



SUBJECT: Planning & Zoning Board/Board of Appeals

ACTION REQUESTED: Appointment of one (1) alternate member.

REQUESTED BY: Rachael Telesca, CMC City Clerk

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Yes

SUMMARY

On March 16, 2026 Sylvia Marakas as an alternate member was appointed as a regular member to fill the expired term of Ms. Caisse, creating a vacancy on the alternate seat.

The Code requires that at least one (1) member of the Planning and Zoning Board be a property or business owner within the Community Redevelopment District (CRD). Board member Colin Young owns property within the CRD. The Code also states that at least two (2) Board members should possess a background in historic preservation, building or landscape architecture, urban planning, real estate, building/construction trades, environmental sciences, civil or transportation engineering, or a related field. Board members John (Jack) Soucy, Kristina Novisk, and Chris Logan have professional experience and educational background as noted in the code. Attached are excerpts from the Code.

One (1) application has been received from David Gallagher.

Mr. Gallagher has both professional experience and the educational background as noted in the code.

The current Board members are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Colin Young	November 2022	March 2027
Caroline Allison	December 2023	March 2028
Chris Logan	January 2026	March 2027
Sylvia Marakas	August 2025	March 2028
Heather Norton	March 2021	March 2028
John (Jack) Soucy	August 2025	March 2028

Kristina Novisk
VACANT (Alt)

October 2023

March 2027
March 2027

It is requested that the Commission appoint one (1) alternate member to the Planning & Zoning Board/Board of Appeals.

- **246.00 - Planning and zoning board.**

(A)

The City of Safety Harbor Planning and Zoning Board is hereby established.

(B)

The membership, terms of office and procedures shall be as follows:

(1)

The Planning and Zoning Board shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the City Commission. The members shall either be residents of the City or meet the qualifications of subsection (B)(3) below.

(2)

Two (2) members of the Planning and Zoning Board should have a background in historic preservation, building or landscape architecture, urban planning, real estate, building/construction trades, environmental sciences, civil or transportation engineering, or a related field.

(3)

One (1) member of the Planning and Zoning Board shall be either a property or business owner within the Community Redevelopment District (CRD), as shown on the Future Land Use Map.

(4)

The term of office for the Planning and Zoning Board members shall be for a period of two (2) years, four (4) members being appointed in each even year, three (3) regular members and one (1) alternate member being appointed in each odd year for a term beginning in March of each year.

(5)

When all of the regular board members are present at a board meeting, the alternate will sit as a nonvoting member of the board, but will be able to participate in the board's discussion. If one of the regular board members is absent from a board meeting, the alternate will sit as a voting member of the board.

(6)

Any member may be removed from office by a majority vote of the full membership of the City Commission without cause.

(7)

Vacancies shall be filled by the City Commission for the unexpired term of any membership which becomes vacant. Any Board member who resigns or moves out of the City limits shall notify the City Clerk in writing of the vacancy.

(8)

The Planning and Zoning Board shall, by a majority vote of the full membership, adopt rules of procedure.

(C)

Members of the Planning and Zoning Board shall receive no salaries or fees for their services, but may receive reasonable expenses while on official business as approved by the City Commission.

(D)

No member of the Planning and Zoning Board shall appear before the Planning and Zoning Board or City Commission while acting as agent for any person upon matters the Planning and Zoning Board has the authority to act.

(E)

The Planning and Zoning Board shall be the Local Planning Agency (LPA) for the City of Safety Harbor.

(F)

The Planning and Zoning Director shall be responsible for coordinating the duties of the Planning and Zoning Board. All City employees shall furnish to the Board such available records for information as may be required to carry out its duties.

(G)

The powers and duties of the Planning and Zoning Board shall be as follows:

(1)

To conduct public hearings for the purpose of reviewing, commenting, and recommending to the City Commission matters or amendments related to the Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

(2)

To make recommendations to the City Commission regarding amendments to this Code.

(3)

To make recommendations to the City Commission regarding amendments to the Official Zoning Atlas, Conditional Uses, and Site Plans.

(4)

To conduct special planning studies as directed by the City Commission.

(Ord. No. 2015-12, § 1, 5-18-2015)

Planning and Zoning Board/Board of Appeals Evaluation of Membership Requirements – 4/6/2026

Sec. 246(B)2: Two (2) members of the Planning and Zoning Board should have a background in historic preservation, building or landscape architecture, urban planning, real estate, building/construction trades, environmental sciences, civil or transportation engineering, or a related field.

