

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: Jan Howard Home Phone #: 828 258 8799
Street address: 5 Reservoir Rd City: Asville Zip Code: 28803
Mailing address (if different): _____
Employer: State Courts
Your position: Guardian Ad Litem Office Phone #: 828 250-6130
Resident of City yes County yes Race C * Sex fe * Age 58 *
Are you a United States Citizen (circle one)? (Yes) or No
Residence location (check one): Central X North _____ South _____ East _____ West _____
How did you become aware of the opening? _____ Webpage _____ Current Volunteer _____ eNews _____
X Government Channel X 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 X Community Contacts _____
_____ Business Management (Financial) X Business Management (Operational) X Public Speaking _____

Thirty-plus years in Asheville. Ran twice for city council gaining a working knowledge of the personalities & issues. Years of involvement in the Fernloch Community. Served on the Presbyterian Awareness Task Force. Long attendance at city council, TRC. Attended hearings for original formation of the UDO. Over a decade with the Preservation Society of Asheville and

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

Jan (Kubiniec) Howard

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Education:

Graduated December 1990, University of New Orleans, with honors, M.ED. (This is from the school of Habilitation Services. Mental health services were mainly delivered through the public schools in the Louisiana system.) Specialty areas included behavioral management, design of systematic strategies for severe/profound population including emotionally disturbed.

Graduated Spring 1973, Indiana University, Bloomington, B.A., English. (Advanced work in nonverbal communication.)

Graduated Spring 1968, with honors, Ft. Wayne Northside High School, Indiana.

Employment:

Teaching:

1985-1990 - Taught in the Jefferson Parish Schools and St. Charles Parish Public Schools in suburban New Orleans, Louisiana. Experience involved teaching students with severe emotional disabilities, adjudicated juveniles and students with autism. Designed and implemented behavioral management systems for at-risk students. Worked at the nationally recognized treatment center The Westbank Educational Center, 1987. The locked down facility emphasized experiential teaching and behavior management.

Journalism:

1981-1983 - Free lance photographer, New Orleans, Louisiana.

1981 - Lab director for Christopher R. Harris, (New Orleans area stringer for Time/Life.) Ran the lab, processed and printed his portfolio.

1978-1979 - Reporter/photographer, The Shelbyville News, Indiana. (Indianapolis suburb) The paper was the Blue Ribbon Daily top award winner for 1978.

1976-1978 - Reporter/photographer, The Greenfield Daily Reporter. (Indianapolis suburb.)

Current Activities:

2002 to present - Guardian Ad Litem, court-appointed advocate for children suffering abuse and neglect.

1990-2002 - Ran twice for Asheville City Council. Numerous civic volunteer activities including serving as president and board member on the Kenilworth Residents Association, Vice-President and newsletter editor for the Coalition of Asheville Neighborhoods. Served on the Pedestrian Awareness Task Force. A fifteen year member of the Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County. Maintain and preserve a historic home and gardens.

Honors:

Served on the board of advisors of INTERACT, a federally funded project to design and implement integration (full inclusion) strategies for the severe and profoundly disabled in the New Orleans public schools.

Received the Inland Daily Press Award for feature photography in 1977.

1. What motivates you to apply for this position?

A desire to continue serving my community

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

Socially, very liberal

Fiscally, conservative,

I tend to stay fairly middle in most other issues.

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?

- City Council needs to continue working on a sound budget.
- Infrastructure maintenance and upgrades including resolving water system negotiations
- Continue to address our drug/crime issues especially as they affect our inner city youth

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?

Seek to address ways to improve educational needs of our children of poverty. Those children already dwelling in an overwhelmed social services network.

Everyday I see the impact of misaligned services. As a court appointed advocate I see an extreme cost played out in the overworked court system. The regeneration of mental health will take time but I feel my six years service in the court system give me a unique understanding

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?

I would push for infrastructure maintenance and the reduction of "feel good" stuff agendas.

All city departments need to have a clear direction to guide us through possible impending difficulties

I feel like sound development is still very possible. Investors really put money behind solid leadership. Just grey areas of speculation may have felt good

through the recent boom, however, it never looked like sound policy to me