

Date: March 2022
Board Applying For: Parks & Recreation Board

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Are you a resident of the City of Missoula?
Yes

If so, how long have you been a city resident?
13 years

In which ward do you reside?
Ward 1

Are you registered to vote? Yes

Background

Current Occupation: National parks planning consultant

Current Employer: self - Global Parks Solutions

Briefly Describe Your Educational Background:

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, State University of New York at Plattsburgh, 1989
Master of Science, Recreation Resource Management, University of Montana, 1999

List of Community Service Experience:

Member of Missoula Open Space Advisory Committee since 2018 (now in second term)

What is your interest serving on this Board, Commission or Committee?

I have a lot of experience nationally and internationally in this topic and feel I could be helpful. Also, I am an avid recreationist and want to give back to my community through serving on the board.

What special knowledge, interest, or experience do you possess that would qualify you for a position on this Board, Commission or Committee?

My main occupation is in national park and protected area management planning, with emphasis in visitor use, visitor experience and visitor congestion management. I recently completed a contract with the City of Missoula to lead the visioning process for Marshall Mountain and will soon begin a consultancy to develop a recreation strategy for Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks for the Fish Creek drainage, west of Missoula (near Alberton). My CV lists numerous additional experiences that are highly relevant to this board.

Please list two references below including name and phone number:

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