Current Appointees:

APPOINTEE	PROPERTY/BUSINESS OWNER IN CRD	EDUCATION	RELEVANT EDUCATION	EXPERIENCE	RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
Chris Logan	NO	YES	BS Engineering	YES	Engineering, Real Estate, previous P & Z service.
VACANT (Alt)					
Heather Norton	NO	NO	M.D.	NO	
Sylvia Marakas	NO	NO		NO	
Colin Young	YES	NO	BA Mechanical Engineering	NO	Mechanical Engineering
Kristina Novisk	NO	YES		YES	Architecture
John (Jack) Soucy	NO	YES	BA Arch Eng Tech	YES	Engineer & Land Planning
Caroline Allison	NO	NO		NO	

Applicant:

APPOINTEE	PROPERTY/BUSINESS OWNER IN CRD	EDUCATION	RELEVANT EDUCATION	EXPERIENCE	RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
David Gallagher	NO	YES	MBA Finance	YES	Real Estate



CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR
APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT
(Board/Committee Members must be residents of the City of Safety Harbor)

PLEASE PROVIDE A ONE-PAGE RESUME WITH THIS APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: David Gallagher
Home Address: 8 Edgewilde Dr. Safety Harbor, FL
E-mail Address: g4fastbreak@gmail.com
Phone: (813) 230 0540 Cell: _____
How long have you been a resident of Safety Harbor? 30 Are you a registered voter in the City?

EMPLOYMENT:

Employer: (Name/Address) Cox Solutions
Occupation: Consulting / Sales
If retired, former occupation: _____

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

Degree(s) Received: BA Economics School/College: University of Delaware
MBA - Marketing/Finance University of South Florida

Volunteer Experience/Community Service/Other Applicable Experience:

- Safety Harbor Little League Baseball & Softball (Coach) 2005-2007
- Countryside Youth Soccer Coach 2008-2009

Please note active membership on any other boards/committees/non-profit organizations: (Note dates/name of organization/title, if applicable.)

Bay Woods I + 3 HOA 2023 - present

1. Have you ever been a member of a board? YES NO

If yes, please specify:

Board	Dates of Service
Bay Woods Homeowners Assoc	1998-2000
	2023-present
St. Mary's Episcopal Church + School	1992-1996

2. What is your understanding of the board's duties and responsibilities?

Basic Understanding of Board's responsibility to review for Real Estate Plans/Dev. + to fit within City's existing Plan, Codes

3. What background and/or qualifications do you have that you feel would qualify you to serve?

- Strong Understand Residential RE Development + Financing
- Working Knowledge of Commercial RE Dev. +
- Appreciation for City, zoning laws + codes/norms

4. What do you hope to accomplish by serving?

Contribute to City's sustained smart growth

5. What do you feel is the most pressing issue facing your prospective board?

Balancing pressure of Development + Infrastructure Residents Expectations of City Charm +

6. Describe ways you have contributed to the community?

- SH Little League Coach (Baseball + Softball) #92005-2008
- Countryside Youth Soccer Coach 2005-2007
- Bay Woods HOA Volunteer + Board Member

7. Please provide any additional information you feel would be useful in considering your application.

- Forming a Civic Group that will be umbrella group with 501c 5 status for 8 defunct HOAs. will help them pursue neighborhood + community grants + give them legal standing before the city of judicial. Expect to be up + running by May 31st 2024

8. What board(s)/committee(s) are you interesting in serving? (Number in order of preference.)

2nd ✓ Code Enforcement Board (Helps to promote, protect and improve the health, safety and welfare of the residents, with authority to impose administrative fines and other non-criminal penalties to provide equitable, expeditious, effective and inexpensive methods of enforcing City codes and ordinances where a pending or repeated violation continues to exist). Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at City Hall.

_____ Diversity Advisory Board – SEE ADDITIONAL PAGE ATTACHED (Serves as a primary contributor to create a welcoming and inclusive community that respects all citizens, gives them full access to resources, and promotes equal treatment and opportunity. Engages citizens in decision-making processes that affect their lives.

3rd ✓ Finance Advisory Committee (Reviews budget, financial policies and procedures, and other financial related matters. The Committee makes recommendations to the City Commission geared toward fiscal sustainability of the City). Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at City Hall.

