

Housing policy board reactivated

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After a hiatus of several years, the City of Sisters Housing Policy Advisory Board has been re-activated with the appointment of seven members and one ex-officio member, by Mayor Chuck Ryan.

The Board was originally established in 2016 by the Sisters City Council in response to a 2010 Housing Plan and 2016 Housing Needs Analysis recommending the creation of a Housing Policy Advisory Board. Due to a lack of public interest in serving, the Board was deactivated. With increased need for and interest in low-cost housing in Sisters, the Council decided it was time to reactivate the Board.

Of the seven members, not more than three may be non-residents of the City of Sisters. Two members will represent active developers of non-profit

or for-profit affordable housing units. One member represents builders within the city of Sisters with a preference for builders of lower-cost and/or workforce dwelling units. One member will represent the Planning Commission, and the remaining members will be residents of the city. There will also be a City Council liaison, Richard Esterman, and the Community Development Director, Patrick Davenport, will serve as the principal staff representative. The Mayor may also appoint ex-officio non-voting members.

The Board’s job will be to act in an advisory capacity to the Planning Commission and City Council on matters pertaining to the development of new and the revising of existing policies and regulations related to increasing appropriate levels of affordable and lower-cost/workforce housing within the city limits.

Board members appointed include: Sharlene Weed,

Habitat for Humanity, in-city; and David Brandt, Housing Works, outside city. Representing active developers of low-cost housing: George Slape, board member of Hayden Homes First Story, outside. Representing builders; Jeff Seymour, vice-chairman of the Planning Commission, in-city; Diane Goble and Tim Kizziar, in-city residents; and Susan Wilson, outside city resident. Karna Gustafson, real estate and land-use attorney with Central Oregon Builders Association, will serve as an ex-officio member.

The normal term on the Board is three years, but this first year there is a mix of one-, two-, and three-year terms to begin the on-going rotation of members.

The established meeting time is the second Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. at City Hall. The Board’s first meeting will be on Tuesday, December 11.

GULICK: Show
airs November 7
on History

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through sheet metal. The Sisters smith thinks the video probably stood out against traditional submissions showing blades slicing watermelons and cutting through water bottles.

In any case, he got the gig, and was flown from Sisters to Atlanta, Georgia, for the filming of the episode. He said he spent 10 hours on the set, which was in “a very hot warehouse.” He said going from Sisters to the heat and humidity of a forge in Georgia was a shock.

“Forged in Fire” has become a big hit for History. It is a competitive format, which puts contestants’ blades through brutal, relentless testing.

The show’s promotional materials provide a description: “The country’s most experienced bladesmiths, martial artists and knife

experts slice, stab and chop their way through a blade-shattering gauntlet for a chance at winning a \$20,000 grand prize.”

Gulick told *The Nugget* that he enjoyed interacting with his fellow contestants, who included bladesmiths of decades experience, mixed martial artists and survival experts.

While Gulick made a big khukri for the show, his specialty is hunting knives and everyday-carry knives.

He said he’s always been interested in blacksmithing and bladesmithing, ever since he was a little kid. He got his first forge and anvil two years ago and has been hammering away at the craft ever since.

While he plans to become a farrier, he acknowledged that being on “Forged in Fire” has whetted his appetite for more competitive bladesmithing.

Gulick may be contacted through his Facebook page or on Instagram, where he posts photos of all of his knives and of the process he uses in crafting them.

Chamber seeks board members

The Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for members to the Board of Directors. Nomination deadline is Friday, November 2 at 3 p.m.

Directors are elected by a majority vote of the Chamber membership in December. New directors begin their term of service February 1, 2019. Voting is by written ballot.

Individuals who are interested in running for a board position must be a Chamber member in good standing and provide a short biography and photo in Microsoft Word to the chamber by the November 2 deadline.

Board member duties include serving a three-year-term, attendance at board meetings, participation in chamber-sponsored activities and assisting the chamber in attaining its vision and

mission based on the opportunities provided by your skills and interests. To submit your name for consideration contact Judy Trego with the required information at judy@sisterscountry.com.

Nominations must be returned to the Chamber

office either by email; by mail, P.O. Box 430 Sisters 97759; or in person to Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce, 291 E. Main Ave. Nominations received in the SACC mailbox by November 2 or postmarked on or before November 2 will be accepted.

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