

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

### **CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Appointing the 2022 Members to the Planning Commission  
**DEPARTMENT:** Planning & Community Development  
**PRESENTED BY:** Rachael Markle, AICP, Director  
Steven Szafran, AICP, Senior Planner  
**ACTION:**        ☐ Ordinance        ☐ Resolution        ☒ Motion  
                 ☐ Discussion        ☐ Public Hearing

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

On March 31, 2022, the terms of Planning Commissioners Mei-shiou Lin and Jack Malek are set to expire. The rules for Planning Commission Membership in the Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC 2.20.020(A)) state: "...No member shall serve longer than two consecutive terms". Since Jack Malek has already served two consecutive terms, he is not eligible for reappointment. The other Commissioner whose term is expiring, Mei-shiou Lin, is eligible for Council reappointment to the Planning Commission since she has only served one term (four years). In addition, Councilmember Laura Mork was elected to the Shoreline City Council beginning January 1, 2022, leaving an open seat on the Planning Commission.

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure governing Council appointments to Boards and Commissions, the Mayor appointed a Council subcommittee to screen, interview and make recommendations to the full Council about which candidates to appoint to the three Planning Commission positions. The subcommittee included Deputy Mayor Robertson and Councilmembers Roberts and Mork. The subcommittee subsequently met on February 19<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> to conduct the interviews, and after deliberations, unanimously recommended that the full Council appoint Mei-shiou Lin, Leslie Brinson, and Christopher Mosier to the Planning Commission for four-year terms that will run from April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2026. Tonight, the full Council is scheduled to act on these appointments.

**RESOURCES/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact for this Council action.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Council move to appoint Mei-shiou Lin, Leslie Brinson, and Christopher Mosier to the Planning Commission for four-year terms that will run from April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2026.

Approved By:        City Manager **DT**    City Attorney **MK**

## **BACKGROUND**

The Planning Commission is a seven-member board which is appointed by the Shoreline City Council. The purpose of the Planning Commission is to provide guidance and direction for Shoreline's future growth through continued review and improvement to the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, zoning code, shoreline management, environmental protection and related land use documents. Members of the Planning Commission shall be selected from individuals who have an interest in environmental affairs, planning, land use, and residential and commercial development as evidenced by training, experience or actions. Membership in the Planning Commission shall be limited to residents or owners of property within the City. No member shall serve longer than two consecutive terms. Commissioners are responsible for the following:

- Preparation of a Comprehensive Plan and development regulations in compliance with state law (Chapter 36.70A RCW). This includes establishing procedures providing for early and continuous public participation in the development and amendment of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the City and the development regulations implementing the Plan, and making recommendations concerning these matters to the City Council.
- Review of land use management, shoreline management and environmental protection ordinances and regulations of the City and making recommendations regarding them to the City Council.
- Review of potential future service annexation areas to the City as requested by the City Council, and making recommendations concerning them.
- Performance of design review unless that review is delegated to some other appointed body or City staff.
- Recommendation of, establishment of priorities for, and review of studies of geographic subareas in the City.
- Submission of written periodic reports annually to the City Council setting forth its progress in completing its work program for the current fiscal year.
- Holding public hearings in the exercise of its duties and responsibilities as it deems necessary, including public hearings required to be held in the course of adoption or amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, the zoning code, or adoption or amendment of regulations for shorelines management and environmental protection regulations.

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## DISCUSSION

To fill these three positions on the Planning Commission, the positions were advertised starting in October 2021 with the application period closing January 7, 2022. The City notified the public of these openings through *Currents*, the City's webpage and social media accounts, Shoreline Area News, Planning Commission Agenda Email, Shoreline E-News, the City Manager's report to Council, and through the Council of Neighborhoods. A notice was also posted at the libraries in Shoreline and the Spartan Recreation Center.

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### *2022 Planning Commission Applicants (**bold** = selected for interview)*

<b>Brinson, Leslie C.</b> <b>Campbell, Carrie</b> Charnley, Alan Drummond, David <b>Gitlin, David</b>	Jones, Ali <b>Lin, Mei-shiou</b> McMillan, Laura <b>Mosier, Christopher</b>	<b>Rappe, Kirk</b> Rezayat, Ashton T. Summers, Becky Winnick, Ken
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The Council subcommittee met on February 19<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> to conduct interviews. After the interviews were conducted, the subcommittee deliberated and unanimously recommended that the full Council appoint Mei-shiou Lin, Leslie Brinson, and Christopher Mosier to the Planning Commission for four-year terms. The selected applicant applications are included as **Attachment A**.

