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To: City Council

Cc: J.D. Cox, City Manager

From: Clara Chaffin, Planning & Community Development Department

Subject: Recommendation for Historic Preservation Commission

Date: June 10, 2024

The City received an application for a vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission from Betsy Varland who is a current member of the commission whose term is expiring this month.

Betsy Varland has contributed in many ways to the projects of the commission. She also sits on the Arts and Culture Board of Trustees and therefore is a valuable liaison between the groups. Her creative ideas help shape many of the commission's projects.

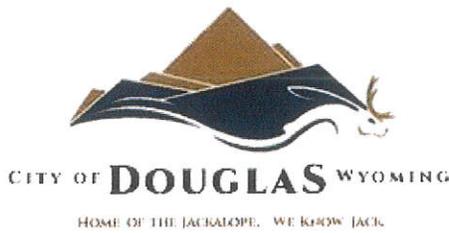
Staff recommends appointment of Betsy Varland to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.



Clara Chaffin

Community Development Director



Douglas Historic Preservation
Commission

Applicant Questionnaire

101 N. 4th Street / P. O. Box 1030
Douglas, Wyoming 82633
307-358-2132, Fax: 307-358-2133

Name of Applicant: Betsy Vaerland

This questionnaire will be utilized by the City Council in their selection process for the City of Douglas Historic Preservation Commission. Please answer as honestly and fully as possible. Feel free to use additional pages if needed.

1) What positive steps have you noticed in Douglas to preserve and promote its heritage?

- 3 Historic Districts
- Cemetery Tours - Current & Pioneer
- 3rd Grade Walking Tours

2) What additional actions would you like to see happen in achieving this goal? Why do you think preserving the heritage of Douglas is important to the community?

- Complete the Walking Tour element of the South Douglas Historic District
- Encourage Historical Tourism
- Create widespread knowledge of local history

3) What do you see as the biggest challenges to historic preservation in Douglas?

General lack of understanding of the
Amazing History of
Douglas!

4) Have you ever attended an Historic Preservation Commission Meeting?

1st term yes! I am currently completing my

5) What do you see as the role of the Historic Preservation Commission?

Education & Preservation -
Keeping our past alive
Honoring our past as we move forward
into the future

6) What qualities do you possess that you believe would make you a good commissioner?

3 years experience and my desire
to continue

Community Development Department Comments: _____

Staff Recommendation: _____



CITY OF DOUGLAS
Volunteer Application

Name of Applicant: Betsy Varland

Address: 421 South 5th St City/State/Zip: Douglas, WY 82633

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

Home Phone:	Cell Phone: <u>307-351-4773</u>	Work Phone: <u>307-358-6146</u>	Email: <u>betsy@converse.hope2.org</u>
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1. Are you a resident of the City of Douglas? Yes No
(This is a requirement for Planning & Zoning Commission/Board of Adjustments only.)

2. I am interested in serving on the following Boards/Commissions (Please all that apply):

Boards/Commissions/Committees:

- Douglas Planning & Zoning Commission/Board of Adjustments
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Converse County Tourism Promotion Board
- Douglas Housing Authority Board
- Federal Urban Systems Advisory Committee
- Douglas Board of Appeals
- Steering Committee Member (when applicable)
- Focus Group Member (when applicable)
- Other: _____

3. Have you served on any of these Boards/Commissions previously? Yes No

4. If "Yes", please indicate which Boards/Commissions and when you served: currently serving on Historic Preservation Commission, Arts & Culture

5. In what community/communities did you previously serve? Douglas, WY!

6. In what position(s) would you be willing to serve? (Please select all that apply.)

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Board, Commission, or Committee member only

7. Do you understand the attendance requirements as provided per Douglas Municipal Code and/or the Bylaws of the Board or Commission you wish to serve on? Yes No

8. If "No", please provide a description of your question(s): _____

9. Why are you seeking this appointment(s)? I am currently enjoying
servicing on the Historic Preservation Commission
and would like to continue to do so

Betsy Vorlund
Signature of Applicant

5-24-2024
Date

For Office Use Only: Selected for: _____ Length of Term/Dates: _____ Additional Information: _____ _____ _____
