
Profile

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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

[Redacted]

Email Address

Maria (polly)

First Name

Van De Velde

Middle Initial

Last Name

[Redacted]

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Chapel Hill

City

NC

State

27517

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

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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?

☒ Greater than 10 years

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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?

Historic District Commission: Eligible
Planning Commission: Eligible

Question applies to Planning Commission

Select a Seat Category for the Planning Commission *

☒ Chapel Hill Resident

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Which Board is your First Choice? *

☒ Historic District Commission

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

☒ Other (provide additional information below)

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

current member

Interests & Experiences

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How do you describe your previous advisory board experience?

None Selected

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

As a current and past member of the Community Design Commission, I have gained a broad perspective of land planning and development issues. Having been involved from the beginning on evaluating and helping redefine the requirements related to the Blue Hill District, I appreciate the complexity of setting standards and policies that both satisfy the many factions of Chapel Hill citizenry, and the development needs of a town that will continue to grow. The importance of setting policy that will result in everyone feeling a sense of ownership is of tantamount importance. Having also been party to much of the negotiation regarding the Eastowne-UNC Healthcare development agreement, I appreciate the challenges for the town to enhance the experience of town residents while maintaining a collaborative relationship with the University.

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

Involvement in town projects have included Chapel Hill 2020, membership on the Obey Creek Compass Committee and participation in developing the design guideline manual for Blue Hill. My skill sets include good listening, communication, team building and interviewing. From many years working in medical research I have statistical and analytical skills as well. I would like the opportunity to continue working to enhance town well being.

Question applies to Historic District Commission

Do you have special interest, experience, or education/training in history, architecture, archaeology, or related fields? If yes, please explain.

In specific regard to suitability for membership on the Historic District Commission I appreciate the need to preserve and protect the parts of Chapel Hill that have historical as well as architectural importance. They are part of the fabric of the entire town that deserve special consideration. My longstanding special interest in architecture has been honed by my Community Design Commission tenure. I grew up in New England with a long tradition of preservation. The house I grew up in was built in 1848. I appreciate historical design elements and preserving their integrity.

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.

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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 *

☒ Female

If other, please describe:

Please select your age from the following list. *

☒ over 55

Psychiatric Social Worker-
Retired

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Ethics Statement

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ETHICS GUIDELINES FOR TOWN ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Members of advisory boards and commissions shall not discuss, advocate, or 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 a member has a separate, private, or monetary interest, either direct or indirect, in any issue or transaction under consideration. 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 State Statute 106A-388(e)(2), 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 should ask the advisory board or commission to be recused from voting. The advisory board or commission should then vote on the question on whether or not to excuse the member making the request. 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 *

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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.