrey Green's expertise and background will help with the LUMO rewrite. E. Strother Murray-ndinga has overall good experience, a former diplomat so good at working with others, and understands and supports town vision/complete community objectives.

*Note:* Communications and Public Affairs notes that the Council Committee: Planning Commission Interviews reviewed the following applications: Pamela Cooper, Kent Earnhardt, Ken Faulkner, Geoffrey Green, Cecelia Greenbarr, Emanuel Kearney, Ashok Lamichhane, Elizabeth Losos, Jonathan Mitchell, E. Strother Murray-ndinga, Gabriel Scott, and Aaron Shah. No additional applications were received.

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Town Council  
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FROM: Jon Michell, Chair  
SUBJECT: Recommendation for the vacancy(s)  
DATE: April 18, 2023

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Planning Commission met on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 and by a unanimous vote made the following recommendation(s) to the Town Council for consideration:

The current board would be happy to serve with any of the applicants.

**SPECIAL REQUEST(s):** No Comment

**BACKGROUND:**

Geoffrey Green: Is knowledgeable in planning and code writing. Has professional planning expertise and education. Could be valuable for the LUMO rewrite.

Cecelia Greenebarr: Clearly has a deep tie to community. An interest in serving the community. Has gone above and beyond.

Ashok Lamichhane: Provides insight from an immigrant community in the Town. Could reflect first generation residents. Background could reflect challenges to newcomer to Town. May be less familiar with Chapel Hill.

*Note:* Communications and Public Affairs notes that the Planning Commission reviewed the following applications: Pamela Cooper, Kent Earnhardt, Ken Faulkner, Geoffrey Green, Cecelia Greenebarr, Emanuel Kearney, Ashok Lamichhane, Elizabeth Losos (incumbent) Jonathan Mitchell (incumbent), E Strother Murray-ndinga, Gabriel Scott, and Aaron Shah. No additional applications were received between April 18, 2023 and May 3, 2023 for the Planning Commission.