

MISSOULA PLANNING BOARD Interview Questions

1. Please introduce yourself. Feel free to highlight useful experiences, knowledge or perspectives you would bring to the Planning Board.
2. Planning Board advises the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners on land use issues. Planning Board members are asked to weigh in on the growth policy, the zoning ordinance, and subdivision regulations. What about this work appeals to you? Are there particular issues you hope to address?
3. Rezoning requests can be very contentious. Please describe your approach to reviewing a development proposal that seems to comply with the growth policy and other relevant regulations but is opposed by a large amount of testimony to the board? How do you weigh testimony, geographically and otherwise?
4. A major tenet of the *Our Missoula Growth Policy* is “focus inward.” The idea of “focus inward” is to direct new development into already developed areas in the community where services, employment centers, shopping, schools, and infrastructure already exist. Please describe the tradeoffs between infill and greenfield development.
 - a. Is infill development a good idea? If so, do you have any thoughts on how to encourage or incentivize infill development?
 - b. What factors should be considered for land use and growth in the urban fringe – land in the county but adjacent to or near the city?
5. The *Our Missoula Growth Policy* was adopted with broad public support; in contrast, the Planning Board and the City Council have reviewed numerous developments that actualize the growth policy but are very contentious. Why do you think this is the case?
6. Describe the relationship between land use and transportation, as you see it.
7. Are there changes you would like to see in how the Planning Board does business or in the laws it applies?
8. The Planning Board meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month beginning at 7 pm. Does your schedule generally accommodate this meeting time and allow for reviewing the staff report and other materials attached to the agenda prior to the meeting?
9. [Ask if this is a candidate for a position as an alternate] Planning Board alternate members attend meetings and participate in discussion like full members but only vote when there is an absence among full members. Are you willing to serve as an alternate?