

Boards & Commissions Application



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

1. Harrisonburg Electric Commission (HEC) 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: Weaver Chris Date: 1/23/19
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 286 Campbell Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 22801 Own/Rent? Own

Phone Number: 540-896-8911 Alternate Phone: _____

Occupation: Construction Employer/Organization: Lantz Construction

E-mail: cweaver@lantzcc.com Harrisonburg resident for <1 years.

Were you referred by anyone: Yes No Name of Referring Party: Hobey Bauhan

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

Why do you wish to serve on a board or commission?
My wife and I live in Harrisonburg. We bought our house in August 2018. My wife grew up in Harrisonburg, graduated from HHS, her parents still reside in Harrisonburg, and she works at SRMH. From a personal standpoint, I feel that I am committed to Harrisonburg for the long-haul and that is in addition to my professional commitment to the City for the past 10 years as a part of Lantz Construction. At Lantz, I am currently the President & CEO and have held that position since July 2015. I joined the Lantz Team in 2008 and have held several different positions. More importantly, Lantz has always had a culture of being supportive and involved in the local community. That culture was largely driven by Wallace Hatcher and Doug Driver. I had the pleasure of getting to know Mr. Hatcher early in my Lantz career while he was still the Chairman of the Board. Doug has been my mentor since 2008 and I have had the pleasure of working directly with him over the past 10 years. This is a company culture that I believe in deeply and intend to continue supporting individually and throughout Lantz. I feel that being more involved with the City through the HEC fits extremely well with my professional and personal goals.

What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?
My experience at Lantz over the past 10 years has involved almost all levels of the construction process -- design, engineering, site planning, programming, scheduling, procurement, contracts, negotiations, and operations. It has also involved lots of local government involvement including site plan reviews, stormwater management, traffic planning, utilities, permitting, and inspections. I also feel that I've developed a deep and thorough knowledge out the regional economy and various local communities, including the City of Harrisonburg. Prior to Lantz, I worked for a small real estate development and brokerage firm in Frederick, MD from 2005 to 2008 (MacRo, Ltd.). In that capacity, I served on the Board of the Frederick Chamber of Commerce, the Land Use Council of the Frederick County Builders Association, and was appointed to the City of Frederick Downtown Parking Committee. In those years, I learned a lot about local governments, public policy, and the dynamics involved in intergovernmental relations, including public utilities. Before that, I worked for a consulting firm from 1999 until 2004. It started as GKMG Consulting and after several mergers/acquisitions it ended up being a part of PA Consulting Group. My practice group involved working for airports, airlines, and other aviation-related groups. We were based in the Washington, D.C. area. In working with several airports in those years, I learned a lot about government affairs since all airports are controlled, in whole or in part, by local, state, and federal governments. I graduated from Washington & Lee School of Law in 1999 and became an associate member of the Virginia Bar Association that same year. I graduated summa cum laude from JMU in 1996 with a major in Economics and minors in Political Science and Mathematics.

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

I've always believed that utilities are often an under-valued aspect of many local governments although it is such a critical aspect of local government's role at all levels -- citizens, institutions, businesses, and future economic development! Being a part of HEC would allow me to help foster this critical aspect within Harrisonburg while allowing me to become a more involved citizen and resident of the City of Harrisonburg. Conversely, I think my experience and knowledge will help assist HEC and the City of Harrisonburg in a positive manner going forward.

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

I've been a part of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce since 2008 in some capacity or another. I served several years as co-Chair of the Public Policy Committee. I served two terms on its Board of Directors, including being on the Executive Committee in different roles, including Treasurer, for several years. I am currently a member of the HRCC Public Policy Committee.

I am currently on the Board of Directors of the AGC of Virginia. I sit on its Legislative Committee and serve as a Trustee of its Virginia Construction Industry Education Foundation (VCIEF). Prior to that I served several years on the Executive Committee of the AGCVA's Valley District.

I am currently the President of the Broadway Hometown Partnership although my term is ending later this month. I became a part of that organization when it was revitalized several years ago in part because Lantz (through Mr. Hatcher) was a founding member when it was first created many years ago.

I currently sit on the HCPS Business Advisory Council.

I've been directly or indirectly involved with various community organizations or volunteer/charity events for several years in my position at Lantz. That has included the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Harrisonburg, the Chocolate Walk, fundraising for BHS families-in-need, school playground volunteer builds, United Way Day of Caring, Build-a-Meals, and Habitat for Humanity. In my previous career, I sat on the board of the Frederick Habitat for Humanity chapter and was the volunteer-in-charge of site development.

-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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