

City of Asheville
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Application Form

APPLICANTS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO ATTEND SEVERAL MEETINGS OF A BOARD PRIOR TO APPLYING AND/OR APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD

Name of board or commission(s): City Council

Your name: Malcolm F. Arthur Home Phone #: (828) 232-3558

Street address: 90 Wembley Rd. City: Asheville Zip Code: 28804

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Retired

Your position: _____ Office Phone #: _____

Resident of City County _____ Race W * Sex M * Age 82 *

Are you a United States Citizen (circle one)? (Yes) or No

Residence location (check one): Central _____ North South _____ East _____ West _____

How did you become aware of the opening? _____ Webpage _____ Current Volunteer _____ eNews _____
_____ Government Channel _____ Newspaper Radio _____ Organization _____ Agenda _____ Other _____

Please indicate the area(s) of expertise that you can bring to the above board(s), and then in detail list education, experience, reasons for your interest, and other factors that support your interest in serving (use additional sheets if necessary). Expertise: _____ Legal _____ Technical _____ Fundraising Community Contacts Business Management (Financial) Business Management (Operational) _____ Public Speaking _____

~~Born & Lived in Asheville~~ Attended Davidson Collegew, A B College

Army Service WW 2, Worked Same Business 41 years. Colsed business 1988
Active Ash. Jaycees 1950's. Past Pres. WNC Bowling, Past Pres.

N C State Bowling Assoc., Having knowledge of city, I have idears
of things that need to change to help with income and spednding
in the city. I also have idears of needed changes that can be done
at no additinol cost.

Return to:
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Post Office Box 7148
Asheville, N.C. 28802-7148

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Telephone: 259-5601
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Signature: Malcolm F. Arthur
Date: _____
E-Mail: _____
Fax #: _____

* This information is requested for the sole purpose of assuring that a cross section of the community is appointed.

1. What motivates you to apply for this position?

I think we have gotten away from the basic needs and wants for the people in the city. City Council should work for the over all section of things and not just to special or indiviable groups. Public hearungs are a waste of time and energy because too much time is wasted listing to special interest people.

2. Where do you fall on the conservative-liberal spectrum in terms of fiscal and social policy?

Generaly I would think I am consertive, but I donot feel I over active in any concerns and I can adjust my thinking to fit the needs at any given time or place.

3. In your eyes, what should be the top 2 or 3 priorities our City Council should be focused on in the upcoming year and why?

There is not the right feeling between city and county both in government and in the people. The correct information of matters is not given from both sides and therefore the citizens do not have all of the correct information to make up the real answers for the problem.

The proper balancing of income and spending should be looked at very closely and items now directly needed welfare and safety should be put on hold.

4. What do you consider the most crucial problem, need, or cause for the citizens of Asheville?
How would you approach its resolution or champion the cause?

I think the most often problem is the high cost of living in the the city and how and where ~~the~~ the money is spent.

I think there is a source of income that is not being used that would help balance things and bring the city to closer understanding of how the city can operate.

PS I may not be selected to fill the seat on council but I would like to have the opportunity to sit down with members of council or city manager for several hours to discuss several ideas I have about problems we now have that I think could and should be changed.

5. 2008-09 and 2009-10 fiscal years will be financially tough for the City. What will be your top funding priorities and what would you like to see reduced to balance the budget?

Stop all non necessary spending and stop wasting time and money
for things that are not wanted or needed by the people
in the city.
