

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 14, 2012 6:00 p.m.
Public Safety Building
3925 W Cedar Hills Drive, Cedar Hills, Utah
(Please note location change for this meeting)

This meeting may be held electronically via telephone to permit one or more of the council members to participate.

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cedar Hills, Utah, will hold public hearings in connection with their Special City Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge
2. Approval of Meeting's Agenda

SCHEDULED ITEMS

3. Review of City Council Applications
4. Appointment of City Councilmember
5. Swearing in of City Councilmember

ADJOURNMENT

6. Adjourn

Posted this 10th day of August, 2012.

Colleen A. Mulvey, City Recorder

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- The order of agenda items may change to accommodate the needs of the City Council, the staff, and the public.

CITY OF CEDAR HILLS

APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL

Name BAILEY BENJAMIN D. Date AUG. 8, 2012
Last First Middle



CEDAR HILLS

QUESTIONS

Why do you want to be a member of the City Council?

I LIVE A SUCCESSFUL LIFE BASED ON GIVING, RESPECT, SERVICE, & STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE. AS A CURRENT PUBLIC SERVANT I WISH TO SERVE THESE PARTS AS A COUNCIL MEMBER.

What do you consider is your strongest attribute you could bring as a member of the City Council?

GOOD JUDGMENT. THERE ARE ALWAYS TWO EXAGGERATED SIDES TO EVERY DECISION. MY STRENGTH IS TO FIND THE MIDDLE & SOUND CHOICE.

How do you feel you can assist with any/all of the community goals?

MY BACKGROUND IS PUBLIC SERVICE. OUR CITIZENS DESERVE A SAFE, CLEAN & FUN PLACE TO LIVE. THERE ARE NUMEROUS BEHIND THE SCENE EVENTS THAT MAKE THIS HAPPEN. I'M WILLING TO DO MORE THAN MY PART.

Describe your vision of the City of Cedar Hills in ten years?

MY VISION OF OUR COMMUNITY IS ONE OF UNITY. "A HOUSE DIVIDED CAN NOT STAND," A. LINCOLN. OUR CITY DESERVES TO BE UNITED. EVERY CITIZEN GETS TO FEEL LIKE THEY BELONG. MY GOAL IS TO BE A PART OF UNIFYING, (THROUGH RESPECT, SERVICE, & STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE) THE CITY.

Can you communicate views well? Can you be intimidated or can you express an opinion even though it may not be the view of each/any Council member?

I ABSOLUTELY COMMUNICATE MY VIEWS WELL. I OFTEN DO THIS IN FORUMS WHERE IT IS NOT POPULAR. I'M KNOWN BY MY FELLOW ASSOCIATES @ WALMART TO SPEAK MY BELIEFS TO OTHER MANAGEMENT.

What do you feel is the biggest obstacle you will have in serving on the City Council?

TIME MANAGEMENT. THE CITIZENS DESERVE MY TIME WHICH I WILL GIVE THEM 100%. I'M GOOD @ MULTITASKING & WILL WORK THIS OUT.

Any comments you would like to make or additional information you would like to give?

IN ADDITION TO MY PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS MY GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY IS THAT OF A FATHER OF 6, MARRIED OVER 17 YEARS. THIS EXPERIENCE HAS BEST PREPARED ME TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR CITIZENS.

CITY OF CEDAR HILLS

APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL

Name Cox Emily _____ Date 7-27-12
Last First Middle



CEDAR HILLS

QUESTIONS

Why do you want to be a member of the City Council?

I feel a great sense of pride for Cedar Hills. I love that our city has a master plan and has stayed true to it and, through City Council, is working toward future development. I love Cedar Hills as it is now, but am enthusiastic for all its possibilities. I want to be in a position to incite change and rally the support and ideas of an equally enthusiastic group of people. There are untapped talents, ideas, resources and visions among the residents of Cedar Hills and as a member of City Council and representative of the people, I would make it a priority to seek out and utilize as many as possible.

What do you consider is your strongest attribute you could bring as a member of City Council?

My strongest attribute would unequivocally be enthusiasm. Serving on the Beautification Committee has opened my eyes to the reality of city abilities as well as limitations. Creative problem-solving and brainstorming are paramount in making things happen with limited resources. I will bring a head full of ideas and a positive, solution-based approach, recognizing the value of groups of people working together. I want to see residents involved and invested in their city.

