

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? 10 years

In which ward do you reside? Ward 1

Are you registered to vote? Yes

Background

Current Occupation: Community Organizer

Current Employer: North-Missoula Community Development Corporation

Briefly Describe Your Educational Background:

I have vocational training in community organizing, specifically the Industrial Areas Foundation methodology. I have a Masters in Fine Arts in Creative Writing - Fiction from the University of Montana. I also hold a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from The Ohio State University.

List of Community Service Experience:

Member | MCPS iValue Team | Feb 2022 - Present
Board Member | Missoula Food Bank & Community Center | March 2019 - March 2021
Founder & Organizer | Queers 4 Queers Organizing Collective | July 2018 - July 2021
I also volunteered to deliver food and stock shelves for the Missoula Food Bank & Community Center for several years prior to joining the Board.

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

My interest in joining is to find new ways to serve my community and to be a voice for low-income and marginalized neighbors in conversations about equity and public resource allocation. I'm particularly excited to help the City prioritize the needs and experiences of Missoulians experiencing homelessness.

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

My training and experience in community organizing enables me to assist Parks and Recreation in considering how to best engage community members around their needs and expertise with regards to park space and public amenities. I have a special interest in ensuring that the Northside, Westside, and other low-income and Invest Health neighborhoods have strong representation to advocate for our needs as our communities rapidly grow and change. Given my neighborhood and community connections (including to the Neighborhood Council Leadership Team, Northside-Westside CREW, Lowell School, and NMCDC), I feel well positioned to inform and consult my community.

Please list two references below including name and phone number:

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