

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT**

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2024

PRESENTED BY: MEREDYTH MUTH, CITY CLERK

SUMMARY:

The City currently has three vacancies on the Board of Adjustment (BOA). Julia Cline applied for a 2024 position on the Planning Commission and was interviewed by the Council. While she was not selected to serve on the Planning Commission, Council did ask staff to find out if she would be interested in serving on the BOA. Ms. Cline is interested in serving.

Councilmembers Hamlington and Hoefner have reviewed the application and recommend Ms. Cline be appointed to serve on the BOA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve appointment of Julia Cline to BOA for a term ending in December 2026.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Application

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:

☐		Financial Stewardship & Asset Management	☒		Reliable Core Services
☐		Vibrant Economic Climate	☐		Quality Programs & Amenities
☒		Engaged Community	☐		Healthy Workforce
☐		Supportive Technology	☐		Collaborative Regional Partner

2024 Board and Commission General Application

At the City of Louisville everyone is welcome. We encourage citizen participation in municipal government to bring together many voices to make a meaningful impact in our community. Your participation helps shape initiatives to make Louisville a great place for all people.

Applicant Information

Name: [Julia Cline](#)

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]



By checking this box I affirm I am a Louisville resident.



Check this box if you self-identify as a member of a historically underrepresented community in Louisville.

In addition to this form, you must complete either a board specific questionnaire OR, if applying for reappointment, a reappointment self-assessment.

On which Board(s) or Commission(s) would you like to serve?



[Arts & Culture Advisory Board](#)



[Board of Adjustment](#)



[Building Code Board of Appeals](#)



[Historic Preservation Commission](#)



[Historical Museum Advisory Board](#)



[Library Board of Trustees](#)



[Local Licensing Authority](#)



[Open Space Advisory Board](#)



[Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory Board](#)



[Planning Commission](#)



[Recreation Advisory Board](#)



[Revitalization Commission](#)



[Sustainability Advisory Board](#)

How long have you lived in the City of Louisville: [Since Jan 2023](#)

In what City Ward do you live: ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

[Link to Ward Map](#)

If asked, would you be interested in serving on a board or commission you did not choose above: ☒ yes ☐ no

Are you currently serving on a City board or commission: ☐ yes ☒ no

If yes, which board or commission:

Scheduling Conflicts

The meeting time of each board is listed on the board questionnaire. What times Monday through Friday are you generally unavailable to attend meetings?

Disclosure:

Do you or a company you work for or own or do business with the City of Louisville?

☐ yes ☒ no

If Yes, please explain:

Please note additional information:

- You MUST meet the following criteria to serve on any Board or Commission:
 - You must reside in the City of Louisville
 - You may not be an employee of the City of Louisville
- If appointed, you must attend at least 75% of the meetings; missing more than 25% of the board meetings is cause for removal.
- All Board and Commission members serve without compensation.
- The City may reject an applicant for any lawful reason. An appointed Board or Commission member may be removed during a term of office for cause as defined in the City Charter, Resolution No. 16 Series 2009, and Resolution No. 59, Series 2016. Reasons for rejection or removal from office include, without limitation, where a background investigation reveals an arrest, conviction, or pending charges for a criminal offense (excluding minor traffic violations).
- All information on this application is public record and may be available for public review.
- It is the policy of the City Council to make appointments to the citizen boards, commissions, committees, and task forces based on the needs of the City as well as the interests and qualifications of each applicant without discrimination based on race, color, national origin or ancestry, gender, religious convictions, disability, age, or sexual orientation.
- It is the goal of Council when making board and commission appointments to maintain members that can provide leadership and mentoring based on their experience while also seeking new members to bring fresh ideas forward.

Certification and signature:

I certify the information in this application is true and complete. I understand false statements, misrepresentations or omissions of information in this application may result in rejection of this application. The City is expressly authorized to investigate all statements contained in this application.

In the event that I am selected to serve on a City of Louisville Task Force, Committee, Board, or Commission, I agree to comply with all of its ordinances, rules, and regulations. I fully understand and agree to provide my services to the City of Louisville as a volunteer in a voluntary capacity and that I will receive no compensation or benefits for services provided.

I understand that I am NOT insured by the City of Louisville Worker's Compensation Insurance and NOT covered by any Accident Medical Insurance Policy while I am a volunteer with the City of Louisville. I authorize that all necessary first aid steps may be taken as prescribed by qualified personnel.