How do you feel you can assist with any/all of the community goals?

My educational background is heavily steeped in helping individuals progress toward goals through prioritization and support systems. I would treat the city as a living, breathing individual whose basic needs (e.g., maintenance, security, safety and paid bills) must first be met. Once the basic needs of the city are met, energy and focus can then be placed upon short-term and long-term goals, made more possible by dedicated support systems (e.g., committees and residents) that help keep perspectives broad, ideas plentiful and goals in check.

Describe your vision of the city of Cedar Hills in ten years.

In simplest terms, I envision Cedar Hills as a picturesque, cozy, tight-knit community. The picturesque part has been graciously donated by Mother Nature, though it will be greatly enhanced by tidy, well-maintained, inviting neighborhoods, well-groomed trails and immaculate parks. Cedar Hills has all the bones for an old-fashioned, down-home community and I picture well-thought-out commercial development centered around a 'town square' where residents can gather and enjoy the convenience of proximity, where local talent can perform and all can enjoy a beautiful place that meets their consumer needs. (I have an entire list of ideas... for another time.) We will utilize the vast number of youth groups and other nearby organizations to carry out local service projects for both the city and those in need. There will be traditions for families and I see, in addition to the Family Festival and those already-established events, a large family-oriented winter event that brings the community together during the holidays. In ten years, our fair city will have flourishing community programs that enable people to better themselves, businesses run by local residents and solution-focused idea swapping between residents and City Council. Cedar Hills will be a city full of citizens eager to maintain and cooperate with the progress of the best kept, most beautiful secret in Utah Valley.

Can you communicate views well? Can you be intimidated or can you express an opinion even though it may not be the view of each/any Council members?

I appreciate straightforward communication. Some of my favorite people are those that state their opinions matter-of-factly. If I value this trait in others, I must exhibit the same and have learned through serving on numerous committees and boards that the best solutions derive from collaboration born of differing opinions. I recognize that the solution to a problem can often be sparked by one person's unpopular or seemingly non-traditional comments and, as a representative of a varied group, it would become my responsibility to express my opinion, no matter how I *assume* it will be received.

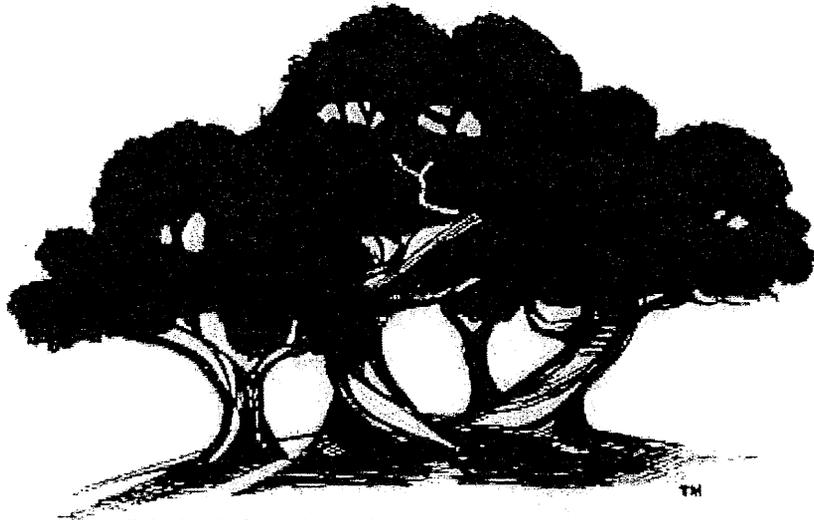
What do you feel is the biggest obstacle you will have in serving on the City Council?

Jumping into this position on a well-established City Council, I feel my biggest obstacle will be quickly learning all the intricacies of running the city, i.e. all the lesser-known laws and regulations, policies and procedures with which, as a resident, I am not familiar.

CITY OF CEDAR HILLS

APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL

Name Crawley Robert Lawrence Date 7/30/2012
Last First Middle



CEDAR HILLS

QUESTIONS

Why do you want to be a member of the City Council?

