

Planning Commission Application

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Full Name Alex Schatz

Are you an Erie resident? Yes

Are you under the age of eighteen? No

Are you currently serving on the commission you are applying for? No

Home Address [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

Primary Phone Number [REDACTED]

Alternate Phone Number [REDACTED]

Employer Brannan Sand and Gravel Company LLC

Job Title/Occupation Regulatory and Legal Affairs Manager

Have you ever been employed by the Town of Erie? No

Do you work for or own a company that does business with the Town of Erie? Yes

Please explain the business connection to Erie Heavy civil contractor - Primarily asphalt paving but also underground utilities and concrete supplier. I am unaware the extent to which Brannan has directly worked for the Town, as routine contracting and project delivery is outside my typical role. Brannan has paved numerous projects in Erie, but also works for developers and private owners.

What is your highest level of education completed? Masters Degree or Higher

Why are you interested in serving on the Planning Commission and what specific talents or expertise do you bring if appointed? As a design professional now largely focused on management and legal work, I enjoy helping organizations improve outcomes through thorough technical review that often reveals win-win scenarios (i.e., where there are soft spots needing attention, difficult issues requiring nuance, etc.). In practice, I've developed particular relevant expertise in drainage systems, mineral rights, easements, special uses and impact assessment.

Have you served on another board/commission in an advisory capacity? If so, please describe the board and what made serving in Please see attached resume. In Erie, I briefly served on a Water Rate Stakeholder Committee, and over the years I have been appointed and elected to various boards. This includes planning commission work, where I especially enjoy providing extra rigor to support, amplify and appropriately adjust technical land use review.

that capacity a good experience?
What were the major concerns or issues?

The key on all boards is to ensure that all relevant comments are addressed while respectfully managing repetitious or irrelevant information.

Please describe a situation where you were working with a small group and disagreed with the direction of the project, what did you do? What was the result?

This is a routine feature of consequential work. Professional detachment is one bedrock principle, and most "disagreements" framed appropriately end up being more about emphasis and priority than direct conflict. A reminder to that effect is frequently sufficient. I have chaired a number of meetings where I believe it is appropriate to confront a point, sometimes a policy I would vote to repeal (for example, a particularly outmoded design guideline): Once the facts and issue is adequately laid out, getting a sense of the board and forming consensus is the job. Outside of the role of chair, some more "lobbying" is occasionally helpful if the subject matter warrants it, but efficient and respectful meetings are always the goal.

If you were appointed, what goals would you like to see accomplished on this board or commission?

More attention to conditions, findings where appropriate, and building a record that demonstrates thorough attention to detail, including public input.

What do you think are the most important planning and land use issues facing Erie? What insights could you bring to the Commission's deliberations and recommendations?

Erie's fiscal and physical infrastructure are fundamentally challenged by forces beyond the control of the town. For example, fiscally, the viability of retail as both revenue base and community asset is challenged by online shopping. Physically, as another example, state legislation preempting certain local land use control potentially burdens streets and sewers to add capacity where it was not initially (or even now) part of long-range plans. Advising the town on its comprehensive plan involved awareness of these challenges, but even more critically and directly, as a planning commissioner I would seek to ensure that the town truly has the ability to serve development, and then sustain an excellent level of service, as possible with all development in Erie.

Upload resume and additional documents (optional)



Resume-2026.pdf

Please read and agree with the following statement

I certify that the facts and statements contained in this Board and Commission Application are true and correct.

I further understand that false statements shall be sufficient cause for rejection of this application.

I further certify that I have not been convicted of a felony under the laws of the State of Colorado or in another jurisdiction.

I understand that falsification, omission or misrepresentation will result in a rejection of this application. Any falsification, omission or misrepresentation is evidence of perjury in the second degree.

If I become a Board or Commission member with the Town, this form is valid for the period of my term with the Town and the crime records may be updated periodically at the discretion of the Town.

I understand that this application is considered a public record and subject to the Colorado Open Records Act.

I Agree Yes

If appointed to the Planning Commission, I agree to follow the Erie Municipal Code, the Comprehensive Plan, and other applicable laws. Yes

All board and commission members must follow the rules and Yes

regulations in the Erie Municipal Code as well as the Town's policies related to harassment, anti-violence, and technology use.

Acknowledgement Signature



Alex P. Schatz

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Erie, Colorado 80516 [REDACTED]
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Education

J.D. (Juris Doctor), University of Colorado – Boulder
Attorney-at-law: Colorado #33004

B.S.L.A. (Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture), University of Wisconsin – Madison
Licensed landscape architect: Colorado #LA-2

Experience

Regulatory and Legal Affairs Manager; Corporate Counsel. Brannan Companies (2015-present)
Advisory, diligence, negotiation, compliance and project advocacy roles in regional construction materials and heavy civil contracting firm. Special expertise in real property acquisitions and facility development, including mineral resources, material production and logistics facilities.

Legislative Analyst; Fiscal Analyst. Colorado General Assembly (2003-2004; 2010-2015)
Non-partisan staff to the Legislative Council, responsible for assessment and appropriation recommendations for budget and special legislation. Examined funding requests; researched costs, finances and revenue, legal mandates and performance measures. Subject matter expert in courts, local government, economic development, regulatory programs and emergency planning.

Project Manager. Banks and Gesso, LLC (2000-2002; 2004-2009)
Production and processing of land use and environmental documentation for local, state, and federal review, requiring detailed familiarity with engineering practices, natural resource law, and regulatory authorities at all levels of government. Appearance on behalf of public and private clients before a variety of boards and commissions.

Private Attorney. The Law Office of Alex P. Schatz (2003-present)
General practitioner in representation of individuals and businesses in transactions, administrative process and all phases of litigation.

Associate. Clarion Associates, LLC (2002-2003)
Regulatory consulting projects included research, writing and legal drafting related to various zoning enabling authorities, telecommunications land use, moratoria, impact fees, historic preservation, and state environmental laws.

Urban Planning Instructor. University of Colorado (1998-2000; 2003)
Landscape Architect. Conservation Design Forum (1995-1997)
GIS Developer. Wisconsin Department of Transportation (1994-1995)
Parks Intern. City of Fitchburg, Wisconsin (1992)

Community and Professional Involvement

Arapahoe Ridge Homeowners Association (2007-present)
Water Rate Stakeholder Group, Town of Erie (2024)
Colorado Stone Sand and Gravel Association (2017-present)
City of Lafayette Council, Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, Open Space (2004-2010)
Various other professional and business organizations