

Election 2021: Township Board Candidates
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Each year, Bike the Woodlands Coalition surveys candidates for The Woodlands Township Board of Directors to get their views on bicycle riding in The Woodlands. This year's survey responses are posted below. This information is collected to inform voters and is just one of many considerations for bicycling-oriented voters to contemplate prior to casting a vote.

We received responses from two of the current candidates and we have included responses that one candidate provided for our 2019 survey.

Bike The Woodlands Coalition does not endorse candidates for election. However, we hope that these responses will help you make an informed decision.

Position #5 1. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs	Position #6 1. Ann K. Snyder	Position #7 1. Zipporah Singleton 2. Luis R. Granados 3. Bob Milner
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Candidate Responses:

Question: In 2016, The Woodlands Township Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan was unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors. Since then, implementation progress has been slow. Do you support the plan and if so what steps would you take to progress the plan?		
Zipporah Singleton: Yes, I support The Woodlands Township Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan that was unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors. Live, Work, and PLAY is important to community as well as the safety of its residents. It's important to define why has there been a slow down in the implementation process and determine the most appropriate way to advance based on that information. Open lines of communication is imperative to complete any project in a timely manner. Also, explore partnering with local businesses to implement projects that are mutually beneficial.	Luis R. Granados: I support the plan as long as the residents are not being penalized with higher taxes to favor a relatively small group of people	Bob Milner (submitted 2019): I would ensure that we have the budget within our mobility planning to implement and complete the plan. I am a cyclist and believe the safety of cyclists and the opportunity for safe road work is one of the components of what is the culture of The Woodlands.

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Question: If The Woodlands residents vote for incorporation, what impact do you think this will have on bicycle riders within The Woodlands?

Zipporah Singleton: The city would have the right to create and enforce ordinance and issue citations for various infractions including traffic violations. They could adjudicate these local ordinance violations to retain and collect fines and fees. The city would have full control over the roads and take on the responsibility following through with the bike lanes, etc. However, these are possibilities that are possible but not specifically expressed in the study.

Luis R. Granados: The way it is right now the Board of Directors have limited authority to allocate expenditures for cycle ways or anything else. As a City these powers could be expanded to dedicate some areas of the woodlands for cyclist at specific days and times

Bob Milner: no response received.

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Question: What message would you like to send to bicycle riders in The Woodlands about your candidacy in the upcoming Township election?

Zipporah Singleton: As our family uses the pathways almost daily, it is important to me to maintain and improve our quality of life by implementing the comprehensive master plan that has already been unanimously approved by the board. These 200 miles are truly an attraction point to many residents whether they are pushing a stroller, running, riding a bicycle or just enjoying a stroll. Our pathways are part of what has made The Woodlands the #1 Place to Live in the US by Niche Magazine.

Luis R. Granados: I am applying to stop the deforestation of the Woodlands. The root cause for the deforestation is the building of multi-family complexes and apartment building which increase the population density and force for the expansion of the roads and the traffic. The Board of Directors does not have authority to impose Deeds of Restriction about the building of multi family complexes, only the City Council would have this authority. I am applying as a transition Director until the City of the Woodlands is formed and a new group of leaders is elected

Bob Milner (submitted 2019): I believe that Mr. Mitchell's original belief of The Woodlands being a place where people can come to "Live, Work, Play and Pray" includes both walking paths [...] and a safe avenue for experienced cyclists to operate on the roadways without being threatened by traffic or intersection curb impediments. I believe that these cycling lanes would be one of the best solutions. The walking paths are too confined, curvy at places and slick during certain times of the season. They also bring into contact walkers, runners, and people walking their pets with cyclists and that can create a congestive nightmare.