I want to become a member of the City Council because I feel that my skills will help bring a deeper understanding of the finances of the City to fellow City Council members and to those citizens of the city that have a desire to understand the finances of the city. In addition, I feel that I because of my leadership background, I am able to ask the right questions and contribute good ideas that will improve the City.

What do you consider is your strongest attribute you could bring as a member of the City Council?

I feel that in addition to financial knowledge, I have an ability to bring two sides of an issue together in a peaceful manner. I believe that my ability to help each side see the viewpoint of the other side will help bring the long sought after peace and mutual understanding to the City.

How do you feel you can assist with any/all of the community goals?

I would come to the City Council as an unbiased individual towards any groups that may have developed in the City. I understand that the goals of some in the City may be different than the goals of others. However, I would be mindful of all factions in the city and try to tailor my objectives to please the majority of citizens while compromising in cases where it can satisfy the majority while ensuring the minority that their voices have been heard.

Describe your vision of the City of Cedar Hills in ten years?

In ten years, I view the city as wonderful place to live, much like it is today. The only differences would be that there will be an addition of one or two shopping areas that will increase the tax base for the City and the Citizens will use the City facilities more often, including the golf course. The City's portion of property taxes will begin to decrease because of efficiency in managing the finances of the City and the increase in revenue from additional businesses. Although there will be lively debate regarding new issues brought before the City, there will be more respect between those with differing viewpoints.

Can you communicate views well? Can you be intimidated or can you express an opinion even though it may not be the view of each/any Council member?

I have never had a problem communicating my viewpoints effectively. I am fearless when I feel that something needs to be said or an error needs to be corrected. I believe honesty is crucial in leadership at any level, but especially as a public servant.

What do you feel is the biggest obstacle you will have in serving on the City Council?

The largest obstacle I will face as a member of the City Council is that of trying to bring differing viewpoints together. I have had many conversations with those in the City Council as well as citizens that have been critical of the leadership of the City. I believe that there have been errors in judgment made on both sides, but I believe both sides want the same thing. I think there can be peace, but it will require both sides to look forward instead of backward. Getting all to forgive, forget and look forward will be the biggest challenge.

Any comments you would like to make or additional information you would like to give?

I believe Cedar Hills is one of the greatest cities in the world to live in and raise a family in. The schools are great, the streets, homes and yards are clean. The people are wonderful. They say it takes a community to raise a child and I view this as the most wonderful place I have found to help my children grow and progress. The problems are relatively small and can be resolved. The future of Cedar Hills is wonderful.

CITY OF CEDAR HILLS

APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL

Name CROSBY CURT L Date 8-9-2012
Last First Middle



CEDAR HILLS

QUESTIONS

Why do you want to be a member of the City Council?

To ~~be~~ serve.

What do you consider is your strongest attribute you could bring as a member of the City Council?

Frugality.

How do you feel you can assist with any/all of the community goals?

With a PRINCIPLED APPROACH to openly TRANSPARENT government based on our Constitution and the proper Role of Government.

Describe your vision of the City of Cedar Hills in ten years?

Lowest TAXING, LEAST Debt, Friendliest city in The WORLD.

Can you communicate views well? Can you be intimidated or can you express an opinion even though it may not be the view of each/any Council member?

yes, No, yes.

What do you feel is the biggest obstacle you will have in serving on the City Council?

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There are many challenges but I find it difficult to identify the biggest obstacle.

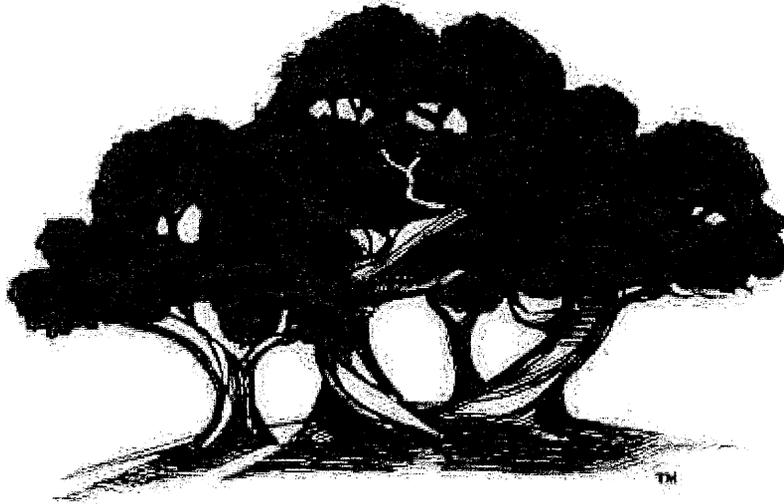
Any comments you would like to make or additional information you would like to give?

