

# Boards & Commissions Application



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

- 1. Tree Advisory Board
- 2. Parks and Recreation 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: Bear Benjamin Date: 02/13/18  
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 133 N Brook Ave Apt 3 Harrisonburg, VA Own/Rent? rent

Phone Number: 703-835-3612 Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: Social Worker/restaurant worker Employer/Organization: HR social Services / Bowl of Good

E-mail: ben.c.bear@gmail.com Harrisonburg resident for 1 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 new resident of the city, I would like to become more involved and be a part of planning for our future.

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

- Teaching Naturalist at Pathfinder Ranch Outdoor School (Mountain Center, Calif.) - 4 years
- Instructor at Horizons Outdoor Learning Center (Rockingham, Va.) - 1 season
- Sustainability Coordinator at West Virginia Wesleyan College (Buckhannon, W.Va.) - 1 year
- Landscape Committee at West Virginia Wesleyan College (Buckhannon, W.Va.) - 1 year

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

- Making Harrisonburg a pedestrian and bicycle friendly city
- Preventing the creation of food deserts
- Creation and preservation of green spaces
- Sustainable energy/material sourcing
- Improving health of Blacks Run

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

Church Board member, 2003 - Nokesville (Va.) Church of the Brethren

Assistant Food Bank Director/Gleaning Coordinator, 2007-08 - Alamosa, Colo.

Handbell Choir Director, 2014-15 - Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren (Elgin, Ill.)

Landscape Committee, 2015-16 - West Virginia Wesleyan College (Buckhannon, W.Va.)

**-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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