

Boards & Commissions Application



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

1. Parks And 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: Burden Jared L Date: 2-13-15
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 460 Andergren Dr., Harrisonburg, VA 22801 Zip Code: 22801

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Occupation: Retail Real Estate Developer Employer/Organization: Wagner property Group

E-mail: jburden@wagspg.com Harrisonburg resident for 13 years.

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

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

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

As a former Member/Chair of the City's Planning Commission, from 2004 to 2009, I would like to return to service to the City of Harrisonburg in a position where I can help make a positive difference for the City. I am a big fan of the recreational acilities and programs of the City and have always admired the range of parks and facilities here. It is an aspect of the City with which I was not able to interact while on the Planning Commission, and I believe it has a huge role in promoting the happiness well-being of citizens of the City. I have no doubt that parks, programs and activities can and should continue to evolve as needs change and opportunities arise, and that process is a big part of why I am interested in a role on the Commission.

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

I have served the City as member/chair of the Planning Commission (2004-2009) and I that gave me a sense of the space that Parks and Recreation fills in this City. I am a retail real estate developer and have a keen sense of the importance of open space, room to breathe, live and relax, which is emerging as more needed than ever even when an area is being developed for commercial purposes. I am a Public Policy Studies graduate of Duke University, and as a former attorney I understand the roles of commissions in the life of a City. I also share the desire to be outside and active -- for example, I have many times enjoyed the disk golf facility at Westover!

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

- Preserving and increasing open space. As a real estate developer, I understand the process of acquiring and protecting land. When doing my work I am keenly aware of the limits to development.
- Assuring the programs, activities, classes, etc. offered by the City are relevant and change, when necessary, to reflect new directions, new technology, and new citizen concerns and interests.
- Assuring the safety of City recreational facilities and activities
- assuring adequate funding for parks and recreation activities, including being prepared to make the best case for it.

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

None at present. I am a 2002 graduate of Leadership Fairfax, similar to our Citizens Academy. I was a member/chair of our Planning Commission 2004-2009. I have served on the Boards of the United Way, Boys and Girls Club, and the Arts Council of the Valley. In this role I would like to return to active citizen service here.

-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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