

Boards & Commissions Application



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

1. EPSAC

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: Payton Andrew D **Date:** 11/6/2020
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 431 Ohio Ave **Own/Rent?** Own

Phone Number: 301-814-1374 **Alternate Phone:** _____

Occupation: Senior Course Developer **Employer/Organization:** 2U, Inc

E-mail: andrewdpayton@gmail.com **Harrisonburg resident for** 0 **years.**

Were you referred by anyone: Yes No Name of Referring Party: N/A

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

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

I was really inspired by reading the Environmental Action Plan adopted in January, 2020, and felt encouraged that we truly understand the issues and potential solutions, and now we are faced with the challenge of implementation. I want to be a voice for my community, and do some of the hard work of determining how to meet the goals that have been set out. I see taking a role on EPSAC as a great way to do that.

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

I have been active in environmental advocacy in the past, and received my Masters in Fine Arts in Creative Writing and the Environment, and so have for many years tried to understand the human component of environmental action. I am a new resident of Harrisonburg, and I am quickly growing to really love this city, and I am looking for ways to make a positive impact and become civically involved. My current occupation is in instructional design and online program management, and for a company called 2U, Inc, I lead a team of Course Developers in working directly with university faculty around the country in the planning, development, and production of graduate degree program coursework in our learning management system. This role requires management, communication, coordination, negotiation, and a deep understanding of project management and learning design theory.

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

I am interested in the local food economy, our pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure, and, once the world returns to normal, events that bring our community together. I am also interested in cultural and linguistic diversity, and, as a father of a toddler and with another baby on the way, I am excited to eventually be a parent of children in our local schools.

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

I am a volunteer bicycle mechanic for Bikes for Neighbors, an initiative of Shenandoah Valley Bicycle 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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