

Name: Wasser, Brandon

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Board Name: Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board

How long have you been a city resident?: 17 years

In which ward do you reside?: Ward 3

Are you registered to vote?: Yes

Current Occupation: Refurbishment Manager

Current Employer: Sunburst Sensors

Briefly describe your educational background: I have a bachelors of Science in both Chemistry and Geoscience. My education was centered around water resources such as water chemistry, hydrogeology and hydrology.

List of community service experience: I have volunteered many hours with Soil Cycle composting service and Free Cycles bicycle repair shop. I have recently become a member of Garden City Harvests' community garden program, and I look forward to becoming a community volunteer in a broader range of community functions. I have volunteered in the rebuild of Dragons' Hollow playground, I have also worked with Missoula Cycling, College Nationals Bike races for 2 years at Marshall Mountain.

What is your interest in serving on this board, commission or committee?: As a community member and cyclist myself I see a need to have more people involved with planning and implementation of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements both within and beyond the city boundary. As a frequent trail user I have first-hand experience with usage and needs for trail use and improvements. I hope to serve on the board and bring my perspective and experience to help make my community a more bike-friendly place.

What special knowledge, interest, or experience do you possess that would qualify you for a position on this board commission, or committee?: I am a committed trail user and I have been bicycle commuting in Missoula, year-round, for over 5 years. I am familiar with nearly every trail in the city and have first hand experience in traversing the city by bicycle and on foot in most areas. As a community member and trail advocate and user I believe that I can bring first-hand knowledge and an informed opinion to the Board.

I have volunteered with Soil Cycle, Missoula's Bicycle powered food-scrap collection service doing pick-ups and compost deliveries by bicycle. I have also volunteered over 200 hours with Free Cycles helping get community members on bikes and using our local trail system.

It is my hope to join this board, and gain experience in community and city involvement so that I may become an active participant in city policy, and perhaps eventually become a part of the city leadership.

Reference 1 Name: Bob Giordiano

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Reference 2 Name: [Recommendation.pdf](#) Ellie Costello

Reference 2 Phone: 406-396-3656

To the Bicycle & Pedestrian Board Selection Committee:

Brandon Wasser is an excellent candidate for service on the City's Bicycle & Pedestrian Board. He is dedicated to community service and enthusiastically puts his energy into projects that push Missoula to become a more sustainable place. I met Brandon first from his work in establishing Soil Cycle, an all-bike compost collection service. He brought problem solving skills to the process of finding a site and establishing systems for this burgeoning nonprofit.

Brandon's love of all things biking is undeniable. He is an avid bike commuter and is committed to sustainable transportation year-round in Missoula; he is not afraid to put in the extra effort to make winter biking possible. He brings connection and playfulness to his bike commute, an important part of encouraging sustainable transportation. When I cross Brandon's path on a trail, we'll exchange a roll-by high-five and a smile before we are on our way.

Brandon's familiarity with the cycling community and his work style will support him in his role as a board member. I have found Brandon to be direct and clear both with choices of where to put his energy and with communication. I am certain he will be a dedicated board member and will provide thoughtful, forward-thinking insights to the discussion.

All best,
Ellie Costello
MS Environmental Studies, University of Montana
Western Cider Tasting Room Manager & Bookkeeper
Missoula City-County Consolidated Planning Board