_____ Firefighter Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees (Administers the Pension Trust Fund). Meets quarterly, on the 4th Thursday, 9:00 a.m., at City Hall.

_____ Library Advisory Committee (Advises and assists the Library Director to ensure the Library provides the best possible service to the community. Provides guidance to the Director and City in planning and establishing library policies, and support the Director regarding appropriate levels of library funding and promotion). Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at the Library.

_____ Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Advises the City Commission and staff as to interpretation of community needs regarding the types of leisure programs and facilities). Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at the Community Center.

_____ Personnel Review Board (Hears and rules on employee appeals of suspensions and terminations. The Board is also responsible for conducting a public hearing on changes to the Personnel Rules). Meets when needed.

1st ✓ Planning & Zoning Board/Board of Appeals – SEE ADDITIONAL PAGE ATTACHED (Makes recommendations to the City Commission regarding the City's Comprehensive Plan, the downtown redevelopment plan, historic site designations, zoning and land use requests, site plans and special use permits. Members of this Board also serve on the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals is established to hear and decide on requests for variances to zoning regulations based upon a hardship or other unusual circumstance as defined by specific criteria). Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at City Hall.

_____ Public Art Committee (Advisory committee for the selection of artwork, artists or commissioning and sitting associated with public art in the City). Meets the 4th Monday of every other month, 6:30 p.m., at the Museum.

_____ Sustainability Advisory Board (Reviews and makes recommendations to the City Commission regarding Sustainability Initiatives including policies, procedures, legislation, and regulations that promote sustainability and resiliency; and makes recommendations to the City Commission for updates to the City's Resiliency and Sustainability Plan.) Board members must meet the City's eligibility requirements as well as having expertise, training, education or experience in fields related to sustainability. Once established, this Board will meet, at a minimum, quarterly. Dates and times to be determined.

Printed Name: David Callaghan
Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 3/24/2020

If appointed, I will notify the City of Safety Harbor of any changes in my residence or of any relevant changes that would affect my appointment. I will also notify the City of any potential conflicts of interest arise. I am not employed by, or a member of, any business entity (business of non-profit) with proposals, programs, contracts, requests, or any other matters that may become before the City Commission for review, funding or support during the next two years. I certify this application is complete, truthful, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Please return this application and resume to: Rachael Telesca, City Clerk, via email at: rtelesca@cityofsafetyharbor.com, or by mail to: City of Safety Harbor, Attn: Rachael Telesca, 750 Main St., Safety Harbor, FL 34695.

Note: Boards require Safety Harbor residency. this application must be accompanied by a copy of one of the following:

- Current voter registration within city limits
- Valid current Florida Drivers' License issued to an address within city limits
- Declaration of Domicile filed with the city clerk affirming residency within city limits

Planning & Zoning Board/Board of Appeals applicants only:

Are you a property or business owner within the Community Redevelopment District? ~~Yes~~ No

Do you possess a background in the following (check all that apply):

historic preservation

building or landscape architecture

urban planning

real estate

building/construction trades

environmental sciences

civil or transportation engineering, or a related field

Sustainability Advisory Board applicants only:

Do you possess expertise, training, education or experience in the following fields? (check all that apply):

Physical, Biological, Environmental and/or Health Sciences

Sustainability and Sustainability Communications

Engineering

Land Use and/or Resiliency Planning

Environmental Law

Water Conservation

Environmental Education

Green Building

Energy Management

DIVERSITY ADVISORY BOARD applicants only – Please consider the following optional questions:

1. Which of these best describes your current gender identity: Male Female
 Transgender Other I do not wish to disclose

2. Race/Ethnicity: (Please check one of the descriptions below corresponding to the ethnic group with which you identify.)

Hispanic or Latino: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

White (Not Hispanic or Latino): A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.

Black or African American (Not Hispanic or Latino): A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (Not Hispanic or Latino): A person having origins in any of the peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.

Asian (Not Hispanic or Latino): A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.

Native American or Alaska Native (Not Hispanic or Latino): A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Two or more races (Not Hispanic or Latino): All persons who identify with more than one of the above five races.

I do not wish to disclose.

3. Why is diversity and inclusion important to you, and why is it important that we recognize and value difference?

4. How would you build a community that celebrates diversity and inclusion?