

ORME LEWIS, JR.

Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

January 3, 2018

Town's Clerk's Office
Town of Paradise Valley
6401 North East Lincoln Drive
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

Re: Planning Commission vacancy

To those concerned:

Having been involved over many decades in the development Town of Paradise Valley I would I would now welcome the opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission that includes preliminary review and approval in re the 'Hillside Ordinance' matters.

My interest stems from a breath of local experiences: Selling subscriptions the 'Scottsdale Progress,' living in Mountain Shadows East and West, participating in re the complexities of growth in various venues, to wit: evolvement of the Town Charter, 'planned communities,' various resorts, development of the Camelback Mountain trail-parking system

In addition I might well be able to bring to bear my 50 plus years as a real estate broker-developer that extended into a broad array of land use matters, to wit: elected in '66' and '68 to the Arizona State Senate, oversaw BLM, BIA & Office of Territories regulated by the U.S. Department of Interior and was the Development Director for the Arizona Biltmore Estates. As well, I have served on a dozen local, state and national Boards, presently the Arizona State Parks and Scottsdale Museum of the West.

In sum, if you please, my interest serving on the Planning Commission would be to respect the Town's laws and ordinances as well as respect the classic values attributable to the quality of life enjoyed by the citizens and visitors. Thus, I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Orme Lewis, Jr. 

Enclosure (current vita)

ORME LEWIS, JR.
abbreviated vita
January 1, 2018

Mountain Shadows East

Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

BUSINESS:

Present: Retired real estate adviser-broker (50+ years) specializing in complex real property and land use matters. Sole proprietor: Select Investments, LLC, managing trustee Broadacres LLC (Liberty, Missouri), President, Mesa Highlands, Inc.

Former: U.S. Bank U.S. Bankruptcy trustee and receiver. Founder and senior adviser to World Resources Company, an international non-ferrous metals recycling company with domestic and international facilities which provide world-wide environmental services.

PUBLIC SERVICE:

Federal service: Former Federal service: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Land Management U.S. Department of Interior, chaired DOI Advisory Committee on Mining and Mineral Resources, member of the Royalty Policy Committee and the Emergency Minerals Administration ... awarded Conservation Service Award by Bruce Babbitt.

Arizona State service: Elected 23rd and 24th Arizona State Senate (1966-1968), served as majority leader and chair of the Finance Committee, co-chaired Arizona Biomedical Research Committee, Governor's Commission on Higher Education, Regulatory Review Council, Plant Siting and Transmission Line Committee and presently State Parks Board.

Not-for-profit boards: Present Board member Scottsdale Museum of the West and Wise men; past chair: Arizona Historical Foundation, Phoenix Children's Hospital (Health Care Hero 2010), San Pablo School; former board member Arizona Community Foundation, Arizona Chamber of Commerce, ASU Foundation, Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum, Desert Botanical Garden, 'DBC,' Friends of Mexican Art, Men's Art Council, Polycystic Kidney Research Foundation and Xavier College Preparatory School; Life member: Arizona Club, Paradise Valley Country Club, Valley Field 'Riding Club,' Scottsdale Rotary Club, Episcopalian ... The Marquis Who's Who.

EDUCATION: Deerfield Academy and University of Arizona, B.S. (economics) 1958. continuing education. (fraternities: Sigma Nu, Alpha Kappa Psi & Phi Alpha Delta)

LEGACY: Born April 26, 1935, Phoenix, pioneer Arizona heritage; married 1964, Elizabeth Bruening (deceased June 7, 2014), children, Joseph Lewis and Blaise Hazelwood ... wonderful extended family of whom Eleanor K. Sypher is the one!