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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.

Architect

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Heritage Commission: Submitted

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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) *

Other

Holiday Hills

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.

I considered going off the commission due to time restraints, however recent events have led me to reconsider to stay on: The resignation of Michelle Sadlier and hiring of new staff- i believe i can be of assistance with the transition because of my 6 year history on the commission. The handling of the Ben Moore's building purchase has prompted me to want to be involved in discussions of the place, role and responsibility the commission has in our government and community, and the recent decision regarding the demolition of the Shoenfeld building underscored the need to update our Downtown Historic District, and I want to see that through.

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

My architectural training and background is helpful with regard to design review of project proposals, as well as other issues that come before the commission.

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3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.

I currently am treasurer of the Holiday Hills Recreation Association (my neighborhood association). I served 2 terms on the Olympia Downtown Alliance Board. I served 2 terms on the Heritage Commission. I am a downtown business owner and have been fortunate enough to design projects in our city, and hopefully have a positive impact to our built environment.

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

Bachelor of Science in architecture, practicing architect for over 25 years, including 12 years in Olympia.

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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?

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

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

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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

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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 *

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

past member

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Upload a Resume

Question applies to Heritage Commission

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

Our history tells the story of who we are, we are the sum of everything that came before us. It is vitally important to preserve the artifacts of our story, once they are lost, they cannot be replaced.

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

Besides the commission, in my professional career i have been involved in many projects and studies of historic buildings and resources and within historic districts, including locally the Cunningham Building, the Steam Plant building, the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, the Walker Building, and several projects on the Capitol Campus. I am also often involved in archaeological issues with regard to the projects i work on, and have a familiarity with this important aspect of heritage.

GARNER MILLER AIA, LEED AP | MSGS Architects

Partner | Project Architect

Garner Miller joined MSGS in 2007 as a project designer and project architect, becoming partner in 2008. He brings more than 22 years experience in design of educational, commercial, church and civic facilities. As lead designer and project architect on a variety of complex projects, Garner works closely with project stakeholders in programming facilities, and is responsible for master planning or master plan compliance. He is skilled in presenting the what, why and how of a design to groups of varied size and knowledge level.

His responsibilities as project architect include coordination of the contract documents with engineering team and jurisdictional agencies. He serves as the liaison between the design team, contractor, and the Owner's project manager throughout construction phase.

Garner has completed a variety of K-12 and higher education projects in Western Washington, and has experience in church, medical, office, health club and amusement building types. Recent South Sound project emphasis includes expansion of St. Michael Parish School, Olympia School District Mini Building Classrooms to (5) Elementary Schools, Louis Walker Middleton Building, Olympia Federal Belfair Branch, Cunningham Building Renovation, and miscellaneous projects at the Evergreen State College.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Pre-Bond Study/Predesign – Chehalis School District
- Washington Military Department Building Condition Assessments, Kent, Longview, Montesano, Ephrata
- Mini Building Classrooms to (5) Elementary Schools - Olympia School District
- Marine Terminal Buildings Assessment – Port of Olympia
- Bates Technical College Administration and Classroom Renovation- Tacoma
- Mottman Village Mixed Use – Tumwater
- Old Schoolhouse Renovation - Rainier School District
- NOVA School Facility Master Plan - Olympia
- Twin Star Credit Union Feasibility Study, Programming & Concept Design - Lacey
- Incubator/R&D Facility Warehouse Renovation - Port of Grays Harbor, Aberdeen
- St. Michael Church and School Renovations and Additions - Olympia
- St. Mike's Tikes & Parish Center - Olympia
- Valley View Medical/Dental Center- Chehalis & Olympia
- Steam Plant Building Renovation - Olympia
- Warehouse A Roof Replacement - Port of Olympia



EDUCATION

Washington State University
Bachelor of Architecture, 1993

CREDENTIALS

Registered Architect State of WA, 2000
LEED™ Accredited Professional, 2009
Leadership Thurston County, 2010
SAP ATC-20 Certified Evaluator, 2013
(post-earthquake)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Architects
SW WA Chapter Board Member
Vice President 2002, President 2004
United States Green Building Council
Tacoma/Olympia Chapter
Past Steering Committee Member
OTHER AFFILIATIONS
Olympia Heritage Commission, 2013

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Olympia Heritage Comm., 2013-present
Olympia Downtown Association –
2014-present

