Profile Jason M Allen First Name Middle Initial Last Name Email Address Home Address Suite or Apt Postal Code What Ward do you live in? * Ward 1 Alternate Phone Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept., State Historic Historic Preservation Preservation Office Program Analyst 2 Occupation Which Boards would you like to apply for? Citizens Advisory Traffic Commission: Submitted

Submit Date: Sep 02, 2023

Which of the following City of Salem Board or Commission meetings have you attended? *

✓ Historic Landmarks Commission

Interests & Experiences

What do you feel you can contribute as a board or commission member?

I've lived in Salem for 10 years, and have been a driver, cyclist, and pedestrian throughout the city. My master's degree is in Historic Preservation Planning from Cornell University, which was in the City and Regional Planning Department. I'm familiar with the history of urban planning, and with current approaches to multi-modal transportation planning. I live it Portland for 10 years as well, and saw many traffic and transportation planning approaches, both successful and not successful. I feel I have a solidly evidence-based approach to problem solving, and am open to learning from those with expertise in areas where I do not. I am very comfortable working collaboratively, and rely on research and fact-finding, identification of potential difficulties or obstacles, careful planning, and consensus building before developing recommendations for action.

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What prompted your interest in applying to serve as a board or commission member?

A desire to contribute to my city's development as a growing urban center. Recognizing that rapid growth and change is currently occurring, and will continue to occur into the future, I feel we need to do what we can to guide the course of that development, lay suitable groundwork ahead of development, and ensure that growth happens in a smart and thoughtful way. Traffic issues and concerns are a large part of that, and I have experienced these things personally as a citizen that walks/bikes to work (1 mile, each direction), and drives throughout the city regularly. I believe I have a lot to donate to the City on this subject.

Please explain how your education, professional, personal, or volunteer experience and knowledge qualify you to serve on the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying.

Aside from experiencing the traffic situation in Salem for the last 10 years, I also have educational background in city and regional planning, as my masters degree is in Historic Preservation Planning, during which I gained a familiarity with the history and development of urban planning, including transportation planning. I have worked with traffic planning representatives and engineers at ODOT and in various communities around the state, generally with regard to the intersection of traffic planning with historic preservation.

List any experience you have with volunteering for the City of Salem or other organizations.

none to date, but it is time for me to get more involved where possible.

Briefly explain any experience you have working with your neighborhood association or other public bodies or committees.

Professionally, I routinely work with local citizen commissions around the state, as they are responsible for historic preservation planning. I facilitate developing short and long-term historic preservation goals, develop and lead trainings relevant to their roles, and advise them on the principles, best practices, and legal/regulatory roles and obligations. In some cities, like Salem, this is a Historic Landmarks Commission, but in many smaller cities, towns, and counties, this is a planning commission. I also routinely attend, help to organize, and even present trainings to statewide bodies, such as the Oregon State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation. I have on occasion attended Northeast Neighbors neighborhood meetings, but not with regularity, and I have not taken on any role with NEN. To date I have not volunteered to serve on the Historic Landmarks Commission, because of potential real or perceived conflicts of interest due to my professional employment and role at the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office.

Can you commit to attending a minimum of 75 percent of scheduled meetings? (Please refer to the City's website for the meeting schedule. Failure to meet the attendance requirement may result in removal from office.)

Please list up to three (3) references whom we could contact to learn more about your qualifications (name/email address or phone number/relationship).

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