



**CITY OF NEWPORT  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
NEWPORT CITY HALL  
FEBRUARY 5, 2015 - 5:15 P.M.**

**MAYOR:** Tim Geraghty  
**COUNCIL:** Tom Ingemann  
Bill Sumner  
Tracy Rahm  
Dan Lund

**City Administrator:** Deb Hill  
**Supt. of Public Works:** Bruce Hanson  
**Chief of Police:** Curt Montgomery  
**Fire Chief:** Steven Wiley  
**Executive Analyst:** Renee Eisenbeisz

**AGENDA**

1. ROLL CALL
2. PLANNING COMMISSION INTERVIEW
  - A. STEVEN THOMAS
3. ADJOURNMENT

## Renee Eisenbeisz

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**From:** Steven Thomas [s [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2014 10:44 PM  
**To:** Renee Eisenbeisz  
**Subject:** Letter of Interest for City Planning Commission

There are one hundred and one different adages about success and motivation. Posters with catch phrases have adorned the offices and cubicles of countless workers. They may be catchy but they do nothing to improve people's quality of life. I firmly believe that a better quality of life is greatly dependent on focusing less on ones self and serving others instead.

My name is Steven Edw. Thomas. When my family and I moved to Newport three years ago we did it with the intention of staying for good. We love our home, neighbors, local church, the local kids and the close proximity to our children's school. I do not want to neglect to mention the river. I love the river.

As a young man in my twenties I created business. I operated product-manufacturing companies. I built skate parks thru out the mid-west. I also worked with image creation and advertising campaigns for other companies. Today as I move about in our city I see a need for business creation. I see potential in every unused gravel lot and vacant building. I imagine an image change for Newport resulting in new development and increased revenue for the city. Good things will happen here in Newport, and I want to serve.

In my current occupation in the construction industry I have been blessed with unique opportunities and have seen wonderful things happen. A neighborhood in Minneapolis is being revived by the conversion of old buildings into an artistic grocery store. Warehouse office spaces have been remodeled into a museum like design firm bringing commerce into a lifeless area. I desire to see these sorts of events take place here, in Newport.

I would like to be considered worthy of serving on the city planning commission. I would like to do my part to improve the quality of life for my friends and neighbors.

steven.edw.thomas

**City of NEWPORT**  
**VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

Newport City Hall ♦ 596 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue ♦ Newport ♦ Minnesota ♦ 55055 ♦ Telephone 651-459-5677 ♦ Fax 651-459-9883

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the City!

**Personal Information**

Name: STEVEN EDWARD THOMAS Telephone: [REDACTED]  
Address: 182 10<sup>th</sup> STREET Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: NEWPORT, MN 55055 Date of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Email Address: [REDACTED]

Have you ever been convicted of a crime:  Yes  No

If yes, list specific crime, circumstances, date of conviction, and location of conviction below:

Have you ever been discharged, forced to resign, or "counseled out" of prior employment or a volunteer assignment?

Yes  No If yes, please list the circumstances below:

Type of Volunteer Work: PLANNING COMMISSION

Voluntary Commission  Library and Community Center Volunteer  One-Time Volunteer

Adopt-a-Park/Trail (See attached to select which park/trail you would like and fill out the information below)

**Volunteer Information**

**Volunteer Experience and Special Skills:**

Catholic Charities, Appalachian Service Project, Twin Cities Tree Trust, construction, common sense

**Availability:** Please list the times when you are available below

EVENINGS

**Adopt-a-Park/Trail Information**

Name of Group/Person (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Group Representative (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Desired Trail/Park: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Commitment (example: January 1 - December 31, 2014): \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** If you are an experienced gardener and are interested in helping weed Newport's public gardens, please contact John Neska at (651) 459-2475.

**Applicant Statement and Acknowledgements**

I certify that the information contained in this application is correct, and I have not omitted or misstated any information. I understand that falsification or omission of information may disqualify me from further consideration for volunteering and may lead to my dismissal if discovered at a later date. I agree to immediately notify the City of Newport if I should be convicted of a felony or any crime while my application is pending, or during my period of volunteering.

I authorize all persons, schools, employers and law enforcement authorities to release any information concerning my background, including all information contained in this application. I hereby release any said persons, school, employers, and law enforcement authorities from all liability in responding to inquiries in connection with my application.

I understand that I am required to abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the City of Newport. I also understand that I have the right to receive a copy of this acknowledgement should I request one.

Applicant's Signature:  Date: 12/11/2014

Parent/Guardian's Signature (required if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF NEWPORT  
VOLUNTEER POLICY**

By signing this document, I STEVEN EDWARD THOMAS, am acknowledging  
(printed name)

that I have received and read a copy of the City of Newport's Citizen Volunteer Policy and fully understand and agree to the provisions of the Policy. Furthermore, I understand that the City bears no legal obligations to any parties who are injured while performing volunteer services.

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Signature

12/11/2014  
Date