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MEETING DATE: 10/26/20020

FINAL ACTION: WORK SESSION

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

WORK SESSION:

TO: *City Council*

FROM: *Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager*

PROJECT TEAM: *Anna D. Ruggles, CMC, City Recorder*

DATE: *October 26, 2020*

SUBJECT: *B/C Applicant Interviews*

BACKGROUND:

Per City Council Rules, §14, the City shall solicit boards and commissions applications. The recruitment period was currently open to new applicants as well as applicants seeking reappointment. All applicants must attend an interview in order to be eligible for appointment or reappointment.

Attached are the following for conducting the B/C applicant interviews:

- Interview Schedule;
- Possible Interview Questions; and
- B/C Applications:
 1. 5:30 pm: Steven Barnard (Webex)
 2. 5:40 pm: Sonia Reyes (Webex)
 3. 5:50 pm: Carlos Covarrubias (Webex)
 4. 6:00 pm: Drue Garrison (Webex)
 5. 6:10 pm: Brenna Cooper (Webex)
 6. 6:20 pm: Aaron Johnson (Webex)
 7. 6:30 pm: Sam Ruder, High School Student (Webex)
 8. 6:40 pm: Charlotte Lumae (Webex)

Please note: We have allotted 7-10 minutes for each interview. Mayor Truax will assign three Councilors to ask each applicant interview questions. Please refer to the set of Interview Questions for B/C Applicants.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council consider making the B/C appointment recommendations at a subsequent meeting.

Attachments:

Attachment A: List of B&C Interviews

Attachment B: Questions for B/C Applicant Interviews

Attachment C: B/C Applications

Pending Council Interviews

B/C: Meeting Date/Time: Council Liaison: # of Student Advisory Vacancies:					Budget	CCI	CFC	CPAC	EDC	HLB	Library	P&R	Planning	Public Arts	Sustainability	URAC
					Apr/May	1st Tues 5:30pm	3rd Wed 5:15pm	?	1st Thurs Noon	4th Tues 6:30pm	3rd Wed 6:30pm	3rd Wed 7am (3pm)	1st&3rd Mon 7pm	2nd Thurs 5pm	4th Thurs 6 pm	4th Thurs 10 am
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# of B/C Vacancies:					12 2 Vacancies 2 Vacancies 1 Vacancy Represents 2 Vacancies 1 Vacancy 2 Vacancies 3 Vacancies 1 Owner 1 Finance											
Date		Applicants (Pending Interviews)														
Applicants Interviews 10/26/2020																
1	5:30 PM	Steven	Barnard	FG Sch Educator		CCI		CPAC						SC		
2	5:40 PM	Sonia	Reyes	Adelante Mujeres HR Director				CPAC								
3	5:50 PM	Carlos	Covarrubias	Metro Public Defender				CPAC								
4	6:00 PM	Drue	Garrison	Retired (Past Member PSAC)				CPAC								
5	6:10 PM	Brenna	Cooper	PU Evaluator						HLB	LC		PAC			
6	6:20 PM	Aaron	Johnson	The Eyrie Vineyards Marketing/Sales						HLB	LC	P&R				
7	6:30 PM	Sam	Ruder	FG HS Student (10th grade)		CCI			EDC		LC					
8	6:40 PM	Charlotte	Lumae	Self-Employed Tutor				CPAC								

7-10 minutes is allotted for each applicant interview

Note: Once Council renders a decision on the status of an appointee, the City Recorder notifies appointee and schedules a formal Resolution for consideration on the next Council meeting agenda.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR B&C APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

Please feel free to use questions and/or other information in order to conduct a successful interview.

