

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*	Lowell A. Shonk
Address*	
Email*	
Home Phone	
Employer	Cupric Canyon Capital LP (Cupric)
Occupation	Financial Executive / semi-retired
Business Phone	
Cell Phone	
Number of years as PV resident	23+

Professional experience highlights

My professional career includes 38 years in the mining and mineral processing industries following graduation from Colorado School of Mines with a MS in Mineral Economics in 1979. My experince has been as a financial executive, and companies i worked for had extensive copper operations in Arizona (as well as world-wide) which eventually led me to live in Arizona.

I retired from Freeport McMoran in 2009 after a 30-year career with Freeport and its predecessor companys (Phelps Dodge and Cyprus Amax).

After "retirement", I helped found Cupric Canyon Capital LP, a private equity company that is developeing a very successful copper-silver project in Botswana Africa. I served initially as CFO as the company was being set up, followed by a period as CEO when Cupric acquired a public mining company and took it private (which included the Botswana mineral licenses), as Vice Chairman and now Board secretary and audit committee chairman as Cupric takes the project through exploration and development stages.

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

I received an BA in economics and a certificate in urban planing from Indiana University and where i was involved in several political organizations and ran (unsuccessfully) for student body vice president. At the time i had the intent to pusue a law degree and/or a career as a city manager.

During my professional career in the mining industry, I have had significant involvement and responsibilities for local community relations, environmental affairs and sustainable development at international operations. While administrative manager at a major operation in Idaho (1985-86), my resposibilities included direct oversight of the company townsite of 420 homes.

Community Activities

While at Phelps Dodge (1990-99), I was chairman and co-chairman of the United Way campaign. I am active in supporting Phoenix Theater and St. Vincent de Paul.

I now have the time, interest and capacity to serve Paradise Valley and help pay back the debt I owe to the community for providing a wonderful place to live.

Attach resume and cover letter

* indicates required fields.

LOWELL SHONK

Lowell Shonk has lived in Paradise Valley since 1994. Prior to that, he lived in the Denver, Colorado area and in Tucson, Arizona. He grew up in Lafayette Indiana and went to undergraduate school at Indiana University in Bloomington where he received an BA in economics and a certificate degree in urban planning in 1971. While at IU, Mr. Shonk was involved in campus political activities and since then, he has always been interested in political and community affairs.

While in Colorado, Mr. Shonk received an MS in Mineral Economics from Colorado School of Mines (1979) and a MBA in finance from the University of Colorado Denver (1985).

Mr. Shonk is an experienced financial executive with broad international minerals industry and manufacturing experience at operational, divisional and corporate levels at the following companies and experiences:

- Freeport McMoRan and predecessor its companies now owned by Freeport (including Phelps Dodge, Cyprus Amax and Amoco Minerals).
- Experience with copper, molybdenum, gold, coal, iron ore, industrial minerals and lithium extractive and processing industries.
- Key positions included operational experience as administrative manager/controller at several large mines in Idaho and Arizona, assistant corporate controller and division controller/CFO
- Nearly all positions included responsibility for corporate-level financial and operational analysis, numerous mergers and acquisition and responsibilities and nearly all phases of strategic planning and business development.
- Most assignments included responsibilities related to community affairs, sustainable development and environmental matters.

After retiring from Freeport in 2009, Mr. Shonk helped form Cupric Canyon Capital LP, a private equity company which is owned by its management and Global Natural Resource Investments (formerly Barclays Natural Resource Investments, a division of Barclays PLC).

- The Cupric management team is principally composed of former Phelps Dodge and Freeport executives.
- Cupric has invested over \$250 million in a very successful copper-silver project in Botswana.
- Mr. Shonk served initially as Cupric's CFO while it was being established and as CEO when the company acquired and began developing its major asset. He now serves as Board Secretary and audit committee chairman.

Mr. Shonk also serves on the board and as audit committee chairman of Rare Element Resources, a Denver-based public company with a stellar early-stage rare elements mining and processing project in Wyoming. Mr. Shonk served from 2008 to 2016 as chairman of the audit committee the Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME), the world's leading mining professional association.