

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): Asheville City Council

Your name: William C. Meredith Home Phone #: (828) 333-8327

Street address: 191 Cumberland Ave City: Asheville Zip Code: 28801

Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: Self

Your position: Owner Office Phone #: (828) 333-8327

Resident of City  County  Race W \* Sex M \* Age 39 \*

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

Eight years of public advocacy for green, renewable power sources.

Candidate in the 2007 City Council Primary Election.

Owner/Operator of labor-providing small business for 15 years.

**Return to:**  
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Signature: William C. Meredith

Date: November 24, 2008

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Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## RESUME

**William C. Meredith**  
**191 Cumberland Ave, Asheville NC 28801**  
**(828) 333-8327**

### Education:

- Graduated Fort Mill High School, 1987
- University of North Carolina, Asheville, 1990 to 1992 (Environmental and Civil Engineer studies)

### Work Experience:

- Enlisted in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1987 to 1990
- Worked as welder, 1992 to 1996.
- Worked in labor-providing business, 1996 to Present: Saywer Motor Building, Ledgerton Estates, Many other Asheville homes.

### Political Experience:

- Worked on the Elect Harvey Gantt Campaign, 1990
- Joined the Libertarian Party in 1998
- Executive Committee of the Buncombe County Libertarian Party, 2003
- City Council candidate, 2007

**1. What motivates you to apply for this position?**

As someone who chooses to live and work in Asheville for cultural and aesthetic reasons rather than for the compensation, I understand the unique challenges faced by Asheville and its citizens.

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

As a libertarian, I am socially liberal and fiscally conservative; meaning, making sure that we can meet our financial contractual obligations with the taxpayer, ensuring good stewardship of his public trust.

**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?**

Infrastructure should be a top focus. A healthy city is a prosperous one. In order to attract jobs, businesses need sound infrastructure. Also, a high priority is maintaining quality essential service personnel -- police, fire and rescue -- by offering competitive wages.

**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?**

Thriftiness with the public trust is our top priority. The risk of over-taxation and its effect on small businesses is crucial to our current job situation. From transparency in government and policing to sound budgetary planning. As well as wise land usage decisions. I champion the cause of being an objective voice for nonpartisan cooperation.

**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?**

Again, top priority should be given to infrastructure, water, power, and transportation as that is the top responsibility of this body. High priority should also be given to experienced employee retention.

A budgetary cut that I favor would be to privatized the golf course for a \$1.1M annual savings. I would also look for ways to reduce spending across the board in all departments.