1) *What would you like the City to accomplish in the next several years?*

2) *How do you engage other board members?*

3) *Is there an area in which you think the City can improve; if so, what would that be?*

OPTIONAL:

4) *What ideas do you have for increasing citizen involvement in Forest Grove?*

5) *Do you favor growth or do you feel the City is currently big enough?*

6) *What ideas do you have that would help the City become a more sustainable community?*

Questions asked of each applicant:

1) *If we cannot appoint you at this time, may we keep your application on file?*

2) *Do you have any questions of us?*

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Tue, 08/25/2020 - 2:51pm

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Contact Information

Mr.

Type First & Last Name

Steven Barnard

Home Address

Valley Crest Way

City, State and Zip Code

Forest Grove, Oregon 97116

Mailing Address, if different**E-Mail Address****Telephone/Cell Phone Number****Employer**

Forest Grove School District

Work Telephone Number**Occupation/Profession**

Educator

Are you a student applicant? (Students must be high school grade level and residing or attending school in Forest Grove). Student appointees may serve on any board, except Budget Committee and Planning Commission.

No

If so, which grade level and school do you attend?

Do you reside within the City limits?

Yes

Years residing in Forest Grove.

3 years

How did you hear of this opportunity?

City website

Please rate the City's performance.

Good

What ideas do you have for improving "Fair" or "Poor" performance?**Please select your top three preferences that fit with your schedule the best:**

- Committee for Community Involvement (1st Tuesday, 5:30pm)
- Community Policing Advisory Commission (Meeting date/time TBD)
- Sustainability Commission (4th Thursday, 6pm)

What specific topics interest you that relate to the board(s)?

I am most interested in serving on the Police Advisory Board. I served over 15 years in US Army Military Police Corps with experience in law enforcement, investigations, and as a community liaison before transitioning to the US Army Special Operations Command's Civil Affairs branch. As a Civil Affairs officer, I helped develop a course for the DoD in Civil Military Operations & the Rule of Law to help military planners advise commanders on how to engage with host nation law enforcement and justice systems, security, criminal justice reform efforts, illicit economies, and community relations. As a History and Governments teacher, I am keenly interested in the current activism around police reform and seeing this vital institution better serve the communities they are sworn to protect by bridging communication gaps, accountability, and building trust.

I have a great deal of personal and professional experience in volunteering and partnership building. I would be honored to serve Forest Grove a role serving on the Committee for Community Involvement.

As a Board Member on EdenAcres Environmental Education, I would be interested in extending this passion to serve on the Sustainability Commission.

What contributions do you hope to bring to the board(s)?

On whichever committee I might be appointed to, I hope to serve by working with fellow volunteer citizens dedicated to providing our community and city leaders with recommendations to improve Forest Grove's quality of life. I am anxious to get more involved in the community I now call home.

List your educational experience:**EDUCATION:**

Postgraduate Certificates (24 credits)—Naval Postgraduate School,
-Stability, Security, and Development in Complex Operations, 2011; and
-Civil Military Operations & the Rule of Law, 2012

Postgraduate Certificate (16 credits) – Johns Hopkins University, 2007

-Education Administration & Supervision

M.Ed–University of Oklahoma, 2000

-Teacher Education

BS–University of Maryland University College, 1999

-Government & Politics

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE:

-Director-Academic Relationships, Purdue University Global (2012-2018)

-Adjunct Professor, Kaplan University School of Behavioral and Social Sciences (2013-2015)

-Asst. Operations Officer (IMA), US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (2013-2015)

-Command Education Officer, US Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (2007-2008, 2010-2012)

-Education Program Manager (2010-2012)

-Secondary Social Studies/English Teacher (2000-2007)

-Troops-to-Teachers (2000-2007; 2018-present)

-US Army Senior Training Instructor (2000-2004)

-School Resource Officer/D.A.R.E. Instructor (1998-2000)

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

-National Army Junior Vice President and Executive Committee Member, Reserve Officers Association (2013-2017)

-North Carolina Department Vice President, Reserve Officers Association (2011-2013)

-Civil Affairs Team Leader, CJTF-Horn of Africa (2010)