Thanks for your service in behalf of our Community.

CITY OF CEDAR HILLS

APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL

Name Driggs S. David Date 7/29/2012
Last First Middle



CEDAR HILLS

QUESTIONS

Why do you want to be a member of the City Council?

Having lived in Cedar Hills for 13 years and having followed the issues the city has faced during that time period, I feel that I

understand the history behind many of the issues facing the city. In addition, having served on the Blue Ribbon Committee

and presently on the Planning Commission, I have enjoyed working towards improving the wonderful city of Cedar Hills. I desire

to continue to improve our city by serving on the city council.

What do you consider is your strongest attribute you could bring as a member of the City Council?

My strongest attribute is that I listen to and understand topics before arriving at a decision. I am open to discussion and

appreciate the viewpoints that exist from all "pockets of our city". Because I listen and am approachable, people from all

sides of an issue respect the fact that I make decisions after having all the facts and thus respect the decision even if unpopular.

How do you feel you can assist with any/all of the community goals?

I have over 20 years of business development experience in negotiating and implementing business ventures both big and small. Further

as a small business entrepreneur I understand what it takes to grow a business. Cedar Hills needs further economic development if

it would like to lower the tax burden on it's citizens. My experience can assist with economic development and attracting new business

Specifically, I would enjoy helping get the Rec Center up and running and seeing it busy with events and activities.

Describe your vision of the City of Cedar Hills in ten years?

In ten years, our commercial district will be nearly full to capacity our property tax rates lowered due to increased revenue and a

significant reduction in debt. There will be in ten years a consensus amongst ALL citizens of Cedar Hills that it's elected officials

are respected and considered to be ethical without any self serving claims made by its citizenry.

Can you communicate views well? Can you be intimidated or can you express an opinion even though it may not be the view of each/any Council member?

Anyone that knows me well, knows that I am not bashful from expressing my opinion even if it is not popular. My past career

in business development was all about communicating and negotiating in a manner that was professional and understood by all parties.

What do you feel is the biggest obstacle you will have in serving on the City Council?

There are no significant obstacles that would prevent me from serving. A minor obstacle may be that I may miss a meeting here or

there due business or family constraints, but this will not be significant nor beyond what is already occurring with current council

members. My current occupation requires minimal travel.

Any comments you would like to make or additional information you would like to give?

There has been much discussion about the divide that exists in our city. I believe that I can bridge this divide as I have been on both

sides of issues that have come to our city over the years. For example, I favored Sunday closure and banning beer sales, but not for

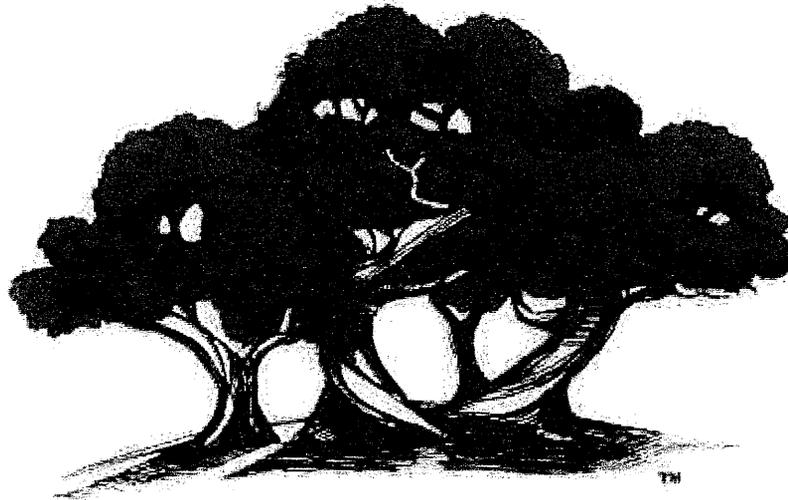
the same reasons as some. I would rather our city not own a golf course, but we do and thus we need to make the best of it by

building it into a world class facility and making it competitive in the marketplace. Let's grow revenue and reduce our debt!

