



Monday, January 9, 2023

## City of Olympia Cultural Access Advisory Board Application

Advisory committees are a structured way for individual community members to share their opinions and perspectives, study issues, and develop recommendations in a focused small group. Their primary purpose is to provide judicious advice, from a community member's perspective, to the Olympia City Council.

The Olympia Cultural Access Program Advisory Board was established to ensure that the Cultural Access Program provides public benefits. The Board advises the City Council on the formulation of processes, procedures and criteria for carrying out the goals of the Cultural Access Program and ensures that the program's expenditures are invested based on the priorities and commitments made to Olympia voters.

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

To reduce barriers to community member participation the City offers stipends of \$25 per meeting attended to advisory committee members. Those members who certify as low income are eligible to receive stipends of \$50 per meeting attended. Advisory Committee members may waive the stipend upon request.

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 is committed to the non-discriminatory treatment of all persons in employment and the delivery of services and resources. Questions? Contact Dawn Carvalho, 360.753.8065, [dcarvalh@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:dcarvalh@ci.olympia.wa.us)

If you saved or submitted an application and did not receive a confirmation, please check your spam folder. When filed with the City, your application and attachment documents are public records and may be subject to public release.

**Name**

Bret Anderson

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Address**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Select your neighborhood (Olympia residency is not required; however, it is a primary consideration. )**

Other

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

San Mar Villa near Seater-Kinney



**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

**Primary Phone Number**

[REDACTED]

**Alternate Phone Number**

[REDACTED]

## Interests & Experiences

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. You may attach a resume.

**Attach a Resume**



Bret Anderson resume.pdf

**Briefly describe why you wish to serve on Cultural Access Advisory Board.**

One of the reasons that I moved to Olympia is that there is so much going on here for creativity. There is a great live music scene and I love the Parade of the Species. My wife and I have become involved in a number of these groups and enjoy the energy and friendship that we have found here. It's wonderful that there is so much going on to support public care for the environment. Also, I appreciate the events that teach me about the Native American cultures that live here. I would like to help support this atmosphere

**Describe your experience, qualifications, and/or skills which would benefit the Cultural Access Advisory Board.**

I have been a teacher for forty five years and this has taught me much about people and how to connect with them. I am a musical and out-doors person as well as a carpenter and gadget inventor. Because of these interests, I have a deep respect for the creative spark in everyone and want to see it fueled into a flame.

**Share the ways you've been involved or have volunteered in the community.**

I am a docent for Kennedy Creek.  
I am a volunteer carpenter for Rebuilding Together.  
I am a volunteer tutor for Olympia High School.  
I am a Guardian ad Litem for Thurston County Superior Court.

**Describe your experience with and knowledge of the communities and organizations meant to be served by the Olympia's Cultural Access Program.**

Having been involved with the organizations listed above, I have gotten to know some of the creative and committed people who live here. Their efforts to do something good and important for the city and the Pacific Northwest have won me over. I feel that I can lend effort and energy to these people and their causes to keep the Olympia special spirit growing.

**List your educational and/or professional background and area of study.**

BA in English, minor in physics  
MA in Curriculum and Instruction  
These all appear on my resume. I have organized conferences for the European League for Middle Level Education that had 300 participants. It was my honor to be president of this organization.

**Appointment to an advisory committee will require your attendance at evening meetings, and undertake other work (reading, meeting preparation etc.). How many hours per month are you willing to commit as a volunteer?**

Since I am retired now, my time is my own. I have a flexible schedule and can put in the time needed.

**If you are not appointed to the Board at this time:**

Do you wish to be considered for appointment to another Board or Commission? Yes

Do you wish to be considered for future appointment to your preferred Board or Commission? Yes

**If you wish to be considered for another Board or Commission, please identify others you would be interested on being considered for in order of interest:**

I am not sure what Boards or Commissions are available. I would just like to help the City of Olympia

Would you be willing to volunteer for other City activities? You can find opportunities here: Yes  
[https://www.olympiawa.gov/news\\_\\_information/employment\\_\\_volunteering/volunteer\\_opportunities.php](https://www.olympiawa.gov/news__information/employment__volunteering/volunteer_opportunities.php)

**Thank you for your interest in serving on a City of Olympia Advisory Committee!**

**Please hit the "submit" button below when you have completed your application .**

Resume for Bret Douglas Anderson

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Olympia WA 98506

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E-mail: [andersonbret@me.com](mailto:andersonbret@me.com)

Date of Birth: December 5, 1946

**Family:**

Wife, Mary "Tobey" Ishii Anderson, daughter, Aja Mosley, son Angelo "Cord" Anderson, Grandsons, Anderson Richard Mosley, Asher Douglas Mosley

**Certification:**

State of Washington, Permanent Teacher, New York State, Secondary English Teacher, Principal

**Education:**

BA English, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, 1968

MA Curriculum and Instruction, Michigan State University, 1980

Bank Street College, Teachers College, Columbia University, Administrative Certificate. 1982

**Work Experience:**

Western Governors University, Clinical Supervisor

Clinical Supervisor 2012 through 2022

American International School of Budapest

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher 2010-11

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher 1994-2010 ( Science Department Chair 1996-04, Middle School Science Coordinator 2004-09)

Lower School Principal 1991-94

International School of Islamabad

Middle School Principal 1988-91

Singapore American School

Deputy Principal 1983-88

Surabaya International School

Head of School 1980-83

International School of Kuala Lumpur

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Humanities and Science Teacher 1978-80

Cross Cultural Training Coordinator for U.S. Peace Corps Malaysia 1977-78

Engineer, Schooner Third Sea 1975-77

Lecturer of Physics , MARA Junior Science College (Malaysia) 1973-75

U.S> Peace Corps Volunteer, Math Science Teacher Training Malaysia, 1969-73

8<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom teacher Patterson Public School 4, Patterson, N.J.

**Associations and clubs:**

European League for Middle Level Education Steering Committee 1998-08,

President 2001-2004

Boy Scouts of America: Cub Master, Scout Master, Commissioner, Order of the Arrow,  
Wood Badge

Rotary International

Community Youth Services, Olympia, Washington

Superior Court, Thurston County: Guardian ad Litem

South Sound Story Guild

Arbutus

South Sound Fly Fishers

South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group

