

Application Form

Profile

Mel _____ B _____ Whisler _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

What Ward do you live in? *

Ward 5

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Self-employed _____
Employer

Owner/Operator _____
Job Title

Court Transcription _____
Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Citizen Budget Committee: Submitted

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

Salem Public Library Advisory Board

Interests & Experiences

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

I love my community of Salem. I hold strong personal values that a good community depends on participation. I enjoy collaboration and exploring solutions to complex problems. I realize that making a good community always necessarily fun, sometimes it takes people talking about budgets at long meetings on a weeknight. I am willing to put in the work researching and learning about issues that Salem faces and representing Ward 5 for the city.

Upload a Resume

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

The committee position became vacant when Dr. Brown was elected to city council. I have the time and flexibility in running my business to take on a position such as this.

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.

My past experiences qualify me for this committee because I understand that a successful program requires careful attention to all of its moving parts. I have a wide range of experiences working with underserved populations and community programs both professionally and through volunteering.

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

I have served on the advisory commissions for Center 50+ and Salem's Library. I am currently the president of the Parrish Middle School Parent Club, and I volunteer weekly at both Parrish Middle School and Highland Elementary. I was a member of Northwest Senior and Disabilities Services Advisory Committee for 6 years and served on their policy and advocacy committee.

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

When I first began working at Marion Polk Food Share managing the Meals on Wheels Program, I made a campaign of sorts and visited all of Salem's neighborhood associations to bring awareness to the program. I have attended several of Highland's neighborhood association over the 14 years we have lived here. I coordinated the Highland Community Garden for three seasons.

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.)

Yes No

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

Ian Dixon-McDonald 503-740-6824 Ian was my direct supervisor at Marion Polk Food Share

Cathy Capers 206-334-8023 Cathy Capers was the HR Director that I worked under at Regency Woodland.

Vanessa Nordyke 971-304-8003 Vanessa was a volunteer at Meals on Wheels, became a friend, and I managed volunteers for her re-election campaign.

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

Gender

Question