CITY OF CEDAR HILLS

APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL

Name GEDDES MICHAEL J. Date 7/30/12
Last First Middle



CEDAR HILLS

QUESTIONS

Why do you want to be a member of the City Council?

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE BACK SOME OF MY EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE TO OUR GREAT CITY OF CEDAR HILLS. I WILL ADD AN INDEPENDENT VOICE TO THE CURRENT COUNCIL.

What do you consider is your strongest attribute you could bring as a member of the City Council?

I HAVE AN OPEN MIND IN LOOKING AT PROBLEMS AND AM WILLING TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THE COUNCIL & COMMUNITY TO FIND ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS.

How do you feel you can assist with any/all of the community goals?

I LOVE OUR COMMUNITY, I LISTEN TO DIFFERING POINTS OF VIEW AND CAN OFFER MY OWN PROPOSALS, I WANT TO SEE OUR CITY MOVE FORWARD IN PROMOTING A GREAT ENVIRONMENT FOR US ALL TO LIVE IN.

Describe your vision of the City of Cedar Hills in ten years?

FISCALLY STRONG, STABLE; A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND A COMMUNITY THAT WELCOMES ALL. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A CITY THAT WORKS TOGETHER IN PROMOTING, COMMERCE, EDUCATION, RECREATION AND STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS, THAT ARE WILLING TO SERVE OTHERS IF NEEDED.

Can you communicate views well? Can you be intimidated or can you express an opinion even though it may not be the view of each/any Council member?

I AM A GOOD COMMUNICATOR, I CAN LISTEN & UNDERSTAND CONTRARY POINTS OF VIEW, I HAVE A HISTORY OF LOYALTY WITH FORMER EMPLOYEES AND COLLEGS.

What do you feel is the biggest obstacle you will have in serving on the City Council?

I DON'T REALLY SEE ANY OBSTACLES, I WILL SHARE MY OPINIONS OPENLY, ADD MEANINGFUL DIALOG TO ISSUE, STUDY AND RESEARCH IMPORTANT ISSUES AND MAKE MYSELF AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY INPUT.

Any comments you would like to make or additional information you would like to give?

I HAVE BEEN A SEASON PASS HOLDER AT THE GOLF COURSE SINCE IT OPENED, MY EXPERTISE IN LAND DEV. WOULD BE AN ASSET IN SELLING PROPERTY TO REDUCE DEBT.

I AM A FATHER OF 4 BOYS, I ALSO HAVE A SEVERELY AUTISTIC SON (23 YRS) SO I UNDERSTAND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR THOSE WHO NEED ADDITIONAL SERVICES & CARE.

I HAVE ALSO BEEN ACTIVE IN MY TRADE ORGANIZATION (HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATIONS), CALIF, OREGON, & UTAH. BEEN PAST V.P. IN SOME OF THESE.

CITY OF CEDAR HILLS

APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL

Name HORNE MINDY LYNN Date 8/8/12
Last First Middle



CEDAR HILLS

QUESTIONS

Why do you want to be a member of the City Council?

I have been frustrated with some decisions made by the City as well as lack of information given to residents and would like to be a part of a change.

What do you consider is your strongest attribute you could bring as a member of the City Council?

I have an analytical mind and can make decisions based on all information from different points of view.

How do you feel you can assist with any/all of the community goals?

I make decisions based on long-term results and can see the bigger picture.

Describe your vision of the City of Cedar Hills in ten years?

A family friendly community with a larger tax base and more city facilities for family use.

Can you communicate views well? Can you be intimidated or can you express an opinion even though it may not be the view of each/any Council member?

I feel I can communicate well. I am not afraid to express my thoughts, views, opinions or state facts to others. I regret not being in debate because I not only can see the other side, but

What do you feel is the biggest obstacle you will have in serving on the City Council? could argue both sides.

I am a busy person. I am involved with my children and their lives. I am active in my ward and the school.

