

# Boards & Commissions Application



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

1. PLANNING COMMISSION
2. BZA / HRHA

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: FULLER BENJAMIN LEVI Date: 12/14/2018  
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 275 EAST JOHNSON STREET Own/Rent? OWN

Phone Number: (540) 830-8423 Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: BEER/WINE/CHEESE BUYER Employer/Organization: FRIENDLY CITY FOOD CO-OP

E-mail: blevifuller@gmail.com Harrisonburg resident for 8 years.

Were you referred by anyone:  Yes  No Name of Referring Party: BRENT FINNEGAN

How did you hear about volunteering on a board or commission?  Cable  Website  Council Meeting  
 Other: WORD OF MOUTH & CITIZENS ACADEMY

Why do you wish to serve on a board or commission?  
 I WISH TO BE A LISTENING, COMPASSIONATE EAR TO MY COMMUNITY AND A RESPONSIBLE, PEACEABLE ADVOCATE FOR THE GOOD OF OUR CITY. AFTER ENGAGING WITH HARRISONBURG CITY EVEN DEEPER WITH CITIZENS ACADEMY, I AM MOTIVATED TO CONTINUE MY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMIT TO FURTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE.

What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?  
 AS A HOBBY I READ A LOT OF NON-FICTION SURROUNDING CITY MAKING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, EVEN ENTERTAINED GOING BACK TO SCHOOL FOR A MASTERS IN PLANNING (THOUGH MONEY IS A HURDLE FOR OUR FAMILY). I READ AND I INTERACT WITH PHYSICAL SPACES AS A CENTRAL ROLE IN MY ARTISTIC PRACTICE. MOST RECENTLY GETTING A PROJECT TOGETHER WITH LOCAL ARTISTS AND ARCHITECTS FOR A COLLECTIVE SHOW AT MY GUILD'S GALLERY DOWNTOWN (THE HEIGHT OF WHICH BEING DR. PHILIP BEES FROM NOTRE DAME COMING TO SPEAK). THIS IS MY PASSION AND MY HOBBY WHEEL HOUSE.

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

ONE CENTRAL THING ABOUT CITY PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THAT GETS ME GOING IS THE IMPACT OF PHYSICAL PLACES (BUILDINGS, STREETWALLS, MONUMENTS, ETC.) ON OUR INDIVIDUAL & COMMUNAL DEVELOPMENT (THE WAY OUR SURROUNDINGS SHAPE THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT AND INTERACT WITH OURSELVES AND OTHERS).

THIS PARTICULARLY CONCERNS ME IN REGARD TO UNDOING AND LIVING FORWARD TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY IN THE AFTERMATH OF URBAN RENEWAL THAT HAS SYSTEMATICALLY CRUSHED THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND CONTINUED A CULTURE OF GENERATIONAL POVERTY ACROSS RACIAL LINES.

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

CITIZENS ACADEMY (2018)

NORTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (2018)

**-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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