

Boards & Commissions Application



I am interested in serving on the following boards/commissions. (Please indicate the order of preference).

- 1. Parks & Recreation
- 2. _____

As an applicant/member of a Council-appointed Board or Commission, your name, address, and phone number will be available to the press and public. Information will be kept on file for three years. Public discussion of information contained herein may occur in the meeting at which appointments are considered by the City Council.

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr. (Please type or print clearly)

Name: Vaughan Ritchie C **Date:** 2/6/2014
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 665 Lee Ave **Zip Code:** 22802

Phone Number: 804-512-1485 **Alternate Phone:** 540-437-3656

Occupation: Real Estate & Bicycle Shop **Employer/Organization:** Kline May Realty & Shenandoah Bike Co.

E-mail: inatr33@gmail.com **Harrisonburg resident for** 2 **years.**

Were you referred by anyone: Yes No **Name of Referring Party:** John Marr

How did you hear about volunteering on a board or commission? Cable Website Council Meeting
 Other: My friends

Why do you wish to serve on a board or commission?

I would like to (1) be better in tune with what is going on in the city, (2) offer the city my perspective because I think I can offer valuable feedback on natural resource, bike/ped, & recreation topics, & (3) be more involved with civic activities and community service.

What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?

I currently work part-time at a bicycle retail store and am very tied into the cycling community. So I have a lot of interest and knowledge about bicycle-related facilities and activities. Through my involvement in bicycle advocacy, I dedicate significant community service time to maintaining our city's trail system at Hillandale Park. I have degrees in natural resource management, which gives me a strong background in grounds maintenance, trail building, and vegetation management in our city parks. I have worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a park ranger, a trail laborer, and a wildfire firefighter; those experiences have given me a strong understand of park maintenance. I am a resident of Harrisonburg and regularly use our park system for running, walking, cycling, and taking educational classes. And my full-time occupation as a real estate agent keeps me invested in the quality of our neighborhoods, community activities, and the smart growth of our city.

What other interests or concerns do you have regarding the community?

Currently, my main interests lie in outdoor recreation, vegetation management, non-motorized transportation, environmental management, and park management. I'm sure that as I learn more about this city and our future plans, my interests will expand.

Please list any past or present community involvement e.g. City Council, Board and Commissions, Citizen Academy, etc. in Harrisonburg or elsewhere:

January 2014: Signed up to attend Harrisonburg Citizen Academy this summer/fall
2014-Present: Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition committee member
2014-Present: Attend Parks & Rec Committee meetings as a citizen
2013-Present: Lead Hillandale Park volunteer trail work crews for 6 weeks in the spring
2008-2012: Blacksburg Bicycle Cooperative President
2007: Public Relations Chair of Virginia Tech Society of American Foresters
2006: Assistant Fire Management Officer of Virginia Tech Wildland Fire Crew

-Please return completed application to the City Manager's Office-

Applicants are encouraged to attach a resume or other supporting information that may be helpful to Council in considering their application.

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