



Friday, December 17, 2021

## City of Olympia Advisory Committee Application

Advisory committees are a structured way for community members to share their opinions and points of view, study issues, and develop recommendations in a focused small group to the Olympia City Council.

Committee activities include study of issues, hearing public testimony, independent research, and reviewing staff reports and recommendations. These activities are for the committee to be prepared to discuss, put together and forward well-developed recommendations to the City Council.

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. 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 Susan Grisham, Assistant to the City Manager, 360.753.8244, [sgrisham@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:sgrisham@ci.olympia.wa.us)

**Email**

[Redacted]

**Address**

[Redacted]

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

Northwest

**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



View a larger, zoomable map here:

[https://www.olympiawa.gov/community/neighborhood\\_associations/index.php](https://www.olympiawa.gov/community/neighborhood_associations/index.php)

**Primary Phone Number**



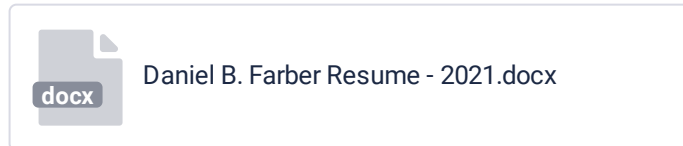
**Which Boards and Commissions would you like to apply for?**

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

## 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**



**Briefly describe why you wish to serve on this/these advisory committee(s).**

I want to contribute to my community by volunteering to advance those public values I believe in and have some experience and knowledge to draw on. Our parks and public spaces go a long way to defining what we are as a city and who we are as a community. Through developing our park system, we work toward a hopeful future and it is enjoyable to work with others who are trying to make a positive difference.

**Name**

Daniel Farber

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

I worked as an urban planner, parks and recreation planner, capital program manager and policy director for over 30 years. I have previously sat on advisory committees and staffed advisory committees. Please see resume for relevant details.

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

I currently sit on the board of Temple Beth Hatfiloh, and in that capacity represent TBH to the Olympia Downtown Alliance where I am a member of its Vibrancy Committee. I am also a current Crisis Clinic volunteer.

Previously, I have been a board member and president of the Child Care Action Council and sat on the Olympia Parks and Recreation Board in the early 1990's.

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

Please see my resume.

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

While it can go up and down based on specific tasks, I am comfortable committing to an average of 20 hours per month.

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

My wife and I are frequent users of Olympia's parks and open spaces. I've been to every significantly sized park in the system, but visit almost every week city-managed parks including: West Bay Park, West Bay Woods, Garfield Nature Trail, Decatur Woods, Isthmus Park, Percival Landing, Woodruff Park, Park of the Seven Oars, Priest Point Park, and the Heritage Park Fountain. My interests? Walking, recreation, and, of course, people watching.

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

COVID has been such an impact, but I have enjoyed and wish I could participate more in table tennis. Previous league efforts in that have faltered. So I substitute with pickleball, which is quite fun and can be played outdoors in all but rainy and icy conditions. I also do lots of walking, and pre-COVID worked out regularly in gyms. My softball and basketball careers, alas, are behind me!

**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 do have a strong background in capital planning and management, but I also have an appreciation for the more limited role of an advisory committee member compared to the knowledge and responsibilities of staff. Thus, my expectation is that I will be most helpful when asking good questions of staff and providing my own viewpoint to other members for their consideration.

**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?

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

Would you be willing to volunteer for other City activities?

You can explore City of Olympia volunteer opportunities here: <https://olympiawa.gov/volunteer>

**Thank you for your interest in serving on a City of Olympia advisory committee!**

# DANIEL BEN FARBER



## EDUCATION

**BACHELOR OF ARTS, THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE, 1979**

**MASTER OF CITY PLANNING, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, 1983**

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER, WASHINGTON STATE CPM PROGRAM, 2010**

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### **WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, 1993 – 2019**

#### **Capital Program Consultant – 2018 to January 2019 (retirement)**

Led development of the *Ten-Year Capital Plan* and two-year Capital Budget for a system of 125 park units and 125,000 acres. The *Ten-Year Capital Plan* contained over 200 projects at a cost of \$782 million.

#### **Policy and Governmental Affairs Director – 2011 to 2018**

Served as the agency's Legislative Liaison, Policy Liaison to the Governor's Office, and Tribal Liaison. Managed the internal system for both administrative and commission policies and procedures. Represented the agency before legislative committees, in public hearings and in inter-governmental discussions. Led successful passage of agency request legislation, including the State Parks Partnership Bill, Milwaukee Road Rail-Trail Bill, and the Recreational Conveyance Safety Bill. Principal author of the *Washington State Parks Strategic Plan 2014-19*.

