



City of Olympia Boards and Commissions Committee Application

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Friday, December 13th at 5:00 PM PST

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.

Committee activities may include study of critical issues, hearing public testimony, independent research, and reviewing staff reports and recommendations - all of which is intended so that the committee is prepared to discuss, formulate, and forward well-developed, thoughtful recommendations to the City Council in a timely manner.

The City of Olympia values participation from all perspectives and life experiences and looks for equity and inclusion in advisory board 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 Community Livability and Public Safety Committee recommends appointments to the full Council. Recommendations are made following review of applications and interviews of qualified candidates.

All of this careful consideration takes time, please be aware that you will not be notified until February of 2025 of any next steps in the process.

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, Executive Services Assistant, 360.753.8065, 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.

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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?

No

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

Southeast

Which Boards and Commissions would you like to apply for?

Heritage Commission

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Planning Commission

If you applied for Multiple Boards and/or Commissions, please rank them in order of interest below:

My top choice is the planning commission and my second choice is parks and rec and my third choice is the heritage commission.

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.

Briefly describe why you wish to serve on this/these Advisory Committee(s).

I am looking to be more active in the community and would like to offer my time to help shape our future through long term planning, preservation and our community programs.

Describe your experience, qualifications, and/or skills which would benefit the advisory committee(s) you are applying to.

My interest in the planning commission comes from career path in the building industry. I work for a builder/developer and I believe my knowledge and perspective could benefit long range planning as my insights as someone impacted by long range planning would be a unique perspective as someone in the building/construction industry.

My interest in preservation is purely an interest I have in history and I have no professional or personal experience, just interest.

My interest in parks and rec is derived from participation in some of the programs, for example I played in the softball league this year. Also i have 3 small children, ages 1, 3 and 5 and we love going to parks! I would like to help the parks and rec department by providing my perspective as a community member that participates with some of those programs.

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

I have not had a lot of involvement in volunteering for the community. I would really like to be more involved and perhaps if anyone reads this and tells me where I can look to find those volunteer opportunities I would appreciate it. My only real participation I have is use of the public parks and programs such as softball leagues.

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

I have a B/S in construction management and a 2 year business degree from Eastern Washington University. I have been working for Rob Rice Homes for about 12 years and I am planning starting my own business in the next 5 years to develop property and build new homes for our community.

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?

I could do more if needed, but I would like to do 15-20 hours a month.

Question Applies to the Heritage Commission: Why do you think Olympia's historic places are important?

I think preservation of historical places is not only important educationally for future generations to see what was here before them, but also it is just cool to have those places/areas/things for future generations to use/see/learn things from those that occupied these places before they were here.

Question Applies to the Heritage Commission: What is your experience working with the history or preservation of build or cultural heritage?

I do not have experience. I am just interested in history in general.

Question Applies to the Planning Commission: In your own words, describe the role of a Olympia Planning Commissioner?

Advisory role to help guide the development path of the city Olympia by giving guidance/advice on rules and regulations that affect how the city operates and also how it moves forward.

Question Applies to the Planning Commission: What interests you the most about community planning?

I would like to be involved in decisions that are made that affect how the city moves forward. Working in the building industry gives me a view of how things operate from an angle that not everyone experiences so I would like to volunteer my time to help council/board in making decisions. Long range planning has an affect on everybody and I think my advice might be unique and add a lot to the conversation.

Question Applies to the Planning Commission: What skills would you bring to the work of the Planning Commission and what do you hope to learn?

My skills are simply the industry I work in. I am familiar with land use for example. I am not an engineer, but I work along side engineers regularly as we developed properties into communities for new homeowners.

Question Applies to the Planning Commission: Have you ever taken a Short Course in Local Planning, read an Olympia Planning Commission meeting packet or attended a meeting?

I have not, but I do serve on the Olympia Master Builders board that meets with Lacey, Tumwater and Thurston county members that are working on long range planning, but that is where my direct experience works. I do not have a formal education or training in long range planning.

Question Applies to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: Describe your interest in and use of parks in Olympia.

My interest is simple, I participate in some programs such as softball, and my family gets a lot of use out of the parks. As my kids get older they will start using some of the sports programs as well as other events/programs that are offered and I would like to help in guiding what programs are out there for our community.

Question Applies to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: Please describe your interest in recreation (sports leagues, summer camps, classes or trips) in Olympia.

I personally like to participate, but more long term my kids are going to participate in many programs. We are always signing our kids up for anything we can find for them.

Question Applies to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: What particular perspectives or skills would you bring to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee?

I don't have any pertinent skills that would be specific to the parks and rec department, but my perspective as a someone with a family that uses the programs and facilities would be useful as I have personal experience as well as a familys' experience of those programs/facilities.

If you are not appointed to a Board or Commission 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

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 .