

Volunteer Opportunities

TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

There is currently a vacancy on the Planning Commission and a vacancy on the Advisory Committee on Public Safety (ACOPS). The Planning Commission provides recommendations on a wide array of land-use issues; including: subdivision plats, lot splits, zoning ordinance amendments, special use permits, and general plan amendments. It is made up of seven members who serve three year terms. The Commission meets twice per month.

ACOPS assists the Police Department and Community Resource Officer in engaging the community in a public dialogue on issues relevant to public safety, including prevention, enforcement, awareness, and community/victim outreach. The Committee meets bi-monthly.

If you are interested in serving on either of these bodies, please complete this application and submit. The deadline to submit an application is January 8, 2017.

Please select committee(s) in which you are interested.*

Planning Commission

ACOPS

Please provide the following background information.

Name*	Anna Thomasson
Address*	
Email*	
Home Phone	
Employer	Self Employed
Occupation	Business Consultant
Business Phone	
Cell Phone	
Number of years as PV resident	23
Professional experience highlights	

Recently transitioned from a 30-year career as a business consultant with Towers Watson advising Fortune 500 companies on merger integration, employee engagement, cultural change and HR effectiveness. I managed client relationships for some of the largest clients of this \$8B global consultancy including APS, Avnet, Banner Health, Disney, Henkel, Hilton Hotels, Northrop Grumman, Sheraton Hotels, Starwood, T-Mobile, Washington Mutual and others.

Prior to my consulting career, I worked in various Human Resource management roles in the healthcare and manufacturing industries.

What experience do you think qualifies you to be a committee member?

Being an effective business consultant within a large organization to Fortune 500 companies requires excellent listening, problem-solving, and leaderships skills, as well as the ability to work collaboratively with others to accomplish a goal. Among my clients I had a reputation for making the complicated simple, having the courage to tell clients what they needed to hear, not always what they wanted to hear, and always leaving the client's team better informed and more empowered than when we began a project.

As a volunteer public servant charged with retaining the very special character of our town, as well as dealing with the realities of 21st century resources, sophistication and growth demands, I will bring a thoughtfulness and pragmatism than can benefit multiple constituencies.

While not a community planning professional, I am a passionate resident who has lived here, remodeled my home twice and served our local community. I will bring a passionate, yet pragmatic business perspective to the Planning Commission.

Community Activities

I have served as a public member of the Arizona State Bar Board of Governors as a public member since July 2015. I currently sit on the Human Resources and Finance Committees and was recently unanimously appointed for a second term.
I am beginning my tenure as a mentor for the ASU WP Carey School of Business where i will mentor full-time MBA students.
From 2006-2011, I served on the Board of Directors of the Franciscan Renewal Center and recently help to lead the \$25M capital campaign to build the new church building and develop the campus. I am currently helping to lead the effort to develop a \$50M Endowment Fund.
For the past 10 years, I have raised and trained 5 German Shepherd puppies to be guide dogs for the blind.

Attach resume and cover letter

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Business consultant transitioning from serving Fortune 500 companies to advising start-ups and community boards.

Senior partner with over thirty-five years of business experience with Fortune 500 companies. Reputation for driving functional excellence through talent development, process and technology improvements, while leading strategic change in the business through focus on culture, employee performance and engagement, and succession management, cost and infrastructure control. Pragmatic thinker, decisive, known for delivering results, strong relationship skills and highest level of integrity.

Career

Start-Up Advisor (2013-Present)

Consulted with emerging firms on a variety of issues, including product development, testing, marketing, branding, team development and financing.

- *Lifescape* (platform/app for people, brands, organizations & businesses to centralize, uniquely organize, control, display and share all digital content in a visual framework)
- *Triggers Digital* (mobile performance-management tool that both boosts and measures key employee performance factors.)
- *SelfieCause* (mobile platform allowing brands and business' to connect with passionate individual and stand up for causes they believe in)
- *RubyRide* (personalized, subscription-based Car-and-Driver Service – moved to Pittsburgh)
- *Talk2Legends* (mobile platform that allows users to chat with their favorite athletes and musicians)
- *BarkBed Covers* (my own pet product company)

Willis Towers Watson (1986 - 2015)

A global advisory, consulting and solutions company that helps clients around the world manage risk and grow revenues. With annual revenues over \$1.5B and 40,000 employees serving more than 140 countries, it is viewed as one of the leading global consulting organizations.

- Positions included Regional Leader, Principal, Managing Partner and Director.
- Consulting expertise in total rewards design, organizational change, employee communications and engagement, merger integration and culture change.
- Managed some of the firm's largest client relationships for prominent local and global brands, including: APS, Avnet, Banner Health, Disney, Henkel, Hilton Hotels, Nestle, Northrop Grumman, Republic Services, Sheraton Hotels, Starwood, T-Mobile, Washington Mutual and others.

Prior to consulting, worked in various human resource management roles in the healthcare and manufacturing industries.

Education

- 1980 University of Oregon (Eugene), BA Psychology. Self-financed education by working virtually full time in student housing and retail.
- 1986 University of Wisconsin (Whitewater) MBA Finance. Commuted while working full time.

Community Service

- Public member of the **Arizona State Bar Board of Governors** overseeing policy making and operations since July 2015, currently a member of the Human Resources and Finance Committees, unanimously appointed for a second term.
- Mentor for the **ASU WP Carey School of Business** working with full-time MBA students.
- **Franciscan Renewal Center**
 - Board member and officer (2005-2011)
 - Helped to lead the \$25M capital campaign to build the new church and develop the campus. (2012-2015)
 - Currently helping to lead development of \$50M endowment fund.
- **Valley Leadership Class XII**
- Raised and trained 5 German Shepherd puppies to be **guide dogs for the blind** since 2003