

# Boards & Commissions Application



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

Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority \_\_\_\_\_

**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:** Fleming, Dany **Date:** 01/20/2020  
(Last) (First) (M.I)

**Home Address:** 474 Myers Ave, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 Own/Rent? Own

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alternate Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Employer/Organization:** Self

**E-mail:** fleming.dany@gmail.com **Harrisonburg resident for** 13 **years.**

**Were you referred by anyone:** Yes No Name of Referring Party: Deanna Reed

**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 have served on a number of city boards, commissions, and other city sponsored work including: School Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, Comprehensive Plan Committee, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street Renaming. Over the past decade, I have also been engaged in many community-based efforts, including Harrisonburg Healthy Community Council, United Way Community Impact Team, Valley Justice Coalition and others. Prior to Harrisonburg, I served in appointed city sponsored work in Chicago and on many community-based efforts for two decades.

Being an active city resident working on important community issues is something I have enjoyed and feel committed to doing. I hope to continue that as long as I am able. I am specifically interested in supporting issues around affordable housing, homelessness, and promoting increased home ownership and financial stability. I believe my experience in these issues and in organizational development can be useful in supporting the work of the HRHA.

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

I have spent 10 years on the Board of Zoning Appeals, which includes the BZA training. It also includes time researching city zoning and housing and time learning from and interacting with city staff on these issues. I was part of the Harrisonburg Healthy Community Council and United Way Community Impact Teams which focused significantly on our local ALICE population. Serving on School Board provided an additional way to learn about the needs of some HRHA participants.

In Chicago, I spent many years working on community and economic development and education in Chicago, including working on the Chicago Metropolis 2020 plan, which covered housing, transportation and taxation in the region. I was a founder and president of a homeless shelter in Chicago (Westtown Emergency Shelter). I have worked on and professionally trained numerous civic and non-profit boards.

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

I am interested in many of the issues the city is currently developing plans and strategies around, including education, community and economic development, sustainability, diversity and race relations, and fair and equitable progress in all those areas.

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

Harrisonburg Board of Zoning Appeals  
Harrisonburg City School Board  
United Way Community Impact Team  
Citizen's Academy  
Harrisonburg Healthy Community Council  
Mayor's Council of Technology Advisors (City of Chicago)  
Chicago Metropolis 2020 Plan for Chicago  
The Consortium on School Research (University of Chicago)  
Westtown Emergency Shelter (Chicago) - Founder/President  
Community Renewal Society Community and Economic Development Board (Chicago)

**-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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