-Executive Officer, Headquarters Company, US Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (2009-2010)

-Aide-de-Camp to the Deputy Commanding General, US Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (2007-2009)

-Committee Chairperson for the establishment of the Robert A. McClure Medal for Psychological Operations Excellence (2009)

-Executive Officer, Headquarters Company, 354th Civil Affairs Brigade (2005-2007)

-US Army Military Police (1991-2000)

List any community involvement, appointed offices, elected offices and/or affiliations:

-Board Member, EdenAcres Environmental Education (2019-present)

-Warrenton High School Hall of Fame Inductee (2015)

-Fayetteville Downtown Alliance/Cool Spring Downtown District "Art Park" Project (2014-2018)

-NCDOT Designation of I-295 as the "Airborne & Special Operations Highway" (<http://www.army.mil/media/359441>) (2014)

- Vice President, The Capitol Encore Academy Public Charter School Board of Directors (2013-2018)
- ABC11 WTVD/Raleigh Armed Forces Salute (<http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/video?id=8819286>)(July, 2012)
- Reserve Officer Association Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year Award (2012)
- Chairperson, City of Fayetteville Redevelopment Commission (2009-2018)
- Member, Fayetteville "40 Under Forty" Rising Community Leaders(inaugural cohort) (2011)
- Fayetteville Citizens Academy (2001)
- Youth Soccer Coach, Fayetteville Parks & Recreation (2009 and 2011)
- Bremerton School District H.O.P.E. Award Recipient (2005)
- Wal-Mart Good Works Kitsap Peninsula Region Teacher of the Year (2004)
- 8th Brigade, 104th Division Instructor of the Year (2003)

If not appointed at this time, may we keep your application on file?

Yes

By signing below, you are confirming that if appointed, you have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and attend meetings.

Steven Barnard

Date

Tue, 08/25/2020

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Wed, 08/26/2020 - 1:11pm

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Contact Information

Ms.

Type First & Last Name

Sonia Reyes

Home Address

██████████ Snapdragon Lane

City, State and Zip Code

Forest Grove

Mailing Address, if different

E-Mail Address

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Telephone/Cell Phone Number

██████████

Employer

Adelante Mujeres

Work Telephone Number

██████████

Occupation/Profession

Director of Human Resources

Are you a student applicant? (Students must be high school grade level and residing or attending school in Forest Grove). Student appointees may serve on any board, except Budget Committee and Planning Commission.

No

If so, which grade level and school do you attend?

Do you reside within the City limits?

Yes

Years residing in Forest Grove.

19

How did you hear of this opportunity?

Adelante Mujeres

Please rate the City's performance.

Good

What ideas do you have for improving "Fair" or "Poor" performance?

Please select your top three preferences that fit with your schedule the best:

Community Policing Advisory Commission (Meeting date/time TBD)

What specific topics interest you that relate to the board(s)?

Police interaction with Latinx community members.

What contributions do you hope to bring to the board(s)?

Guidance developing policies and strategies when interacting with Latinx community members.

List your educational experience:

MA HR Management, BA Management

List any community involvement, appointed offices, elected offices and/or affiliations:

Adelante Mujeres nominee

Forest Grove Community School Board of Director member 2011

If not appointed at this time, may we keep your application on file?

Yes

By signing below, you are confirming that if appointed, you have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and attend meetings.

Sonia Reyes

Date

Wed, 08/26/2020

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Tue, 09/01/2020 - 1:46pm

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Contact Information

Mr.

Type First & Last Name

Carlos Covarrubias

Home Address

██████ Pacific Avenue, ██████

City, State and Zip Code

Forest Grove, OR 97116

Mailing Address, if different**E-Mail Address**

██

Telephone/Cell Phone Number

████████████████████

Employer

Metropolitan Public Defender

Work Telephone Number

████████████████████

Occupation/Profession

Investigator

Are you a student applicant? (Students must be high school grade level and residing or attending school in Forest Grove). Student appointees may serve on any board, except Budget Committee and Planning Commission.

