

Application form--City Board of Adjustment

Patrick Bridegam

In which ward do you reside? 4

Applicant Background

Are you a citizen of the United States of America?

Yes

Are you a registered voter? Yes

How long immediately prior to this date have you been continuously a legal resident of the City of Missoula? 10 months

How long immediately prior to this date have you been continuously a legal resident of the State of Montana? 10 months

Current Occupation:Realty Specialist
Current Employer: USDA Forest Service

Briefly describe your educational background: I received an undergraduate degree in psychology (B.S.) from Texas A&M University in 2002. I received dual master's degrees in public administration (M.P.A.) and environmental and forest sciences (M.S.) from the University of Washington - Seattle in 2014.

List of community service experience: I currently volunteer as a court-appointed special advocate (CASA) and as a DJ on local radio station KBGA. While at the University of Washington, I served on two committees - the Campus Sustainability Fund (managed a revolving fund for student-led sustainability projects) and the Environmental Stewardship Committee (a large group of faculty, staff, and students coordinating diverse sustainability-focused efforts at the University). I was a Peace Corps volunteer working on community development projects in Peru from 2006 - 2008.

What is your interest in serving on this board, commission, or committee? My work with the Forest Service has provided me with a solid understanding of realty principles, but I have little experience with city planning, though it has always interested me. I feel a strong drive to contribute to my community as an active participant, and I expect this position to give me hands-on experience with city government. Effective planning efforts engage the public, accommodate change, and respect historical planning and development. Evaluating zoning variance proposals is a great way to gain experience balancing these tasks. In the long run, I would like to use this position to understand the

different ways in which I can stay meaningfully engaged with our local government here in Missoula. I would be happy to serve as an alternate or a regular member, depending on what is needed.

Do you have any special knowledge, interest, or experience that would qualify you for a position on this board, commission, or committee? Understanding of realty law and principles. Experience contributing as a member of diverse committees tasked with forming recommendations. Experience coordinating large projects with state, local, and federal government entities, for-profit and non-profit organizations, and members of the public.

References

DJ Smith

Jen Hensiek