

# Boards & Commissions Application



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

1. Planning Commission
2. Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority

**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:** Finnegan Brent M. **Date:** 8/23/2016  
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

**Home Address:** 205 N. Main Street, Apt. 7, Harrisonburg, VA **Zip Code:** 22802

**Phone Number:** 540-999-8582 **Alternate Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation:** Director-Producer **Employer/Organization:** James Madison University

**E-mail:** brentfinnegan@gmail.com **Harrisonburg resident for** 8 **years.**

**Were you referred by anyone:** ☒ Yes ☐ No **Name of Referring Party:** Kai Degner

**How did you hear about volunteering on a board or commission?** ☐ Cable ☐ Website ☐ Council Meeting  
☒ Other: Word of mouth

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

For the past 10 years, I've been involved in various aspects of the Harrisonburg community. I wish to become more involved in the planning and governing aspects of the Harrisonburg community. I believe that my unique combination of skills and experience would serve the city well.

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

I have been following Planning Commission and HRHA news for 10 years. I attend community meetings at Simms (NENA, Virginia Organizing). I facilitate meetings of various working groups, and am quick to learn and adapt. I'm familiar with Robert's Rules of Order, and believe I would be an asset to Planning Commission and/or HRHA.

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

I want to see all members of the Harrisonburg community represented and treated fairly, regardless of income, race, gender, sexual identity, national origin, or political persuasion.

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

2006: Graduate of Harrisonburg Citizen Academy (inaugural class)  
2006 - 2011: Creator/editor of hburgnews.com, a Harrisonburg community news website  
2007: Producer of "Latino Underground" for WVPT, a documentary about undocumented immigration in the Valley  
2010 - present: Planning committee, Super Gr8 Film Festival  
2012 - 2014: Volunteer at Cat's Cradle (animal welfare shelter)  
2012 - present: ESL tutor, citizenship class instructor at Skyline Literacy  
2013 - present: Fundraiser & volunteer at Our Community Place  
2016: Volunteer coordinator with Shenandoah Valley for Bernie  
2016: CD6 Sanders Caucus Chair (congressional district convention)  
2016: Member, Toastmasters International (Harrisonburg Club)

**-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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