

# Boards & Commissions Application



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

1. Planning Commission 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: Wonshe Date: 11-27-19  
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 236 East Johnson Street Own/Rent? Own

Phone Number: 540.435.3859 Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: Restorative Justice Practitioner Employer/Organization: Contractor/Trinity Presby-terian

E-mail: contact@wonshe.com Harrisonburg resident for 7 years.

Were you referred by anyone:  Yes  No Name of Referring Party: Mike Parkes

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

Why do you wish to serve on a board or commission?  
I would like the opportunity to participate in local government and serve my community in this capacity. I bring relevant and unique experience to this role and have a great deal to contribute.

What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?  
- I have many years experience in designing, implementing and evaluating policies, as well as identifying and assisting with organizational communication strategies and processes.  
- I have specific education and considerable experience in navigating situations where there is conflict of values. I am skilled in viewing policies and actions that best serve the

Community as a whole, not just the individual.

- I am very engaged in the larger Harrisonburg community and interact with many different groups throughout. My involvement gives me many opportunities to communicate with individuals from all walks of life and to better understand the nuances, differences and similarities among our community as a whole.

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

- I am very concerned about our current housing crisis and how we can work together as a community to discern and implement real change solutions.
- I am also interested in creating (and participating) in opportunities to increase communication and build relations between city government and community residents.

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

Citizens Academy graduate  
Community Police Academy graduate  
Member Harrisonburg Auxiliary Police Unit  
Member Harrisonburg Restorative Justice Coalition

**-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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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Case Management  
Program development  
Restorative Justice

## TRAINING

Coalition Building – (CO)  
Diversity Awareness (VA, CO)  
Domestic Violence Screening (VA)  
Racial Equity – (VA)  
Supreme Court VA Mediation  
Training (VA)  
STAR - Strategies for Trauma  
Awareness and Resilience (VA)  
Twelve Step Facilitation (VA)

## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

MA, Conflict Transformation:  
Restorative Justice  
Eastern Mennonite University  
BA, Expressive Arts for Conflict  
Transformation  
Hollins University

## MEMBERSHIPS

Harrisonburg Auxiliary Police Unit  
Harrisonburg Restorative Justice  
Coalition

## PUBLICATIONS

*How Does the "Who, What, Where,  
When and How" Affect the Practice  
of Restorative Justice?* (2004). In:  
Barbara Toews, and Howard Zehr  
(eds.), "Critical Issues in  
Restorative Justice". Monsey, NY:  
Criminal Justice Press

## CAREER HISTORY

**Restorative Justice (RJ) Practitioner** CO-VA 2003 - present  
Facilitating restorative justice circles and providing RJ education  
in civic, criminal justice and educational settings. Currently  
member of Harrisonburg Auxiliary Police Unit and Liaison for  
HPD RJ Program; providing RJ case management for court  
services, HPD and FairField Center; co-teaching HPD post  
academy RJ training; facilitating community-police relations  
with community leaders and HPD command staff.

**Trinity Presbyterian Church, VA** 2019 - present  
**Church Administrator**  
Working with the pastor, committees and church members  
identifying/assisting with implementation of internal  
communication strategies and processes; managing the office  
and building facilities.

**Harrisonburg Unitarian Universalists (HUU), VA** 2015 - 2019  
**Congregational Life Coordinator**  
Consulting with HUU Board regarding implementation of  
internal communication strategies and processes; providing  
ministerial support to congregation; managing the hiring  
process and orientation for all open staff positions.

**Our Community Place, VA** 2013 – 2014  
**Resource Coordinator**  
Providing nonprofit development via interagency collaboration;  
training and coordinating volunteers.

**Carriage House Homeless Community Center, CO** 2005-2006  
**Case Manager**  
Facilitating restorative justice circles of support and  
accountability; providing case management for individuals that  
are homeless and/or transitioning from homelessness,  
incarceration.

**Colorado Department of Corrections CO** 2004-2005  
**Restorative Justice Program (COAS) Coordinator**  
Facilitating RJ circles of accountability and support for recently  
paroled sex offenders: training volunteers in restorative justice;  
working on a team with parole officers, therapists and case  
managers to reintegrate offenders into community; offering  
public restorative justice education.