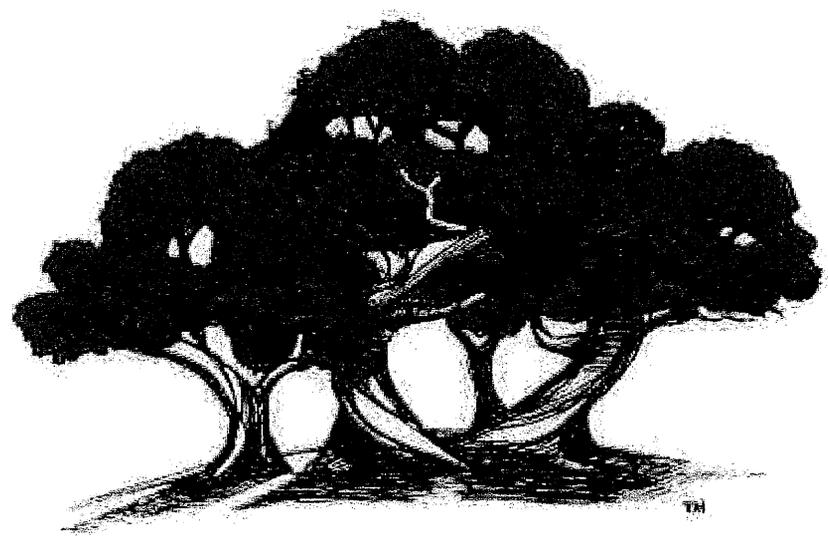
Any comments you would like to make or additional information you would like to give?

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CITY OF CEDAR HILLS

APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL

Name JACKSON, COREY M. Date 27-JULY-2012
Last First Middle



CEDAR HILLS

QUESTIONS

Why do you want to be a member of the City Council?

To assist with Commercial business development

What do you consider is your strongest attribute you could bring as a member of the City Council?

Detail oriented, personal integrity, interpersonal communications, business analysis, technical project management, technical system implementer

How do you feel you can assist with any/all of the community goals?

I can attract / market / draw businesses to consider moving their business to our city. I can help develop the businesses already here.

Describe your vision of the City of Cedar Hills in ten years?

A strong Commercial business base, a strong family-based environment for performing and fine arts, a strong influence in the County, state, and national governmental environments.

Can you communicate views well? Can you be intimidated or can you express an opinion even though it may not be the view of each/any Council member?

I have learned professional techniques for public communication. I can be influenced by sound reasoning and adherence to family values, but not intimidated by individuals with opposing views that try to manipulate.

What do you feel is the biggest obstacle you will have in serving on the City Council?

I prefer to call obstacles, "opportunities". The biggest opportunity is to help city residents to look away from political divisiveness and toward community unity.

Any comments you would like to make or additional information you would like to give?

CITY OF CEDAR HILLS

APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL

Name Johnson Angela C.C. Date 7/23/12
Last First Middle



CEDAR HILLS

QUESTIONS

Why do you want to be a member of the City Council?

I look forward to helping the city back into a very positive light. I look forward to researching issues and helping the residents feel good about the direction the city is headed.

What do you consider is your strongest attribute you could bring as a member of the City Council?

I enjoy interacting with others. I enjoy problem solving, researching and discussing issues... and I love to work. ☺

How do you feel you can assist with any/all of the community goals?

I have a desire to take time to listen to residents ideas and/or concerns. I know that we can do what is in the best interest of the residents.

Describe your vision of the City of Cedar Hills in ten years?

I envision Cedar Hills being a model city for other communities. I see the residents feeling their voice is being heard, spending wisely, being open with all information that the citizens may want to know.

Can you communicate views well? Can you be intimidated or can you express an opinion even though it may not be the view of each/any Council member?

I feel I have patience and don't let my emotions enter into discussions. I enjoy interacting with others and look forward to healthy discussion.

What do you feel is the biggest obstacle you will have in serving on the City Council?

I do not talk very loud ☺. I may need to bring my little megaphone if there is no microphone.

Any comments you would like to make or additional information you would like to give?

Thank you for your efforts in this process.

CITY OF CEDAR HILLS

APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL

Name LOWDER DARIN S Date _____
Last First Middle



CEDAR HILLS

QUESTIONS

Why do you want to be a member of the City Council? I LOVE our city! Not just because I'm an optimist, but because I have learned WHY it is a great place. With recent negative exposure, self-inflicted by residents, I know we can reverse that through a monthly town hall education process, covering taxes and how it is used, our dual water system, excellent police & fire coverage, etc.!