#### **Capital Program Region Manager – 2007 to 2011**

Led a 12-person team of engineers, planners and environmental specialists, formulating and implementing the agency's capital program for 34 state parks. Workload included design and installation of innovative wastewater treatment systems, re-construction of moorage and access facilities at several marine parks, historic preservation of a heritage agricultural and military structures, and budgeting, scoping, designing, permitting and construction of a wide range of other park improvements.

#### **Parks Planner – 1993 to 2007**

Coordinated interdisciplinary parks master planning teams, designed and led public involvement processes, and shaped state-wide resource stewardship policies. As project lead, developed the agency's first "Limits of Acceptable Change" resource management plan, revised the state-wide park land classification system, established agency-wide trails policies, and served as co-project manager of a state-wide effort to produce park management plans for each park in the system.

**DANIEL FARBER PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, 1988 - 1993**

As owner and principal, established and operated consulting firm providing land use analysis; recreation and environmental planning; and policy facilitation services to business, government, and individuals. Clients included the State of Washington, Cities of Lacey, Tumwater and Tenino, Ports of Olympia and Centralia, Mason County, and Community Youth Services.

**RICHARD CAROTHERS ASSOCIATES, 1990 - 1992**

As Planning Director of the Lacey branch of a 30-person multidisciplinary land planning firm, led a seven-firm consultant team responsible for all aspects of Mason County's compliance with the State Growth Management Act, including protection of critical areas, conservation of resource lands, development of background data reports, and creation of land use scenarios.

**CITY OF TUMWATER, 1986 - 1988**

As Director of the Community and Economic Development Department, managed Planning, Building Safety, and Parks & Recreation Divisions. Led city in completing revisions to the Shoreline Master Program, Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and Zoning Ordinance. Analyzed fiscal impacts of annexations totaling over 1,400 acres, standardized a city-wide fee schedule, and organized the first capital improvement programming effort.

**ISLAND COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 1983-1986**

As County Planner, participated in creation of a new land use regulatory system, and developed administrative processes for innovative zoning, subdivision, site plan review and planned residential development ordinances. The system included county-wide efforts at Transferable Development Rights (TDR), wetland and resource land protections, and rural clustered housing.

## **SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**UNDER GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT, LED EFFORT TO PREPARE FIRST MASON COUNTY CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE, 1990 - 92**

Acting as lead consultant to Mason County in its initial efforts under the Growth Management Act, managed the work of seven-firm consulting team, piloted a 27-member Growth Management Advisory Committee, and directed four other sub-committees toward a substantive and legally defensible ordinance to protect critical areas and conserve resource lands.

**FACILITATED PROCESS TO OVERCOME COMMUNITY CONFLICT AND DISTRUST OVER THE MT. SPOKANE NATURAL FOREST AREA CLASSIFICATION, 1994 - 1995**

After significant public opposition surfaced to a proposed classification of a portion of Mt. Spokane State Park as a "natural forest area," a local ad hoc committee was formed to provide advice to the Parks and Recreation Commission. I was brought in one month after its formation and found chaos and confusion about the legitimacy and purpose of the group. Within six months, I gained the committee's confidence as first a technical support and eventually as a planner and facilitator. Starting with a membership filled with passionate animosity and distrust, strong data and midnight negotiating sessions produced a surprisingly influential consensus recommendation.

**DEVELOPED AND CARRIED OUT A PUBLIC PROCESS OVERCOMING CONFLICT TO COMPLETE THE WILLAPA HILLS TRAIL MASTER PLAN, 1995 - 1997**

Rail-to-trails projects had become lightning rods for value conflict, and the decision by the Parks and Recreation Commission to go forward with this one was made in the face of 200 opponents at a public meeting and threats of legal challenge and violence. I formulated a master planning approach that eventually included 17 advisory committee meetings and three public meetings - all of which I facilitated. The immediate result was successful permitting of the first phase of the trail with no adverse public testimony. Since then over 32 miles of the rail-trail are open and enjoyed by the public.