I grant full permission to use any photographs, videotapes, recordings or any other record of my volunteer participation as a Task Force, Committee, Board, or Commission member.

☒ By checking this box, I am confirming my typed name is my legal name and serves as my electronic signature.

Julia Cline12 Nov 2023

Signature

Date

Interviews for some positions may be scheduled for December 11 and 12, 5 – 10 pm. You may need to be available that evening for a short interview with the City Council in person or via Zoom.

Please submit this application **with your board questionnaire OR reappointment self-assessment** by email to MeredythM@LouisvilleCO.gov or deliver it to City Hall, 749 Main Street. City Hall is open Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm.

Applications are due by **November 13, 2023 at 4:00 pm.**

Please contact Meredyth Muth (MeredythM@louisvilleco.gov or 303.335.4536) if you have questions or need assistance, translation services, or accommodations.

2024 Planning Commission Supplemental Questions

Applicant Name: Julia Cline

The **Planning Commission** is a quasi-judicial board that evaluates land use proposals against municipal zoning regulations and makes recommendations to the City Council.

- The Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.
- Terms are two years, four years, or six years.
- You must be a resident of Louisville to serve.

1. Briefly explain your interest in serving on the Planning Commission.

I currently live in Louisville and have lived in Boulder and Louisville 7 of the last 8 years. Over that time, I have grown gradually more interested in zoning regulations and think the planning commission is one of the most important commissions that exists in our local government. The implications of land use proposals are far ranging, from preserving historic sites to creating spaces for new residents and businesses and promoting community livability.

2. What are your thoughts about the building and development you see in Louisville?

When my husband and I were researching places to live near our places of employment, Louisville stood out as a community in which we could raise a family. In particular, downtown Louisville attracted us for the old-town charm and accessibility of goods and services. Similarly, the open spaces, parks, and rec center attracted us for the recreational opportunities, natural respite, gathering places, and glorious views.

Development in Louisville must thoughtfully balance a complex host of issues: climate resiliency, economic vitality, environmental sustainability, fiscal responsibility, historic preservation, and serving the surrounding regions.

3. What is your vision for Louisville as it relates to land use and development?

I envision an economically vibrant Louisville that is home to thriving businesses, resilient to the effects of climate change, and enriched by open spaces and parks. I imagine development that respects Louisville's historic character and that contributes to addressing the needs of Boulder County and the Denver metropolitan region.

4. *What are some land use and zoning strategies that can promote more equitable outcomes for all people?*

Equitable zoning policies must balance residential and commercial development while providing access to public transportation and ensuring that all neighborhoods have access to the same amenities. Regardless of their income level, all people should have access to safe and affordable housing. Mixed-use zoning allows commercial spaces on the ground floor and apartments and condominiums upstairs, providing for a denser community. By encouraging mixed-use development, zoning policies can help to create more jobs and economic opportunities, as well as more walkable and bikeable neighborhoods.

5. *What do you think are the most important planning issues facing the City? What insights could you bring to the Commission's deliberations and recommendations?*

I think affordable housing and climate resiliency (ex flood and fire mitigation) are two of the most important planning issues facing the city. I support more mixed-use development in downtown Louisville and envision a reinvigorated McCaslin corridor that is more connected to surrounding neighborhoods, more walkable and bikeable, and more densely developed.

4. *What qualifications, skill sets, and lived experiences do you have that would be beneficial for this position?*

During my recent 1.5 years sojourn in Paris, I was awe-struck by the livability of Paris, fostered largely by public transportation, mixed used zoning, and bakeries on every street.

With a background in experimental physics, my approach to problems is analytical and data driven. During my PhD at CU Boulder, I led policy and outreach efforts that led to a revitalized and more inclusive Physics Department. I have experience building consensus across diverse generational and educational groups.

Submit this questionnaire **with your general application form** by email to MeredythM@LouisvilleCO.gov or deliver it to City Hall, 749 Main Street. City Hall is open Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm. Applications are due by **November 13, 2023 at 4:00 pm**.

Please contact Meredyth Muth at MeredythM@louisvilleco.gov or 303.335.4536 if you have questions or need assistance with language access resources or other accommodations.

Interviews may be scheduled for December 11 and 12; you may need to be available one of these evenings for a short interview with the City Council in person or via Zoom.