

Boards & Commissions Application



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

- 1. Parks and Recreation Commission
- 2. Planning Commission

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: Martonik Daniel **Date:** December 14, 2016
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 855 Chestnut Drive, Harrisonburg, VA **Zip Code:** 22801

Phone Number: 703-609-1887 **Alternate Phone:** _____

Occupation: Director of Administration and Info **Employer/Organization:** Byler Barns and Backyards

E-mail: danmartonik@yahoo.com **Harrisonburg resident for** 3 **years.**

Were you referred by anyone: Yes No **Name of Referring Party:** Mark Finks

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?

The city of Harrisonburg holds a special place in my heart, and I would love to give back and make it an even greater place to live.

I graduated from James Madison University in 2004 and had the opportunity to discover, get to know, and truly appreciate Harrisonburg during my time there. Moving back to northern VA and Washington DC after graduation, I missed the character and culture of this town. Luckily I met, dated, and fell in love with a girl who lived in Harrisonburg, and I moved back here in February of 2013.

That girl is now my wife, and last year we bought a small house in the City of Harrisonburg, really making this town our home. We recently had our first child, and we could not be happier with the beauty of the Shenandoah Valley and the overall quality of life Harrisonburg has to offer our family.

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

After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Management and a Minor in Business from JMU, I pursued a career in Operations Management. I have gained over 10 years of extensive operational and program management experience in multiple organizations. As a Recreation Specialist with the Fairfax County Park Authority, I programmed classes utilizing public school facilities, working with shared-space initiatives. Writing and publishing the ParkTakes class catalog, I worked on a daily basis with school officials to schedule and plan, and was the liaison between the Park Authority and Fairfax County Public Schools.

While my current profession doesn't necessarily revolve around recreation, a large part of my life involves staying active and healthy. Our house sits between Westover and Hillandale Parks, and we spend time at both as much as we can. Purcell Park was also a favorite when we lived in that neighborhood, and we frequent Smithland Dog Park with our two dogs as well.

Physical fitness is very important to me, and I use the big pool in the summer and the covered-lap pool in the winter at Westover to train for the Great Chesapeake Bay Swim, an annual 4.4 mile swim across the Bay I've competed in the race 5 times, and will hopefully be participating again in 2017.

With my educational background in sports management, experience programming classes for the Fairfax County Park Authority, and my passion for recreation and fitness in my personal life, I believe I can be a great asset to the Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

Aside from Parks and Recreation, I am interested in the Arts community that thrives here in Harrisonburg. I work part-time with the Arts Council at Court Square Theater, and I enjoy experiencing many forms of art - live music, gallery openings, theatrical performances, anything creative.

I am also interested in small business development in Harrisonburg. My wife and I are always brainstorming new ideas for potential businesses, and we think there are many factors that make Harrisonburg a perfect place to get a business up and running.

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

I have participated in several Blacks Run Clean Up days, downtown and at Purcell Park. I am involved with the Arts Council, and I would love the opportunity to become the new member of the Parks and Recreation Commission!

-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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