

**Profile**

Aaron

First Name

Sauerhoff

Last Name

aaron.sauerhoff@gmail.com

Email Address

1103 Fir St SE

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Olympia

City

WA

State

98506

Postal Code

Home: (862) 206-9006

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

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.*

Student

Occupation

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

Planning Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

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

Planning Commission

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

---

Eastside

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

---

**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 love this region. Prosperity comes from the balanced dance with responsible economic development and healthy, vibrant communities. City planning and urban development is critical for setting the stage and laying out the ecosystems for which this delicate growth emerges. With this, I find it very important for the planning commission for our community to be diverse, inclusive and representative of the population in which we serve.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

---

Being the youngest of four brothers, I learned the importance of truly listening and taking my time to analyze the information around me. To really remain neutral and have an unbiased lens in which to view. I am also gifted and experienced in team-building and consensus-based decision making models. I am often named the "vibes checker".

Question applies to multiple boards

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

---

I have found myself very involved in the Olympia community. I started an organization run out of the Student Activities Department of the Evergreen State College. We share the love of natural building practices with the youth of all ages. In addition, a very important part of my life is centered around the houseless crisis. I am very enrolled in deepening my understanding of this complex challenge. I am the chair of the board for a non-profit called Build A Bus Home. We are in the middle of launching an important project called Clean Up Bus (CUB) to return a sense of dignity and humanity back to the humans living on the streets. We are converting surplus buses into a mobile hygiene infrastructure with laundry, showers, and restroom services that are brought to where the need is the most. I am humbled and honored to be part of such a game-changing endeavor.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

---

I have been on a quest to answer the questions: - Why isn't affordable housing actually affordable? - Why are we so disconnected from the process of building, the materials we use, and each other? My journey has led me through a degree of ecological building & community development. I took programs such as Political ecology, urban development, land stewardship and a handful of building science programs. I interned for the Quixote Village, helping them design their next two villages for houseless vets. I now have a fairly comprehensive understanding of how we got here and where we're going.

Question applies to multiple boards

**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?**

---

20+

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?**

---

Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

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

---

Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

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

---

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.**

---

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?**

---

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.**

---

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

---

I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

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

---

Joyce Phillips

[Aaron\\_Resume.docx](#)

---

Upload a Resume

Question applies to Planning Commission

---

**10. In your own words, what is the role of an Olympia Planning Commissioner?**

---

An Olympia Planning Commissioner needs to be a responsible steward for the people and the land in which we serve. A commissioner is responsible for being someone that listens, learns, and leads. This requires an open mind that is able to comprehend and synthesis a large amount of complex information. An important role is to be a teammate that can work well with others to develop integrative balanced solutions to complicated challenges.

Question applies to Planning Commission

---

**11. What interests you most about community planning?**

---

What interests me most about community planning is taking the time to find integrative, regenerative balanced solutions that work for all of us. I understand how challenging that usually is, and I look forward to putting myself in a position to continue to serve in this way. I believe we are at a turning point in our history. With ecological collapse on the horizon, social discourse and division in our laps, and economic disparity widening .. we must.. now more than ever, come together and listen to each other.

Question applies to Planning Commission

---

**12. What skills would you bring to the work of the Planning Commission and what do you hope to learn?**

---

Some skills include my understanding of social dynamics within structures such as military and grassroots movements alike. I actively listen and ask questions until I have a confident level of understanding in the topic at hand. I also have a fairly good understanding of when to speak, and when to listen.

Question applies to Planning Commission

---

**13. Have you ever taken a Short Course in Local Planning, read an OPC packet or attended a meeting?**

---

Yes, to all the above. I attended a Short Course in Local Planning in DuPont in 2017, and look forward to attending more. I am always looking for opportunities to deepen my understandings and broaden my horizons. I have been actively attending Olympia Planning Commission meetings since 2015, and very involved in other areas of City functions.

Question applies to Planning Commission

---

**14. What is your knowledge of the City's Comprehensive Plan and how it relates to planning?**

---

The city's comprehensive plan is a very good example of what happens when diverse communities are heard. Following the GMA it combines the foundations for utilities, transportation, land use & urban design, etc. With more than 20,000 new people expected to join the community in the next two decades, this plan is not just for the city government. It is truly a community plan. This Plan is our strategy for maintaining and enhancing our high quality of life and environment while accommodating expected growth. I enjoy the complexity of the comprehensive plan, and look forward to being a steward of this plan for all of us.

# AARON SAUERHOFF

(862) 206-9006

aaron.sauerhoff@gmail.co

m

*"Ambitious, resourceful leader with persistence and dedication."*

## Education

Evergreen State College — Ecological Building & Community Development, 2015-Present

Suffolk County Community College — Business Management, 2014-2015

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University — Aeronautical Science, 2012-2014

Cadet Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama — 2012

Air Force Civil Engineering Academy, Florida — 2012

North-East Region Glider Academy, Vermont — 2011

Air/Ground Search and Rescue School, New Jersey — 2011

## Experience

- ✓ **Board Chair - Build A Bus Home (non-profit) — 2018-Present**  
Co-founder of the Clean Up Bus (CUB) program, we return a sense of dignity and humanity back to those of us living on the streets. We convert surplus buses into a mobile hygiene infrastructure with laundry, showers, and restroom services that are brought to where the need is the most.
- ✓ **Founder & President - Evergreen Building Team — 2015-Present**  
A student-led organization at The Evergreen State College (Olympia, WA), we share our love for ecological building practices and help reconnect ourselves to the pattern, use and form of our spaces.
- ✓ **Board Member, TESC Services and Activities Fee Allocation Board — 2016-2018**  
Responsible for the allocation and oversight of about \$2.5m of student fees collected annually across many different campus and student operations.
- ✓ **Cadet Officer, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary — 2009-Present**  
Teach and demonstrate leadership, aviation, and disaster relief to youth across the nation.
- ✓ **Carpenter for Craft-Star SPC — 2015-2016**  
Project Manager, Financial Director.
- ✓ **Flight Dispatcher, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Uni., FL — 2012-2013**  
Managed and coordinated a fleet of 73 different aircraft at the worlds most advanced flight training university.

## Achievements

Amelia Earhart Award (*Executive leadership*) - 2015

Transport Mission Pilot - February 2014-Present

Commercial Pilots License - December 2013

General Billy Mitchell Award (*Command*) - 2012

Commander's Commendation Award - 2011

Cadet of the Year, NJ Wing - 2011

Air Force Sergeants Association Award - 2010

---

*References supplied upon request.*

---