## RESOURCES/FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact for this Council action.

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council move to appoint Mei-shiou Lin, Leslie Brinson, and Christopher Mosier to the Planning Commission for four-year terms that will run from April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2026.

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Applications of Selected Planning Commissioners

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE APPLICATION

### ***FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE***

Shoreline Planning Commission \_\_\_\_\_  
**City Board or Commission**

*(Please type or print)*

Name: Leslie C. Brinson

Are you a Shoreline resident or property owner? Yes

Length of residence: 6 months

1. List your educational background.
  - Master of Urban Planning and Policy from the University of IL at Chicago
  - Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology from the University of CA at Berkeley
2. Please state your occupational background, beginning with your current occupation and employer.
  - Beginning Jan 2022: Seattle Public Utilities - Strategic Advisor on Customer Assistance and Affordability Policy
  - 2014 – 2021: City of Seattle Office of the Mayor - Senior Policy Advisor working on housing affordability, homelessness, land use issues and COVID-19 response
  - 2006 – 2014: Washington State Housing Finance Commission -Senior Policy Analyst overseeing the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit funding process.
3. Describe your involvement in the Shoreline community: We have only recently moved to Shoreline. With COVID, we haven't had much opportunity to get involved in the Shoreline community though we have enjoyed getting to know our neighbors as we collectively maintain the private road where our houses are located.
4. Describe your leadership roles and/or any special expertise you have which would be applicable to the position for which you are applying:

I have deep subject matter expertise in housing affordability policies and 8 years of professional experience working with elected officials, planners, data analysts and diverse community stakeholders to move forward proactive policies related to growth and

development. I also have experience working with diverse community members to create inclusive paths forward on housing issues.

As a policy advisor to the last two Mayors of Seattle, I managed the following:

- The development of Seattle's Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA), leading a 10-month stakeholder process to develop a comprehensive suite of actions to increase housing affordability in Seattle. I facilitated negotiations between elected officials, advocates and real estate developers to reach the agreement that resulted in zoning changes to implement Seattle's Mandatory Housing Affordability Program.
- The stakeholder engagement process for the Affordable Middle-Income Housing Advisory Council, assisting 26 professionals in housing development and finance to develop actionable solutions to increase availability of housing affordable to the region's workforce.

I have attached my resume for further context about my background experience.

5. List the addresses of property you own in Shoreline and the type of property (residential or commercial). Residential: 323 NW 193<sup>rd</sup> Street, Shoreline, WA 98177
6. Are you an official representative of a homeowners' association or other group? If so, please name the group. No
7. Describe why you are interested in serving in this position. With the wrapping up of my professional position doing this work for the City of Seattle, I'm looking for a way use my land use and housing knowledge to give back to the community in which I am personally invested. Shoreline will likely face very difficult planning and development considerations in the upcoming years as the light rail comes online. I look forward to the opportunity to help make the future of our community as livable, sustainable and inclusive as possible.

**Appointment to this board or commission will require your consistent attendance at regularly scheduled meetings.**

Are you available for evening meetings? Yes Daytime meetings? Occasionally

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Please return this application by the deadline to: City of Shoreline, City Clerk  
17500 Midvale Avenue North  
Shoreline, WA 98133  
(206) 801-2700

**Disclosure Notice:** Please note that your responses to the above application questions may be disclosed to the public under Washington State Law. The Personal Information form (page 3), however, is not subject to public disclosure.

*Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application.  
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## COMMUNITY SERVICE APPLICATION

### FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE

Planning Commission  
City Board or Commission

*(Please type or print)*

Name Mei-shiou Lin

Are you a Shoreline resident or property owner? Yes

Length of residence 20+/-

1. List your educational background.

The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. Master of Landscape Architecture  
Nation Taiwan University. Taipei, Taiwan. Master of Science in Agronomy  
Nation Taiwan University. Taipei, Taiwan. Bachelor of Science in Agronomy

2. Please state your occupational background, beginning with your current occupation and employer.

I am currently employed by the City of Seattle Parks and Recreation as a senior landscape architect. Prior to this position, I worked at WSDOT as a transportation planning specialist in Shoreline; 6 years at AECOM Shanghai as a senior designer/director managing international projects in their design, planning & economics studio; 13 years in land development consulting at Triad Associates in Kirkland, and I worked 4 years in Taichung City Government in Taiwan as an Agriculture Specialist. I have been practicing in the landscape architecture profession for over 25 years.