What do you consider is your strongest attribute you could bring as a member of the City Council?

Institutional knowledge. I have been involved with past and existing issues for several years and have a historical perspective as a past Council member and resident. Known track record.

How do you feel you can assist with any/all of the community goals?

I can immediately add value because of past experience. I know where confusion exists between reality and perception on our taxes and golf course issues. With monthly town hall meetings, can help put perspective on CH status re: tax rate, options, POSITIVE STATUS!

Describe your vision of the City of Cedar Hills in ten years?

A completed, vibrant commercial district! Sales tax revenue helping or covering our golf bond, with the golf course lots sold and a much lower debt remaining. The rec center will be northern WI county's leading reception center! The park east of Deerfield Elementary. All residents who want to understand CH's finances, will! Our city will be in even greater demand for families AND empty nesters.

Can you communicate views well? Can you be intimidated or can you express an opinion even though it may not be the view of each/any Council member?

I'm comfortable presenting ideas and findings. While my track record has always sided with the majority, I differed with many on the ERC about use of impact fees. I agreed with current plan, trying to

What do you feel is the biggest obstacle you will have in serving on the City Council?

Some residents have had enough of our small city's politics and may think they don't want to hear more. I can help structure the town hall meetings to motivate them to come; publicize the purpose and agenda, let them be heard, Q&A, EDUCATE!

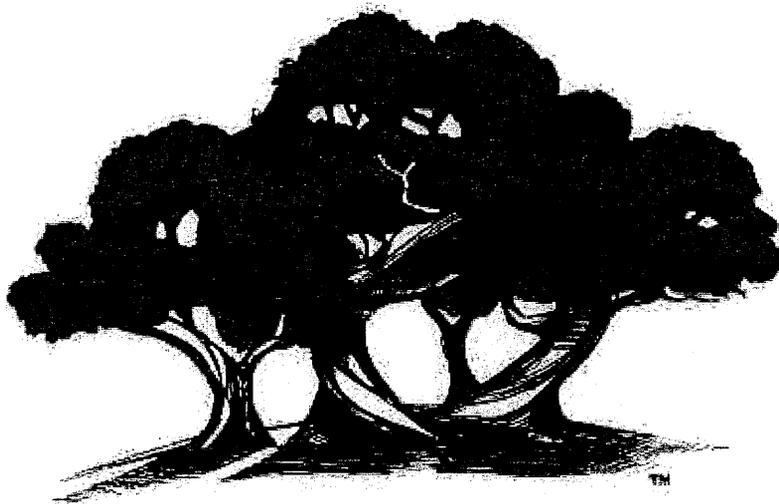
Any comments you would like to make or additional information you would like to give?

help people understand the decision was being driven by money, and financial risk/exposure; not about a preference for golf or a pool or more traditional rec center. I differed with Council members in the past, but I think that should be expected. If all members approach the discussion with respect, differing viewpoints simply helps get to a better end result. I trust the majority viewpoint in this community!

CITY OF CEDAR HILLS

APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL

Name WHITLOCK, KURT ALDONS Date July 30, 2012
Last First Middle



CEDAR HILLS

QUESTIONS

Why do you want to be a member of the City Council?

To work with Gary Gygis, who I know and respect highly, and city council members to enhance the quality of life in Cedar Hills. I know that I can make a difference.

What do you consider is your strongest attribute you could bring as a member of the City Council?

Strong research background and awareness of current trends and developments. Strong technical and communications skills.

How do you feel you can assist with any/all of the community goals?

I am able to gather, process and interpret a wide variety of information, work with others to formulate a vision and share it with others to bring them on board. I am open to the views of others.

Describe your vision of the City of Cedar Hills in ten years?

Utah's premier family community, with a reputation for honesty, integrity, convenience, accessibility and progressiveness. A clean, safe, friendly place to live. We are on this road now. We need to increase and strengthen it to become one of the most desirable places in Utah to live.

Can you communicate views well? Can you be intimidated or can you express an opinion even though it may not be the view of each/any Council member?

