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Question applies to multiple boards

Applications are accepted for the calendar year only. The Olympia City Council's General Government Committee recommends appointments to the full Council. Recommendations are made following review of applications and interviews of qualified candidates.

The City of Olympia values participation from all perspectives and life experiences and looks for equity and inclusion in advisory board appointments.

Three absences from meetings in a year may result in removal from an advisory board.

Questions? Contact Susan Grisham, Executive Assistant, 360.753.8244, sgrisham@ci.olympia.wa.us

If you saved or submitted an application and did not receive a confirmation, please check your spam folder.

The City of Olympia is committed to the non-discriminatory treatment of all persons in employment and the delivery of services and resources.

When filed with the City, your application and attachment documents are public records and may be subject to public release.

Retired (Archivist)

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Heritage Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

If you applied for multiple boards or commissions, please rank them in order of interest below.

Select Your Neighborhood (you must live within Olympia City limits to serve on a board or commission) *

Eastside

If you choose "other" please write in your neighborhood here:

Interests & Experiences

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Please keep answers concise and informative. You are introducing yourself to the Olympia City Council and sharing with them why you are interested in being considered for appointment. Olympia residency is not required; however, it is a primary consideration. You may attach a resume.

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1. Briefly describe why you wish to serve on this advisory committee.

My lifelong passion, interest and hobby is old and historic structures. I am interested in their preservation, restoration, and reuse. I enjoy working on the preservation and protection of historic buildings and with educating and talking with the public about this topic. I also want to do service work in my city and in this area.

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2. Describe your qualifications and/or skills which would benefit this advisory committee.

I have a bachelor and master's degree in history. I have successfully nominated my former house as an individual landmark. I worked on the early years of the Bigelow House project both hands on and as a board member. I served on the Olympia and the Thurston County heritage commissions for several years in the 1990s and on the Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission for 7 years recently. I own an individually landmarked house in Olympia. I served as the chair of the Tacoma historic preservation commission for one year and the vice chair in other years. I have made my own storm windows and restored wood windows, replace knob and tube wiring, painted, wallpapered, stripped wallpaper and related hands on tasks.

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3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.

When I lived in Olympia in the past I served on the City historic preservation commission for a number of years. My partner and I dance at contra dances in Olympia and participate in traditional music sessions and events. I served on the Bigelow House board in the past. I only recently moved back to Olympia. I belong to the Olympia Woodworkers Guild.

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4. List your educational and professional background and area of study.

BA & MA in history and archival & records management. Archivist for about 30+ years at the Oregon Historical Society, Washington State Archives, Weyerhaeuser Company and National Archives, Seattle

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5. Appointment to this committee will require your attendance at evening meetings. How many hours per month are you willing to commit as a volunteer?

4-8 hours

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6. If you are not appointed to this committee at this time:

Question applies to multiple boards

6a. Do you wish to be considered for appointment to another advisory committee?

Yes No

Question applies to multiple boards

6b. Do you wish to be considered for future appointment to this committee?

Yes No

Question applies to multiple boards

6c. Would you be willing to volunteer for other City activities?

Yes No

Question applies to multiple boards

If you answered yes to 6a, please identify what other Advisory Committees you would be interested in being considered for in order of interest.

Question applies to multiple boards

7. Some appointments require that applicants reside within Olympia city limits. Even though your mailing address may be Olympia, you may reside in the County or another jurisdiction. Are you a resident of the City of Olympia?

Yes No

Question applies to multiple boards

8. Citizens appointed to advisory committees are assigned and required to use a City email address for all advisory committee business.

Do you agree to comply with this expectation?

I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

9. How did you learn about this advisory committee recruitment?

From the Historic Preservation Officer

Upload a Resume

Question applies to Heritage Commission

10. Why do you think Olympia's historic places are important?

I believe they enhance the city aesthetically and provide architectural diversity. They help interpret the past and provide context for the city's history. They can tell the story of minorities, hidden and removed populations.

11. What is your experience working with the history or preservation of built/cultural heritage?

I have researched and presented talks on historic buildings and neighborhoods. I have preserved historical records related to the built environment. I have helped researchers access this information. I have worked on restoration of three historic houses I have owned and continue to do that at the individually landmarked house I live in now. I have served about 15 years on various historic preservation commissions. I have taken classes on the historic preservation, historic preservation carpentry, window restoration and historical research. I travel overseas and locally visiting historic cities and buildings.