3. Describe your involvement in the Shoreline community.

I am a current Planning Commissioner in the City of Shoreline. I have continuously learned about and served our community through the regular planning commission meetings. In addition, I also attended neighborhood meetings before the pandemic and participated in community surveys.

4. Describe your leadership roles and/or any special expertise you have which would be applicable to the position for which you are applying.  
While working at AE OM, I had leadership roles as director and studio leader in a landscape studio of 43 professionals. I led a wide variety of community development projects; waterfront and urban renewal planning design projects both locally and abroad. I bring my experience in the private sector and current public institutional knowledge to offer a perspective that is vital to many of the topics our community is focusing on in planning for Shoreline's future. My professional training and passion in building a better community will continue to bring value to the position.
5. List the addresses of property you own in Shoreline and the type of property (residential or commercial).  
I own a residential property in Shoreline.  
The address is: 524 N. 170th Place, Shoreline WA 98133
6. Are you an official representative of a homeowners' association or other group? If so, please name the group.  
No.
7. Describe why you are interested in serving in this position.  
I love my neighborhood. I like to connect and be involved in the community I live in. This position will allow me to learn and contribute in shaping my community's future. Also, I very much enjoy working with my fellow commissioners and the city staff through the process.

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Are you available for evening meetings? Yes Daytime meetings? Yes on Mondays.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE APPLICATION

***FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE  
Planning Commission***

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**City Board or Commission**

*(Please type or print)*

Name: **Christopher Mosier**

Are you a Shoreline resident or property owner? **Yes**

Length of residence: **3 Years**

1. List your educational background:

**University of Colorado, Bachelor of Environmental Design, 2005**

2. Please state your occupational background, beginning with your current occupation and employer.

**Registered architect in Washington and Illinois. Primary areas of focus in Commercial Office/Workplace, Building Repositioning, Early Childhood Education and Biotechnology.**

**Ekorn: Owner/Principal, 2021-Present**

**B+H Advance Strategy: Senior Project Manager, 2018-2021**

**IA Interior Architects: Senior Designer, 2017-2018**

**HOK: Senior Designer, 2016-2017**

**SABArchitects: Senior Associate / Project Manager, 2006-2016**

3. Describe your involvement in the Shoreline community.

**Since moving to Shoreline in the fall of 2018 I have not been actively involved with any Shoreline community groups.**

4. Describe your leadership roles and/or any special expertise you have which would be applicable to the position for which you are applying.

**Professionally I led teams of 5-9 through large scale corporate tenant improvements. These project's range in size from 100,00sf to 450,000sf and require involvement and input from many internal stake holders (workplace strategy, real estate, security, IT, etc.) to ensure overall success. The projects are often extensive renovations to existing building requiring dialogue with Authorities Having Jurisdiction to negotiate zoning/land-use criteria for the proposed occupancy, building upgrades based on change of use as well as reviews with health departments based on new food services establishments being added to the facilities.**

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church (Ballard), Property Stewardship Committee (2018-2021)**

**I was a member of a committee tasked with investigating possibilities for redeveloping the church's 55,000sf property in central Ballard. As part of the committee, I assisted in the programming/visioning for the redevelopment and made presentations to the church community as well as the Diocesan Board of Directors to update those groups on the status of the project. I also assisted in cost estimating for the potential retention and refurbishment of a historic chapel on the property as well as the selection of project development partners such as owner's representation and real estate advisors.**

**I also provided pro-bono architectural services to help the church articulate future space needs and adjacencies.**

**Elektra Condominium HOA, Member at large (2011-2012)**

**HOA board member for a 200-unit downtown condo association.**

5. List the addresses of property you own in Shoreline and the type of property (residential or commercial).

**Residence at 123 NW 191St St.**

6. Are you an official representative of a homeowners' association or other group? If so, please name the group.

**Not at this time.**

7. Describe why you are interested in serving in this position.

**I am interested in helping shape Shoreline as it becomes more transit connected and evolves from a predominately single-family community to a community with more urban characteristics. I would like to see this occur in a manner that brings quality pedestrian scaled design and facilitates smaller, more walkable community nodes. I would also like to see the wooded character the city is known for maintained as best as possible, protecting the**

**existing canopy and finding ways to encourage replacement as denser development occurs.**

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Are you available for evening meetings? **Yes**      Daytime meetings? **Yes**

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