

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

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Employer: SELF / writer / investor / semi-retired

Your position: _____ Office Phone #: CELL 480-242-8454

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race White * Sex M * Age 60 *
Caucasian

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

OWNED SMALL CHAIN OF CLOTHING STORES IN WNC
From 1971-1991 - Asheville, Bryson City, Sylva, Franklin, - published 2004
Author, The Past Is Never Dead / Asheville mystery
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* This information is requested for the sole purpose of assuring that a cross section of the community is appointed.

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1. What motivates you to apply for this position?

I believe the current council is imbalanced and needs more of a business person's view points. Compassionate conservatism has been maligned as a viewpoint but is still valid & real -

I generally support the viewpoints of Councilman Mumpower & Russell & many of the other council members, varying on the issue -

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

Conservative on Fiscal
Moderate on Social

John L. Moore

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?

Homelessness disruptions downtown are dangerous and violate low abiding citizens' property and personal rights. The city should enforce caring but firm & disciplined approach - Clean it up, period -

Infrastructure - increase expenditures to streets, police protection, waterlines, etc.

Decrease expenditures for social changes that should be the responsibility of religious and social communities.

I do not believe government should be involved in creating or funding issues that are part of the natural economic processes. Asheville should not be for the rich or the poor - Asheville is whatever it develops into by a free economy

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 have suggested in the past when on the Citizen-Times Community Editorial Board in 2001 that it might be better to give major funding during a year to one or two specific priorities and under fund others that year. The next year the areas under funded become higher priority and in effect become over funded. This would allow for long term problems to actually get fixed instead of piece meal funding year after year for all projects. This is experimental but could work if properly explained and supported. This may not be practical or it could really solve longstanding underfunded problems.

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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?

We need to keep our budget in relation to our income - 2009 will be less income - budget to be cut in projected proportion - we do not need to raise taxes to support our wishes. We need to schedule our funding in relation to what we can reasonably expect to take in. This may be disappointing but realistic - when income rises, we can fund more ~~and~~ projects -

I believe government is for basic services - streets, police & fire protection, education, infrastructure

I do not believe government should legislate social cues except in the most crucial, dangerous situations -

I believe Mayor & Council should try specific and direct contacts to reduce the rise of local gangs - though not sure how to do that - if dangerous to community they should not be allowed to congregate to commit crimes -