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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.

Environmental Planner

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Submitted

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: Submitted

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

1. BPAC 2. PRAC

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

Bigelow Highlands

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 am interested in the BPAC and PRAC because of the roles of bicycles in these two arenas. My 7-year old daughter and I primarily commute around Olympia using an electric cargo bike and I'd love for everyone to be able to commute around town this way or by foot. With the increasing pressures of climate change driven impacts to our region and city, I feel a strong passion to continue to advocate and work towards human driven commuting options in our community. I am interested in the PRAC because I also have a strong passion for all people to have outdoor spaces to play and grow in. As our public organizations and agencies continue to work on protecting and developing new and existing outdoor play and recreation spaces, I would like to be engaged with these conversations and planning activities to make sure bicycle riding remains accessible in many of our public recreational spaces. I want to help Olympia continue to grow into a community that welcomes everyone, provides safe ways to get around town by human modes of transportation, facilitates inviting spaces for all types of outdoor based recreational users, and offers a place where everyone in our community feels that they can be seen and heard when issues that they value are at the table.

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

I currently work with forest collaboratives, which are multi-stakeholder groups with vested interests in forest management activities occurring on national forests. I work with nine of these across the state and each one is comprised of a diverse set of opinions, perspectives, values and positions. Across the board, however, the one aligning value for all stakeholders is the desire to have healthy forests in our state. This work requires me to listen, be emotionally aware, and engage problem solving in a solution oriented, but sincere and empathetic way. I would like to begin using some of these skills at a more local level with local issues that I am passionate about. I am also highly organized, detail oriented, a strong facilitator, can communicate technical information in a non-technical way, and am kind and respectful, which can be critical in dynamic group discussions.

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3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.

I've lived in Olympia for 15 years and spent the early years in this community growing my career and young family. Over the past few years, I've been intentionally engaging more with improving the community I live in, including moving to a more urban area so that I can commute by bike and drive my car less, and spreading my passion for recreational bicycle use through leading bike trips and workshops in the area. My neighborhood and neighbors are also very important to me and I've been offering public service project ideas to the Bigelow Highlands neighborhood association and we are currently discussing how to install more free libraries in our neighborhood. Yay!

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

I have a master's in forestry and ecosystem analysis from the University of Washington and a B.S. in Botany from the University of Oklahoma. I'm currently employed at the WA Dept. of Natural Resources, where I have worked with forest health related issues for the past 15 years. I'm currently an environmental planner with the agency working on the 20-year Forest Health Strategic Plan for Eastern WA that was developed to help make the forests in eastern WA more resilient to high severity wildfires and insect and disease damage. Before serving as an environmental planner, I was a forest pathologist with the agency, diagnosing and recommending management actions for dead and dying trees across the state.

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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?

10

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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

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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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?

President of Friends of Capital Forest reached out to me

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Upload a Resume

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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, WA, December 2005

M.S. Degree, Forest Resources and Ecosystem Analysis

University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, May 2003

B.S. Degree, Botany

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Environmental Planner, Washington Dept. of Natural Resources, Olympia, WA

September, 2018 – present

- Coordinator for the 20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan for Eastern Washington, a plan for restoring forests in eastern WA to more resilient conditions, includes writing legislative reports
- Forest Collaborative liaison between WA DNR and four WA state forestry collaboratives
- Project manager for \$3.4 million forest collaborative and forest health treatment implementation grant program
- Project manager for forest health treatment data tracking in eastern WA
- Project manager for statewide forest health treatment effectiveness monitoring programs

Forest Pathologist/Research Scientist, Washington Dept. of Natural Resources, Olympia, WA

June, 2005 – September, 2018

- Monitored and evaluated tree disease impacts and conditions using aerial and ground methods
- Secured grant funding for forest health projects
- Managed data and statistical analyses
- Trained and consulted state and private land managers about forest health and pathology issues Consulted land managers on current, effective, environmentally safe and economically feasible management strategies
- Coordinated and collaborated with private, university, state and federal agency scientists and managers on forest pathology projects

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Washington, Seattle

June 2003 – June 2005

Project: Fire and Fire Surrogates National Study

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Washington, Seattle

September – December 2004

Project: Nitrogen fixation within poplar by endophytic bacteria

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Washington, Seattle
March-June 2004
Course: Animal and Plant Physiology lab, Dept. of Biology

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS (2019)

- 20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan, Western International Forest Disease Workshop, Estes Park, CO (presentation)
- Forest Health in Washington State, Audobon Society, Grays Harbor County, WA (presentation)
- Stand Together: Making Our Forests More Resilient Together, Northwest Woodlands, Summer 2019, Vol. 35. No. 3 (publication)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (2019)

- Volunteer Coordinator, Olympia Community School, Olympia, WA
- Co-host, Introduction to bike-packing workshop, Lacey, WA
- Co-host, Introduction to bike-packing guided trip, Olympic National Forest, WA
- Leader, Introduction to bike-packing workshop, Olympia, WA
- Leader, Introduction to bike-packing guided trip, Olympic National Forest, WA