

Boards & Commissions Application



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

1. Parks and Recreation Commission-West 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: Rooker Carol Date: 02/04/2019
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 560 Ohio Ave. Own/Rent? Own

Phone Number: 540-908-5756 Alternate Phone: _____

Occupation: Writer/consultant Employer/Organization: Self

E-mail: camrooker@protonmail.com Harrisonburg resident for 19 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: Kira Newman

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

I have been a long time resident of Harrisonburg who has lived within a block of Westover Park the entire time. My children have participated in multiple Parks and Recreation formal and informal activities. I have seen how important the Parks and Recreation department is to our community, and want to help keep our services growing. I also have time now to be of service to our city, and believe I can be useful.

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

I have an undergraduate degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in Drama, a Masters degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in Educational Psychology and Research, and am ABD PhD from the University of Illinois in Educational Psychology. I have studied both children and adults in a wide variety of learning contexts. I am familiar with analyzing information about population statistics, as well as qualitative data about community contexts. I have written proposals, grants, and white papers for education purposes, but for not-for-profit organizations as well. I have been on fundraising committees and held offices in my professional organizations.

Perhaps above all, I am a local participant and parent in our Parks and Recreation system.

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

I have seen a variety of complex issues arise in our community ranging from elder services to early childhood care; facets of diversity, education, coordinated services with business partners, as well as crime and safety issues all have consistent and ever changing presence in our community. I have interests in developing small, targeted projects that can have great impact, as well as being a part of larger, long term projects.

I believe we are an interesting site for our region and state, we are dealing with issues that will only become more pressing for people across Virginia. What we do can help local folks grow and care for themselves, and perhaps shed some light on how other communities can do the same.

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 an officer for my local American Educational Research Association chapter (UIUC), and have been a educational research consultant in Kansas City on various projects, and locally for program development at JMU with Mark Rooker.

-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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