**INITIATED IDEA FOR AN INTEGRATED LAND CLASSIFICATION AND PARK MANAGEMENT PLANNING SYSTEM, NOW ESTABLISHED AS CORE AGENCY FUNCTION, 1995 – CONTINUING**

Building on results from the Mt. Spokane experience mentioned above, I worked with senior management to completely revise the agency's land classification system, and then tie implementation of that system into a long-sought goal to produce management plans for each park in the system. To date, over ninety of the most complex and important parks of the system have gone through this now nationally-recognized state parks land use planning and management model known by the acronym CAMP (Classification and Management Planning).

**LED A SERIES OF RELATED PROJECTS AT CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT STATE PARK, 2002 – 2006**

Projects managed for State Parks included: park master planning; NEPA and SEPA environmental impact statement processing; design and permitting of \$10 million in capital improvements including artist Maya Lin's Confluence Art Project; lease negotiations with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S. Bureau of Land Management; and establishment of the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park.

**LED AGENCY FORMULATION AND LEGISLATIVE PASSAGE OF SB6034, THE STATE PARKS PARTNERSHIP BILL OF 2014.**

Faced with unprecedented demands to raise earned revenue and simultaneously stay true to the agency mission during the Great Recession, SB6034 was the broadest change in State Parks enabling legislation in over 30 years. It transformed the language and intent of natural and cultural resource interpretation; added promotion of artistic expression as a core agency function; established processes and standards for advertising in parks and on the internet; extended the functions of and set appropriate standards for partnerships; limited authority to name parks after corporations or businesses, and broadened the authority of the state parks foundation to financially assist the agency.

## **SELECTED PROJECTS**

### **PLANNING PROJECTS**

- State Parks 2019-2029 Ten-Year Capital Plan: Capital Improvement Planning
- Washington State Parks Strategic Plan 2014-19: Strategic Planning
- Sea view Dunes Preservation Project: Land Use Planning, Conservation Management
- Cape Disappointment State Park: Master Planning, Land Classification, Federal Coordination
- Mt. Spokane State Park: Land Classification and Management Planning

- Riverside State Park: Land Classification and Management Planning
- Sun Lakes/Dry Falls State Park: Land Classification and Management Planning
- Willapa Hills Trail State Park: Master Planning, Land Classification
- Green River Gorge Conservation Area: Management Planning and Land Classification
- Washington State Parks Non-Motorized Trails Policy: Commission Policy and WAC Revision
- Deception Pass State Park: Management Planning and Land Classification
- Moran State Park: Management Planning and Land Classification
- San Juan Marine Area: Management Planning and Land Classification
- Establishing a State Parks Land Classification System: Policy Development, WAC Revision
- Rasar State Park Master Plan: Park Master Planning
- Hope Island State Park Master Plan: Environmental Analysis, Park Master Planning
- Lime Kiln Point State Park: Master Planning, Public Involvement
- Mason County Growth Management Program: Comprehensive Planning, Land Use Regulatory Development, Public Involvement
- Tumwater Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan: Comprehensive Park Planning
- Mount Vernon Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan: Comprehensive Park Planning
- Tenino Park and Recreation Policy Options: Policy Analysis
- Pioneer Park Master Plan, Tumwater: Park Site Master Planning, Regulatory Analysis
- Lacey Downtown Park Survey: Opinion Survey Design and Implementation
- Centennial Train Station EIS: Environmental Writing, SEPA Review Process
- Housing Rehabilitation Community Development Block Grant Application, Tenino: Grant Writing, Housing Planning
- Chehalis-Centralia Airport Master Plan: Technical Writing, Site Planning, Public Involvement
- Olympia Urban Waterfront Plan: Land Use Planning, Policy and Ordinance Drafting
- Airdustrial Annexation Fiscal Impact Analysis: Fiscal Impact Analysis

## **FACILITATION/RETREAT PROJECTS**

- Cascade Pole Remedial Action Plan, Citizen Advisory Committee: Group Facilitation
- Willapa Hills Trail State Park: Master Planning, Land Classification, Committee Facilitation
- Mt. Spokane State Park Natural Forest Area Report: Citizen Task Force Policy Facilitation
- Marine Science Center Feasibility Study: Organizational Development, Meeting Facilitation
- Olympia Urban Waterfront Plan: Committee Consensus Decision Making Facilitation
- Tenino Annexation Policies and Procedures: Elected Officials Facilitation
- Olympia Airport Master Plan: Community Group Facilitation
- Handle Institute: Non-Profit Organizational Leadership Retreat
- Washington Tilth: Non-Profit Organizational Leadership Retreat
- State of Washington, Department of Health, Office of Toxic Substances: Weekend Office Retreat

## **REFERENCES**

**Available upon request.**