
Profile

Whenever possible, submit your application prior to the scheduled meeting of the affected advisory board so that they can consider all applications prior to making a recommendation to Council.

Public Records Statement

I acknowledge that all information submitted in this application becomes a public record and will be searchable online. The Town is not able to remove information from the public record once it has been posted.

☒ I Agree

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First Name

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City

NC

State

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Postal Code

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Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Residency within the Town limits is required for membership on most Council advisory bodies. Memberships of some committees and task forces may be composed of up to forty percent of non-Town residents.

What district do you live in? *

☒ Chapel Hill Town limits (Purple)

[Please consult the town maps HERE if you are unsure.](#)

If you are a Chapel Hill Resident, How long have you lived here?

☒ 4-9 years

The Council encourages you to visit a meeting of the group that you are interested in serving on. Please choose no more than two groups from the list below to which you would like to apply.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Eligible

Question applies to Planning Commission

Select a Seat Category for the Planning Commission *

☒ Chapel Hill Resident

Which Board is your First Choice? *

☒ Planning Commission

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

☒ Advisory Board or Council member

☒ Internet

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

How do you describe your previous advisory board experience?

☒ Chapel Hill Board Experience

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

Six years on the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation commission has introduced me to a wide range of planning decisions that face our town. To successfully participate and lead the commission it was incumbent on me to learn the mechanics of Town business, specifically budgeting (operating and CIP) and how issues of importance to Parks and Recreation are balanced with other Town departments and initiatives. My first experience in planning came as a member of the American Legion Task Force in 2017, where we approached the use of the Legion property from various angles to include parks and recreation, housing, and commercial development. This experience served as a launching point to follow the work of other commissions, Town departments, and community groups to learn more about needs across the town outside Parks, Recreation and Greenways. As Chair of the commission I reintroduced liaisons so that we could stay informed on development projects in town and how they may intersect with Parks and Recreation and vice versa. During my tenure I have worked with and have gained institutional knowledge with plans such as the Mobility and Connectivity Plan, The Parks Master Plan, the N-S BRT, and Chapel Hill 2020 and the FLUM phase of Charting our Future. I would also come to the Planning Commission with a baseline understanding of parameters set forth by the State in 160D and the opportunities and challenges we have in updating our own Land Use Management Ordinance.

Wesley McMahon

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

As an instructor of English as a Second Language for Durham Technical Community College over the last seven years, I have developed personal and professional relationships with immigrant families living in Chapel Hill, a number of whom live in manufactured home communities. For a period of time I taught night classes at El Centro Hispano in Carrboro to Chapel Hill residents. This experience and the connections I have made with these families has been informative to me individually, and would be experiences I could bring to bear in conversations on various considerations in the LUMO rewrite. As a previous Chair and Vice Chair of a commission, I will bring a strong understanding of how meetings are facilitated and will be able to help foster thorough, fair, and efficient meetings.

Question applies to Planning Commission

Do you have special interest, experience, or education/training in city planning, design field, environment, housing, transportation or related fields? If yes, please explain.

Nothing more than I have stated above.

[WesleyMcMahon_Resume.pdf](#)

You may upload a supporting document (e.g., CV or resume). **Please be advised that any information submitted becomes a public record and may be searchable online.**

Demographics

The Town Council seeks to attract persons from diverse backgrounds and believes that childcare and transportation is a potential barrier for qualified and interested applicants. See the [Childcare and Transportation Assistance pilot](#) for further details. In order to consider this application and provide some balance to the various boards, this personal information is required:

Ethnicity *

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender *

☒ Male

If other, please describe:

Please select your age from the following list. *

☒ 35-54

Adjunct Instructor

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Wesley McMahon

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Ethics Statement

ETHICS GUIDELINES FOR TOWN ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Members of advisory boards and commissions shall not vote on any matter in which they have a conflict of interest or an interest which reasonably might appear to be in conflict with the concept of fairness in dealing with public business. A conflict of interest or a potential conflict occurs if the outcome of the matter being considered is reasonably likely to have a direct, substantial, and readily identifiable financial impact on the member. In addition, members of the Historic District Commission and Board of Adjustment, when these boards are hearing cases, serve as quasi-judicial bodies. Pursuant to General Statute 160D-109(d), members of these boards “shall not participate in or vote on any quasi-judicial matter in a manner that would violate affected persons’ constitutional rights to an impartial decision maker. Impermissible violations of due process include, but are not limited to, a member having a fixed opinion prior to hearing the matter that is not susceptible to change, undisclosed ex parte communications, a close familial, business, or other associational relationship with an affected person, or a financial interest in the outcome of the matter.”

Any member who violates these Ethics Guidelines may be subject to removal from the board or commission. If the advisory board or commission member believes he/she has a conflict of interest then that member shall recuse himself/herself from voting on the matter. In cases where the individual member or the advisory board or commission establishes a conflict of interest, then the advisory board or commission member shall remove themselves from the voting area. Any advisory board or commission member may seek the counsel of the Town Attorney on questions regarding the interpretation of these ethics guidelines or other conflict of interest matters. The interpretation may include a recommendation on whether or not the advisory board or commission member should excuse himself/herself from voting. The advisory board or commission member may request the Town Attorney respond in writing.

☒ I Agree *

Applications will be kept on file from July 1st to June 30th of the same fiscal year. Please reapply each fiscal year if you are still interested in serving on an Advisory Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force and have not yet been appointed.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

North Carolinians Against Gun Violence–Action Fund
2018–Present
Co-founder, Past Board President, Current Board Member

Town of Chapel Hill, Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission
2016–Present
Chair, Vice Chair, Current Commission Member Representative, 2017 American Legion Task Force

Friends of Chapel Hill Parks, Greenways and Recreation
2018–Present
Board President

North Carolinians Against Gun Violence
2015–2021
Board President, Treasurer

EDUCATION

BA in Linguistics
University of Iowa

Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language
North Carolina State University

Certificate in Principles and Practices of Adult Education
Global Learning Partners

WORK EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor, ESL
Durham Technical Community College
2015 – Present

Instructional Designer, Marketing Manager
Jade Learning, Inc.
2010–2013

Organizational Learning Consultant
Inner Harbor Partners for Improved Performance
2008–2010

Sr. Consultant for Organizational Development
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
2006–2007

Assistant Director, Refugee Resettlement
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
2003–2006

Director of Refugee Resettlement
Lutheran Services in Iowa
2001–2003

PROFICIENCIES

- Adult learning design
- Meeting facilitation
- Public speaking
- Fundraising and development
- Non profit organizational development