

Boards & Commissions Application



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

1. Economic Development Advisory Committee
2. Transportation Safety and Advisory 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: Humphries Joshua M Date: 10/23/14
(Last) (First) (M.I)

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Phone Number: (540) 589-3071 Alternate Phone: _____

Occupation: Student Employer/Organization: James Madison University

E-mail: humphrjm@dukesjmu.edu Harrisonburg resident for 3 years.

Were you referred by anyone: Yes No Name of Referring Party: Honorable A.R. "Pete" Giesen

How did you hear about volunteering on a board or commission? Cable Website Council Meeting
 Other: City Council Candidates Forum

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

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."
Everyday I try to live my life in accordance with this quote from Winston Churchill, which stipulates that we as citizens are obligated to give back to our community. As I've become a more involved student at Madison, consequently I've become more involved with the Harrisonburg Community. Having the opportunity to serve on a board/commission, would allow me as a student-citizen to be more actively engaged with the Harrisonburg Community and provide a student voice on many issues relating to Harrisonburg. I believe that it is my time to begin my public career here in Harrisonburg, the place where I've invested so much of my time and come to know many great people. I want to give back to the community that has given me infinitely more than I could ever give back. My passion for public service combined with my dedication to the student body and institution of James Madison as a whole would make me a valuable resource for the City.

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

As a student, I am still continuing my education in Political Science at James Madison. However, this opportunity is as much an educational and learning opportunity for me as it is an advising role for the city. I would have the opportunity to formally begin my career in the public sector with the ability to get out of the classroom, roll up my sleeves and work with local civic leaders and business owners. By serving on either the Economic Development or Transportation Committees I would be able to provide a student perspective to relevant issues plaguing the city. JMU students patronize Harrisonburg Public Transit on a daily basis, I would be privy to the needs of JMU students from that perspective. But also as a general resident of our community, I would be able to provide input on transportation issues as seen by students.

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

My interests include all things involving the City and James Madison University. I would like to work to strengthen the working and social relationship between the Harrisonburg and James Madison University communities. I'm interested in becoming more involved with the Downtown Dining Alliance and the Downtown Renaissance Program. Furthermore, I'm interested in a consolidation effort of organizations on campus and within the community to form a coalition that would provide a direct link for community members to interact with the students. Particularly, I'm very interested in the Hotel/Conference Center and how this project will impact our two communities. Considering our Food and Beverage Tax is one of the highest in the Commonwealth, I would be interested to see the percentage of tax revenue garnered from JMU students. In addition to these issues, I would also like to work on efforts to increase voter turnout both from JMU students and community members.

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

Since fall of 2012 I have been actively involved at Harrisonburg Baptist Church, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir and working to expand the college ministry. I also serve as the Legislative Action Chair of the Student Government Association, in which I lead a passionate and active group of members to get students engaged and aware of various issues both on and off campus. Within the university, I also serve on the Athletics Advisory Committee, which hears all issues relating to athletics here at James Madison University. Also within the University, I serve on the Parking Advisory Committee. I also serve on the Student Alumni Association executive board, which is the governing board of the Student Alumni Association. Each of these organizations has a mission to be proactive in promoting student engagement and involvement within the community on all levels. Therefore, I see myself as being indirectly involved with the Harrisonburg Community through my involvement in these organizations. However, I have been directly involved in attendance to both Candidates Forum and the City Council meeting in regards to the Hotel and Conference Center. I am also involved in my home community of Botetourt County, where I continue to be an active member of Bonsack Baptist Church. I also served as summer re-election campaign intern for Delegate Chris Head in the summer of 2013, which provided me with an opportunity to directly engage with the constituency of Botetourt and Roanoke Counties. While I've enjoyed being involved in Botetourt, being in Harrisonburg and attending JMU has given me the opportunity to blaze my own path regarding my involvement as a citizen.

-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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SUMMARY:

- Demonstrated skills in public relations, organization and leadership
- Self-motivated, enthusiastic, honest, and dedicated
- Excellent oral, written and interpersonal communication skills

EDUCATION:

James Madison University: Political Science, Pre-Law Track GPA: 3.69 May 2015
Lord Botetourt High School: GPA: 4.089 on a 4.0 scale top 10% of class June 2012

COMPUTER SKILLS:

*Microsoft Office *SPSS *Aristotle *i360 portal

CURRENT RELEVANT COURSES:

*Government *Business Law *Practical Politics *Civil Rights *State and Local Politics

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

- Volunteer for Republican Party of VA 2012-Present
- Relay for Life Emcee 2013-2014
- Bonsack Baptist Church Member 2007

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Campaign manager for Delegate Chris Head 2013 - Summer
Experience in running a campaign, working in both an office environment and out in the field.
Enabled me to engage with many people, furthering my communication and organizational skills.
- Gentry Locke Rakes and Moore summer intern 2014

Campaigning/Public Involvement

2009-Present

- Volunteer for Romney/Ryan for President
- Volunteer for Goodlatte for Congress
- Volunteer for Arney for Botetourt County Treasurer

James Madison University Student Government Association

2012- Present

- Chair, Legislative Action Committee
- Legislative Action Committee Member – scheduling subcommittee
- Faculty Senate Student Liaison
- University Athletics Advisory Committee

James Madison University Student Alumni Association

2013

- Vice President of Communications
- Member, Board of Directors

2014

James Madison University Marching Band; Leadership Team

2013

- Trombonist – Drill Instructor

HONORS&AWARDS

- JMU Deans List, All Semesters 2012-Present
- Member of the Collegiate Honor Society 2013
- Featured student in the "Go MAD" for Madison Student Giving Campaign 2013
- Student Member to the Madison Collaborative (Ethical Reasoning in Action) 2013
- Attended VA American Legion Boys State; Supreme Court Justice 2011

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

- Playing piano & trombone in various ensembles, hunting, politics and policy, campaigns, JMU Marching Band, Student Government, College Republicans and critical thinking/ethical exercises

The Hon. A.R. "Pete" Giesen, Jr.

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To: Whom it may concern:

Having experienced the responsibility of evaluating individuals for appointed public service, the necessary personal traits for such service have made their way into my selective system. Mr. Josh Humphries, who is taking several of my cases here at TMU, has exhibited many of the personal traits which would make him a valuable appointee. For instance, he is very attentive to other views, weighs facts carefully before making decisions and does his "homework" thoroughly on any subject he undertakes.

Josh, would make a significant contribution to either the Economic Development Advisory Committee or the Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission for the City of Harrisonburg. I readily recommend him for appointment to either of these where a youthful, intelligent, thoughtful approach would be helpful.

Best regards,

Pete Hieser