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DEC 30 AT 5:48 PM

Good evening David. I wanted to give you a heads up tomorrow I'm going to be forwarding some information to you about the process involving the planning commission appointments. To my way of thinking the mayor and council or Varwig have abuse the process in order to get their own people on. Basically there were three people who had applied by the deadline but Varwig postponed the meeting until two more people applied after the deadline and of course they were the two people that Brian and Shaun decided to appoint. In anyway I am thinking about taking the rather extraordinary act of pulling the appointment on the planning commission and confirming the three who followed the rules and got their applications in on time. But let me get the documentation to you and I can first tonight send you the applications and you can see for yourself that the last two people are from a plumbing company, one of them works for the other. And they have no civic experience



Interesting. Okay, I'll review it when I get it and we can discuss further.

DEC 30 AT 6:42 PM

Miraculously, the applications included in the council packet has the information necessary to conclude that one plumber works for the other is eliminated, but it wasn't before. In other words, the public cannot determine this information. So they modified the applications after the process



Well that sounds shady

It's interesting that they both came in late, work with each other and both referred by Shawn.



Let me show you a chart that Chris Bangs put together

Please do. I'm a study of pattern.

Planning Commission Applicants

Applicant	Filing Date	Occupation	Civic experience
Jodi Janah	9-29-21	Retired / Accountant & IT	Chair, Heritage and Landmarks Commission, Library Advisory Board
Dan Esent	11-19-21	Retired musician / appraiser	Former Planning Commission Chair; also served transportation and budget committees
Chris Calkins	11-21-21	Mortgage broker / substitute teacher	Carby Chamber of Commerce, Carby Kiwanis
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Matthew Elson	12-16-21	Plumber	No civic experience
Nick Coates	12-16-21	Plumber	No civic experience

• 12-14-21 was the filing deadline



It's all kind of shady but if in fact they did alter official documents that were submitted to the city and subsequently older documents that came to the council, it places in question the integrity of materials that are presented to the council



I've asked Joe and Scott to review the sequence of how the original applications of the plumbers are different than the ones that are submitted to the council. What it looks like is that either Brian or Shaun wanted to eliminate documentation that one of these plumbers worked for the other. Which, if true, means that they alter documents in order to achieve an outcome.




Anyway to remediate this, Bangs is going to move that Judy and Chris Caulkins be substituted for the two plumbers. We're asking Joe how the parliamentary process of amending this will go. Let me know if that something that you would feel comfortable supporting



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Oh and as a matter of history. To city counselors in the past have had their spouses on the planning commission. A former counselor named Todd Rocha And Traci Hensley's husband was appointed to the planning commission


 Sarah prefers to abstain so we would need your vote to make it happen. That's not meant to influence your decision. That's just to have you understand the dynamics we're dealing with

I've lived in a job where there's a process and a box to check for everything that's done. If something gets checked off in a way that seems to quick or too good to be true, there's a perception it was "gundecked", where you didn't actually do it correctly, but claimed you did. I fully support putting this in the light, for the integrity of the City of Canby, and for the integrity of the Council.


JAN 1 AT 9:59 AM

Next question is when do you think this will be put in front of us?

JAN 1 AT 10:27 AM

 It's on the agenda Wednesday

Perfect. I'll be ready to support a vote of integrity.

 Thank you

JAN 1 AT 10:39 AM

Of course. This all just seems too fishy. Not to mention the interview process for a new Councilor, we rejected someone for not being a Canby resident for the 12 months prior to appointment. How is this any different. You don't extend a deadline unless you're trying to set an outcome.

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The first red flag was when Judy notified me that without explanation the first set of interviews earlier in the month had been canceled only 30 minutes prior to when they were scheduled.

At the time there were three candidates for three positions. Dan, Judy, and Chris.

I chatted with Shaun about the reason for the cancellation and his only explanation was, it's being handled.

Then a week later and two days after the deadline, two plumbers who work for the same company applied and put on their form that they were referred by Shaun. I am open to an innocent explanation but on the surface it appears that he canceled the interviews in order to go out and recruit two people to replace the two people he didn't want.

Then after the interviews, someone presumably Shaun submitted to Melissa altered application forms that are in our agenda packet.

It's perception, and this looks shifty.

Both Bangs and I have sent Joe and Scott emails asking them to look into this for us.

And one other thing. Even though the process does not call for the planning Director to be a part of the interview selection, it's traditionally been done. And on the first scheduled interviews, the planning director was going to be part of the process. Then during the second scheduled interviews, he was out of town. Now I guess it could be argued that they didn't want to further delay the process and therefore they proceeded without the planning Director but there's that.

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This all seems like a concerted effort to establish a PC that leans heavily one direction.

And the funny thing is that 98% of the work of the planning commission has no political compass. My argument with the conservatives that Brian is appointed in the past is that they are lazy and cancel meetings when there's not a planning request in front of them instead of working to update our outdated development code

The strangest piece of logic that I can string together is that Brianne and Shaun are going through all of this in order to avoid Jason Patton becoming chair

They don't want to give him additional credentials so that he could run either for counsel or mayor. Shaun has told me that if Brianne doesn't run he will run for mayor

I'm just a citizen lawmaker who is trying to make the city better and the last thing I think about is my political future. So it's kind of hard for me to grasp such a seemingly outlandish plot for such small political gain

But as my daddy used to say, don't try to figure out a crazy person. They're crazy

Also can't fix stupid. And that's what this is. I don't know if they thought no one would notice.

I know it feels like the gang who can't shoot straight

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It's why I don't worry about a
revolution. 🤔

Yeah

JAN 5 AT 2:55 PM

All right so the changed
resumes were a technical glitch
and not conspiracy but still
Bangs is going to move to
approve Chris, Judy, and Dan.
I'm going to second and Sarah
is going to abstain. Is that a
motion you can support

Absolutely. The timeline is
what concerns me. It's shifty
at best.

JAN 5 AT 9:09 PM

Well that was interesting.

Yes it was. One of the things
that I want to bring up at the
retreat is both liaison
appointment process and the
committee appointment
process. I am going to propose
that the council and not the
mayor decide who will be the
liaisons. That's the way it was
before Brian was mayor and I
think we should return to it.
Secondly I think that the
appointments should be done
by the entire council with the
entire council receiving the
packets of applicants

I agree. I just messaged
Jason Padden thanking him
for hitting the nail on the
head.

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JAN 6 AT 5:13 PM

Just an outlandish thought from my over-analytical side. Was this whole board appointment process meant to make us look like we were making it political as Shawn said? It seemed like he already knew where it would go, almost as if he knew those other two would get shot down before bringing the recommendation forward. If I'm wrong, tell me I'm full of it.



Oh David go back to what you