I can communicate my views clearly and well. I cannot be intimidated, but I am open to and appreciative of the views of others.

What do you feel is the biggest obstacle you will have in serving on the City Council?

I don't anticipate any obstacles that can't be overcome.

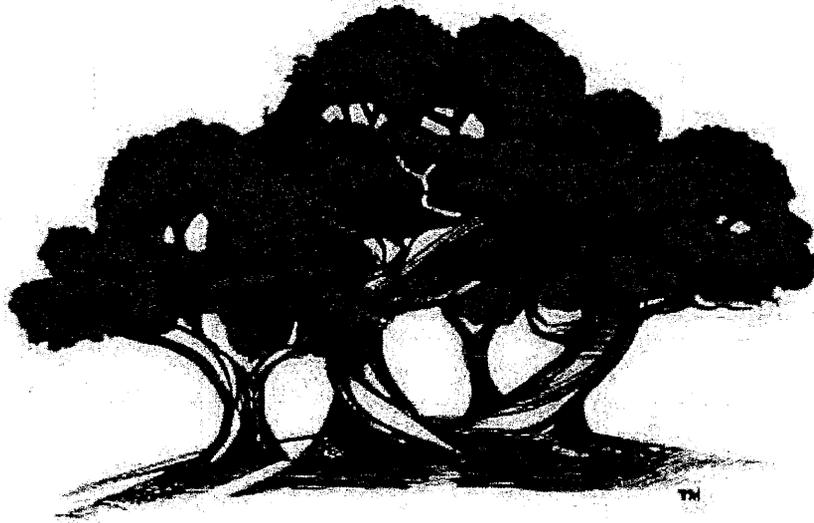
Any comments you would like to make or additional information you would like to give?

I think that it is time for me to "give back" to the community. I hope to have the opportunity to do this. I will help you to help the city!

CITY OF CEDAR HILLS

APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL

Name Zappala Daniel Date 7/30/2012
Last First Middle



CEDAR HILLS

QUESTIONS

Why do you want to be a member of the City Council?

I feel it is important to offer service to the community, and I am in a position, both personally and professionally, where I am able to serve in this capacity. The current council has been doing a great job providing greater transparency and communication with residents. I feel I can be an additional voice for greater unity and civility within the city, so that we can move beyond factions and work together on shared goals.

What do you consider is your strongest attribute you could bring as a member of the City Council?

I am a good listener and able to weigh all sides of an issue. I am good at building consensus and working toward common goals with sensible solutions.

How do you feel you can assist with any/all of the community goals?

I can help build greater unity by being a peacemaker and by ensuring that concerns are heard and responded to in a timely fashion. I can support the city's goal to continue to find ways to keep everyone informed -- I think having a teacher's perspective on effective communication would be valuable. I would like to find ways to build greater involvement within the community. I am particularly interested in our long-term plans to complete our trails.

Describe your vision of the City of Cedar Hills in ten years?

I would like our city to have a strong brand, as a vibrant small city, with ample outdoor opportunities. This would include emphasizing our beautiful parks and trails, our foothills, and our proximity to American Fork Canyon and its recreation opportunities. I'd like to have all residents appreciate the open spaces our golf course offers, by increasing the connection of our trail system to the course, so that all bicyclists, walkers and joggers feel the course is an asset. Our commercial land should be more fully developed, and we should be farther along on our long-term plan for the golf course, with the residential lots owned by the city sold and used to help defray the costs of the course. A beautiful, fun city to live in, with low property taxes and smart government.

Can you communicate views well? Can you be intimidated or can you express an opinion even though it may not be the view of each/any Council member?

Yes -- I regularly present at scientific conferences, where I defend my work. I regularly meet with BYU faculty to plan our administration of and vision for the department. I believe in vibrant discussion, with all opinions heard and evaluated, followed by consensus-building discussions so that we can work together on good solutions.

What do you feel is the biggest obstacle you will have in serving on the City Council?

Staying up late for meetings, because I'm a morning person.

Any comments you would like to make or additional information you would like to give?

I have been actively engaged in the city since I moved here -- at first as a participant in online discussions and then more recently serving on the Blue Ribbon recreation committee and the Planning Commission. I feel I am knowledgeable about most issues facing the city, and can quickly come up to speed as a council member. My family loves living here!