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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.*

Library & Archival Professional

Occupation

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

Design Review Board: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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

Carlyon North

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

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**Interests & Experiences**

Question applies to multiple boards

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.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

I served on this advisory committee from 2016-2019. I resigned in mid-2019 because I was going through a career change that I thought was going to require leaving Olympia. My career change has resolved and I am staying in Olympia! I would like to once again serve on this committee if possible.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

I served on the DRB previously, from 2016-2019. Cities have been the primary focus of my career so I am passionate about doing what I can to help make cities the best that they can be. I believe design review is an important element of that. My education included coursework in architecture and planning, which has given me great appreciation for the built environment. In my professional life I have staffed many public advisory groups and I have served on advisory committees in the past so I am well versed in group process.

Question applies to multiple boards

**3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.**

I served on the DRB previously, from 2016-2019.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

BA in American Studies from Carleton College with a focus on historic preservation. MA in Public Administration from Hamline University, including 1 year each of architecture and planning coursework at the University of Minnesota. MLIS in Library and Information Science from University of Washington. More than 20 years experience in planning, community relations and communications for local governments.

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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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Question applies to multiple boards

**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?**

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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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.**

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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?**

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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.**

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**Do you agree to comply with this expectation?**

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I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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Served previously on the DRB

[Marnie\\_McGrath\\_Resume\\_June\\_2019.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Question applies to Design Review Board

**10. Describe your experience, training, or education in architecture, urban design, landscape architecture, or development (residential, commercial, or other).**

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Served previously on the Olympia Design Review Board, 2016-2019. Served on the Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board in Seattle, 2005-2009. Completed one year of graduate coursework in architecture and planning at the University of Minnesota.

Question applies to Design Review Board

**11. What do you consider influences on building and/or site design?**

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Context - the design, scale, massing of buildings and other surrounding features. Intended use and needs of the occupants/users. Budget and its impact on choice of materials, scale of project. Support of the community and political environment.

Question applies to Design Review Board

**12. What does “good design” mean to you?**

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To me, good design means a project meets the needs of the user and fits well in the context of its surroundings.

Question applies to Design Review Board

**13. Describe your experience reading site plans and design drawings.**

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## **MARNIE MCGRATH**

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### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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#### **Research Analyst & Communications Coordinator, Association of Washington Cities, Olympia, WA ~ 5/11 to present.**

- Leading multi-year effort to re-invent the AWC Salary and Benefits Survey to better meet our cities' needs for timely, trusted data to support personnel and policy decision making.
- Collaborate with subject matter experts to turn data into compelling city stories to share on the AWC Open Data Portal.
- Deliver reference service for association staff and member cities, and provide technical support for those seeking data independently via tools on the AWC Website.
- Develop and maintain up-to-date print and web resources for members seeking timely data or technical guidance.
- Build resource of qualitative data about member knowledge, practices and accomplishments through design and production of audio and video oral history interviews.

#### **Senior Public Relations Specialist, City of Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle, WA ~ 12/07 to 6/10.**

- Provided strategic communications support for capital improvement projects in the water, sewer, drainage and solid waste divisions. Role included writing and producing print and web publications, planning and facilitating public meetings, coordinating media events.
- Collaborated with fellow communications staff to ensure community outreach efforts reached those with limited English proficiency and people with disabilities.
- Served on the Utility's Survey Review Committee, charged with reviewing and advising on content and design of all surveys.
- Worked on cross-functional project teams across the organization (matrix organization).

#### **Senior Community Relations Planner/Communications Specialist, King County Department of Transportation, Seattle, WA ~ 6/02 to 12/07 and 6/10 to 11/10.**

- Coordinated inclusive community outreach efforts for Metro Transit service change projects and for capital improvement projects on roads and bridges throughout King County.
- Designed effective outreach to underserved and difficult to reach populations.
- Facilitated meetings of community advisory groups and sounding boards to gain community input and support for countywide transportation projects.
- Staffed sounding boards, transportation advisory committees.
- Wrote and edited print and web materials to increase awareness of projects and policy proposals.
- Invited back in 2010 to assist manager with staff transition.

#### **Planner/Program Analyst 3, King County International Airport, Seattle, WA ~ 8/01 to 5/02.**

- Provided staff support for the Airport Roundtable Advisory Committee and coordinated community outreach to the diverse neighborhoods most impacted by airport noise.

**City Council Policy Aide, City of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN ~ 1/98 to 6/01.**

- Conducted research on Ward issues and constituent concerns and developed reports outlining options and implementation alternatives as strategic advisor to city councilmember.
- Worked with community groups, agencies, and developers on creation of a local arts district and identifying new uses for a railroad roundhouse and other properties.
- Drafted successful application for Livable Community Grant that resulted in \$450,000 award to fund Crime Prevention through Environmental Design project on major commercial corridor.
- Represented councilmember at monthly neighborhood meetings and city functions.

**Planning Assistant for Minneapolis Planning Department, 1991 – 1992**

- Staffed Committee on Urban Environment program, including coordinating annual Blooming Boulevards Garden Tours and Neighborhood Environment Awards programs.
- Staffed Heritage Preservation Commission.

**Communications Assistant for City of Minneapolis Office of Public Affairs, 1990 – 1991**

- Edited weekly newsletter about city projects.
- Recruited homes/homeowners for annual Minneapolis/St. Paul Home Tour.

**Assistant to the City Manager, City of Shoreview, Shoreview, MN ~ 1992 - 1996**

- Researched, drafted and presented ordinances as action items before city council.
- Wrote/edited quarterly *ShoReview* magazine.
- Staffed the Shoreview Human Rights Commission.
- Staffed Recreation Accessibility Task Force charged with ensuring that people with disabilities could access community center facility and programs, and inventoried city facilities for compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Supervised cable technicians and staffed Technology Advisory Committee.
- Coordinated annual three-day community festival (art fair, carnival rides, parade, etc.); role included recruiting and managing volunteers and team of city staff, fundraising, producing promotional videos, marketing and communications.

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Co-founder of the Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association, 1998.

Member of the Design Review Board for the City of Olympia, WA since 2016.

Reading tutor for the Olympia School District, 2015-2016.

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Master of Library and Information Science, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, June 2011.

Master of Arts in Public Administration from Hamline University, St. Paul, MN, 1993.

Bachelor of Arts in American Studies from Carleton College, Northfield, MN, 1983.

Excellent research skills; intermediate level user of MS Word, Excel, Outlook and PowerPoint.