

Application Form

Profile

Cheryl _____ Hummon _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

Postal Code

What Ward do you live in? *

Ward 2

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Minto Island Growers _____
Employer

CSA Coordinator _____
Job Title

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Citizens Advisory Traffic Commission: Submitted

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

None

Interests & Experiences

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

My career has been in public service (city, county, and state government agencies and nonprofits), so I am familiar with the importance of boards, commissions, and advisory committees that provide input from diverse partners and stakeholders. I have experience being a board member and also staffing advisory committees and have strong "process" skills.

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

I have valued participating on boards and advisory committees in the past but haven't had time lately. Now I have more time and would like to contribute to the community. Regarding the Citizen Advisory Traffic Commission specifically, I am interested in supporting implementation of the City's Climate Action Plan, including objectives related to transportation. I am also committed to improving bike-ped safety and supporting the City's recent commitment to Vision Zero. The death of Marganne Allen, the cyclist who was killed on 3/28/23 at High and Leslie, has further motivated me to get involved now (Marganne was my program manager and supervisor in 2020 to 2022, so her loss hits close to home).

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.

Personal experience: I am a daily cyclist (or pedestrian in foul weather) – for recreation, commuting to work, physical and mental health, errands like grocery shopping, and occasional travel by bike. My bike riding has taken me far and wide in Salem, so I am familiar with the city, and how to get around as safely as possible on a bike. I always wear bright clothing, use bright lights, wear a helmet, and use a rear-view mirror. Professional experience: I worked for the City of Albany for 4 years, in Public Works. I understand the structure of city governments and the role of boards, commissions, and committees. In several past jobs, I have staffed advisory committees, and have a lot of group process experience, including leading and facilitating meetings. Volunteer experience: When I lived in Portland, I volunteered for "Sunday Parkways" multiple times (family-friendly loops of closed streets with events at city parks). I also was a member of the Multnomah County Bike-Ped Citizens Advisory Committee in Portland (2007-2008). In Salem, I am a member of the SCAN Transportation Committee (see response below), and I am engaged with Salem Bike Vision. I participated in the recent SBV community ride (6/25/23, NE Salem), and I am in touch with them about volunteering for the next community ride, and other ways to get involved.

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

See previous response for my bike-ped related volunteer experience. See next response for my neighborhood association experience. I was a board member of two watershed councils in the Albany area (South Santiam, Calapooia) for several years. I was a volunteer facilitator for a strategic planning process with Three Rivers Land Trust (Portland, OR). I am the Secretary-Treasurer of a Condo Association Board and also serve as the volunteer (unpaid) building and grounds manager and financial manager. I have participated in a number of 1-time volunteer events – river and beach cleanups, tree plantings, invasive species removal, etc.

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

South Central Association of Neighbors (SCAN): I am a member of SCAN, but declined a recent invitation to be on the Board, because the monthly SCAN meeting conflicts with the bi-monthly Citizen Advisory Traffic Commission meeting (which is my priority, and several SCAN Board members have encouraged me to apply to the current CATC vacancy). I am a member of the SCAN Transportation Committee. In the spring of 2023, I brought a request to SCAN to consider recommending to the City for Fairview Avenue SE to have a double-yellow centerline between Commercial and 12th Streets (to prevent up-hill passing, where speeding drivers do not see oncoming cyclists). The SCAN Transportation Committee recommended this to the full SCAN Board, who voted unanimously to make this request to the City. The double-yellow centerline has been painted. Professionally, I have staffed multiple advisory committees, so have abundant experience with developing agendas and meeting notes, communicating with committee members, and facilitating or leading meetings. See previous response for watershed council board experience.

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).

Victor Dodier, President of SCAN (South Central Association of Neighbors), Chair of SCAN Transportation Committee, vjdodier@teleport.com, 503-910-4719. Sadie Carney, Policy Analyst & Communications Manager (Director's Office), Oregon Department of Land Conservation, 503-383-6648, sadie.carney@dlcd.oregon.gov; also Cherriots Board of Directors, Subdistrict 3, sadie.carney@cherriots.org; also the Cherriots representative on the SKATS (Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study) Policy Committee. Troy Munsell, owner of Santiam Bicycle, 503-370-7322 (line 2 at Santiam Bicycle), troy@santiambicycle.com (he checks email a few times per week).

Question applies to Citizens Advisory Traffic Commission

Briefly describe your experience in transportation planning or traffic engineering.

When I worked for the City of Albany, in Public Works, I was not working on transportation issues, but I sat amongst civil and traffic/transportation engineers and planners, so I overheard a lot of their phone calls and office chatter. I am engaged with Salem Bike Vision, which involves transportation planning. Several months ago, SKATS (Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study) had a public input process, which included an interactive map for adding locations that are hazardous for cars, bikes, or pedestrians. I submitted several dozen locations. I have a lot of experience as a transportation "user", particularly bicycle and pedestrian, also a car driver, and van driver (for past work). When I am biking, I see and experience road hazards up close and personal. When possible, I address hazards myself (e.g. clean up broke glass / nails / road debris, trim blackberries that block sidewalks or bike paths). If I am not able to address the hazard myself (e.g. potholes, street sweeping needed), I report it to the relevant agency (city, county, state). My motivation is partly selfish, to avoid my own flat tires etc., but I also want to spare other cyclists and drivers from flat tires or other dangers.

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

