

Boards & Commissions Application



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

1. Environmental Performance Standards Advisory 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: Benevento Tom A **Date:** 09/29/16
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Home Address: 910 Collicello St., Harrisonburg **Zip Code:** 22802

Phone Number: 540-433-2363 **Alternate Phone:** _____

Occupation: _____ **Employer/Organization:** Community Sustainable Dev Director

E-mail: beneventoncp@gmail.com **Harrisonburg resident for** 9 **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?

I hope to both bring my skills and knowledge in sustainable systems and to the needs of the advisory committee and also learn from the knowledge base of city staff and other experts in the field of environmental performance standards. I hope to work as a team to help move the city of Harrisonburg forward with best practices of environmental performance standards from an integrated systems approach.

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

I have a MS in Sustainable Systems design and three decades of experience in community sustainable development working on energy efficiency and carbon emissions reduction through integrated development projects in alternative transportation, built environment, and agro-ecology. I currently work in Harrisonburg for a nonprofit that focuses on sustainable development and consult for a USAID and United Nations sponsored sustainable development project in the Dominican Republic on edible forest ecosystems and carbon sequestration.

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

My longer term interests are to work as a team with the city staff and community to help foster a more healthy Harrisonburg that is moving towards energy efficiency and renewables in an integrated approach that includes built environment, transportation and agriculture

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

I have been involved in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee, engaged with city council members and many community issues. This would be my first official appointment on a city advisory committee. I look forward to working together and learning together.

-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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**Supplemental Questions for Environmental Performance Standards Advisory Committee (EPSAC)
Application**

- 1) The EPSAC will be meeting up to once per month. Meetings will typically take place between 5-7pm. Are you typically available during these times? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- 2) City Council is seeking EPSAC members to represent broad stakeholder interests within the city. If you will be participating on the EPSAC as a representative of a business, group, or organization, please provide the name of the business, group, or organization and indicate what stakeholder category the group represents. If more than one, please list all.
 - A. Residents, civic leagues, homeowners associations.
 - B. Institutional and tax exempt entities including colleges and churches.
 - C. Business community including residential, commercial and industrial property owners, malls, and business groups.
 - D. Professional engineers, real estate developers, and construction contractors.
 - E. Special interest groups that represent economic development, environmental or outdoor recreation.
 - F. Others, education professionals from the local schools and city staff

Business, Group, or Organization Name	Category
<u>Example X Homeowners Association</u>	<u>A</u>
<u>New Community Project</u>	<u>E</u>
<u>Shalom Mennonite Church</u>	<u>B</u>
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