City of Hyattsville Submit Date: Dec 17, 2020

Board, Committee and Commission Application

Profile			
Cliff	Mayo		
First Name	Last Name		
mail Address			
Street Address		Suite or Apt	
City		State	Postal Code
∗ ☑ Ward 5			
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone		
Which Boards would	you like to apply for?		
Planning Committee: Su	ubmitted		
Referred By:			

Please provide a brief background statement including why you want to serve on a committee. This statement may be posted on the City's website.

I am interested and have been involved in matters of community planning here in Hyattsville since moving to the area in 2010. My interest in planning and community development is such that, for quite some time in the early 2010s as development was really beginning to take off in our area, I considered a career change into the city planning field. I also think it is important that the Planning Committee have broader representation, particularly in the breakdown of ward representation, than currently exists in its membership. My ward, 5, is under-represented on the committee, and has its own context that is quite distinct from ward 2 (for example), where the majority of the current committee members live. I propose expanding the Planning Committee to at least 9 members, and making sure that all wards are represented - which would mean holding a seat for a member from Ward 3. Regardless of the possibility of expansion, I understand there is at least 1 upcoming or current vacancy and I am applying to fill a seat. I think it is especially important that Ward 5 have additional representation on the committee, with the upcoming major developments around the West Hyattsville Metro Station. In my career and volunteer service, I am heavily involved in matters of governance and interpretation of regulations, and how to conduct operations within those regulations. I sit on the boards of several community nonprofits, including experience as a board chair, and am familiar and comfortable with committee structures and deliberation. But perhaps most importantly, in the last few years I have gained a wealth of knowledge about planning and zoning, both locally and nation-wide. I have committed to memory many of the details in the Gateway Arts District Sector Plan, Prince George's County codes for building and zoning, and Hyattsville City Code. I am familiar with design concepts and public safety, as they relate to matters of planning and construction. I also maintain a professional interest in staying current on several planning and development newsletters and podcasts.