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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, beginning April 1, 2021, the City will offer 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.

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 is committed to the non-discriminatory treatment of all persons in employment and the delivery of services and resources.

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.

When filed with the City, your application and attachment documents are public records and may be subject to public release.

DSHS - Sr. Risk Manager
 Occupation

Jamie D Gerken

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

None Selected

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

Parks and Recreation Bicycle and Pedestrian

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

Chambers Lake Basin

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.

Parks and Rec: I believe that parks are an important part of our community. I also believe that recreation opportunities are essential to a healthy, thriving community. As a parent of both typically developing and special needs children, I understand and appreciate both the value and role parks and recreational activities and programs play in the lives of those who live here. I'd like to help maintain, enhance, and expand these resources to benefit all in our community. Bicycle and Pedestrian: I enjoy taking walks and bike rides with my family. Olympia is a great place to live and I consider it to be pedestrian and bicycle friendly, but there is always more that can be done. I have a son who takes his bike everywhere, so I have a vested interest in ensuring the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians as well as enhancing opportunities for those populations. As a life-long Olympia resident with a Masters of Public Administration, a cub scout and Scouts BSA leader, and parent I would like to be more involved in our community and this advisory committee would be a great way to do that.

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

I am a lifelong Olympia resident who cares strongly about our community. I have a BA in Communications from PLU and an MPA from Evergreen. I have strong writing, analytical, and communication skills that would benefit any advisory board. I have worked for state government for over 16 years and am familiar with government process and procedures. I also have a strong background in public records, risk management, and internal controls. I learn quickly and am invested in our community.

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3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.

I was born and raised in Olympia. In fact, I'm the fourth generation born and raised here. All three of my children attend Olympia schools (Centennial, Washington MS, and OHS), as did I. My husband and I are den leaders and committee members for Cub Scout pack 205, based out of Centennial and McKenny elementary schools. I am also a committee member and merit badge counselor for Scouts BSA Troop 222. We encourage community service with our children and our scouts and have participated in many Olympia Parks work party days cleaning up parks. I've also coordinated service opportunities with YWCA, collected donations for foster children, and recently helped collect donations for a family who lost everything in a house fire. My husband and I are also small business owners in Olympia, teaching CPR and First Aid out of our home.

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

Education: I received my diploma from Olympia High School in 2001, I have a BA in Communication - Public Relations emphasis from Pacific Lutheran University (2005). I earned an Essentials of Management certificate from University of Washington - Tacoma (2016). I have my Masters in Public Administration from The Evergreen State College (2018). Professional background: I worked for Labor & Industries as a Forms & Records Analyst in the Public Records unit for 2 1/2 years responding to public records requests under RCW 42.56. I then went to the Department of Corrections where I worked as a Public Disclosure Specialist and then as the Public Disclosure Unit Manager for 6 1/2 years. I moved to DSHS in June 2014 and the Financial Services Administration Public Disclosure and Discovery Program Manager and in May 2015 became the agency-wide Discovery Manager. In 2016 I became the Senior Risk Manager and Internal Control Officer for DSHS.

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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?

15 (+ on occasion)

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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

Question applies to multiple boards

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.

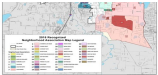
Do you agree to comply with this expectation?

I Agree *

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

Parks and Recs email



Upload a Resume

