

Boards & Commissions Application



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

1. Environmental Performance Standards Advisory Com 2. _____

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: Morse Emani J Date: 1/25/19
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 2417 Avonlea Lane Own/Rent? Rent

Phone Number: 770-359-8182 Alternate Phone: _____

Occupation: Program Coordinator Employer/Organization: On the Road Collaborative

E-mail: emanimorse@gmail.com Harrisonburg resident for 5.5 years.

Were you referred by anyone: Yes No Name of Referring Party: Tom Benevento

How did you hear about volunteering on a board or commission? Cable Website Council Meeting
 Other: Tom Benevento

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

I would love to serve on this committee because I am a driven health enthusiast with a passion of helping people (especially when it is in an inclusive manner). I believe in a holistic view of health which, very much so, includes taking care of our environment.

My purpose in life is to make a positive impact on people's health through the means of improving their knowledge, self efficacy, and accountability to healthy practices. In regards to our environment, I would apply my life mission to this position by encouraging thoughtful decision making, advocating for environmentally safe practices, and living by example. I know that no one person can reverse our environmental issues, but a group of people making small changes can make a significant difference in the future of our world. I want be a part of a community who is taking action and standing up for a healthy environment. I strive to create a community that is ethically aware and works to make a sustainable change in our city.

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

I graduated from James Madison University (JMU) in 2017 with a Bachelors in Health Sciences with a concentration in Public Health Education. Through this curriculum I have taken 3-4 college courses including water purification, environmental health, and general health classes.

I have also had the opportunity to volunteer with Vine & Fig, a nonprofit organization committed to the creation of sustainable systems that care for the earth, empower people most marginalized, educate and inspire, and build the foundation for a nonviolent lifestyle. This privilege has afforded me the chance to learn first-hand about sustainable systems and the benefits a community produces from this modality of living. Benefits of this include an understanding on how to reduce our carbon footprint, as well as how to reduce the use of and reuse our natural resources more efficiently.

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

As previously stated, I am driven by my desire to encourage holistic health. I promote the practice of overall well-being through acute focus on mental, physical, and emotional health. In this era of convenience, I am concerned that people do not understand the ramifications of their actions on our community and the environment as a whole.

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

Currently, I do not have extensive experience with city committees. Being raised in a military household, I grew up in over 15 cities in the United States throughout my life. This lifestyle prevented me from having the opportunity to “grow roots” to a singular hometown. However, it did instill in me an inclusive persona as well as educated me to the vast and varying ways that communities function. After going to JMU for four years, and then starting my career in “The Friendly City,” the diversity, opportunities, and inclusiveness have created a desire to make a positive impact on a city that has so positively impacted me.

-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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