No

If so, which grade level and school do you attend?

Do you reside within the City limits?

Yes

Years residing in Forest Grove.

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How did you hear of this opportunity?

Word of mouth

Please rate the City's performance.

Good

What ideas do you have for improving "Fair" or "Poor" performance?

The scope of my insight is only limited to my four years of work at Metropolitan Public Defender as an investigator and the three months I have lived in Forest Grove. I will say that I definitely enjoy living in Forest Grove and believe it can continue to grow as a safe, progressive place for everyone while still maintaining its small town charm. I do think that Forest Grove could stand to improve its level of social service to its most vulnerable residents, which is not something I view as the city's fault but rather a challenge all small towns in the United States face.

Please select your top three preferences that fit with your schedule the best:

Community Policing Advisory Commission (Meeting date/time TBD)

What specific topics interest you that relate to the board(s)?

Community safety and police accountability are the issues I feel confident and competent in addressing. My application is specifically seeking to volunteer for the Community Policing Advisory Commission.

What contributions do you hope to bring to the board(s)?

I believe my work experience as an investigator for the public defender's office has given me an insight in the criminal justice system which is extremely relevant to the Community Policing Advisory Commission. I have found Forest Grove Police to be very professional and easy to work with in my numerous cases and would like to see that continue to be the case. I always strive to see law enforcement and the community build together and find ways to communicate each's needs.

List your educational experience:

My highest level of education is an Associates of Science Technical Degree in Paralegal Studies. I also continue to take Professional Continuing Education classes, seminars, workshops, etc. to maintain my Private Investigator licensing with Oregon's Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (this is the same entity responsible for licensing law enforcement and private security).

List any community involvement, appointed offices, elected offices and/or affiliations:

I am a founding member of Washington County Justice Initiative (wcji.org), which is a newly formed political PAC that seeks to improve the criminal justice system in Washington County through community engagement and reform. I am a seven years now volunteer and racial dialogue facilitator with the non-profit organization Race Talks PDX (racetalkspdx.org). Race Talks PDX is a community organization that was created to improve race relations in the Portland area through education and in person facilitated dialogue sessions. I have also given testimony in the 2012 United States v. City of

Portland district court case which sought to improve the treatment of citizens experiencing mental health crisis by Portland Police. Lastly I have participated in police-community mediation through Portland's Independent Police Review board.

If not appointed at this time, may we keep your application on file?

Yes

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Carlos D Covarrubias

Date

Tue, 09/01/2020

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Fri, 09/04/2020 - 4:45pm

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Contact Information

Mr.

Type First & Last Name

Drue Garrison

Home Address

[REDACTED] Forest Gale Drive

City, State and Zip Code

Forest Grove, OR 97116-2957

Mailing Address, if different**E-Mail Address**

[REDACTED]

Telephone/Cell Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Employer

Retired

Work Telephone Number**Occupation/Profession**

Retired

Are you a student applicant? (Students must be high school grade level and residing or attending school in Forest Grove). Student appointees may serve on any board, except Budget Committee and Planning Commission.

No

If so, which grade level and school do you attend?

Do you reside within the City limits?

Yes

Years residing in Forest Grove.

2005 to present

How did you hear of this opportunity?

PSAC dissolution letter from Mayor Truax

Please rate the City's performance.

Good

What ideas do you have for improving "Fair" or "Poor" performance?

Getting "everyone" to the table to discuss what is being done and how it can be done better. Making sure that "everyone" has the opportunity to participate and help make Forest Grove better.

Please select your top three preferences that fit with your schedule the best:

Community Policing Advisory Commission (Meeting date/time TBD)

What specific topics interest you that relate to the board(s)?

Public Safety in and around the City of Forest Grove

What contributions do you hope to bring to the board(s)?

(1) 10 years experience as a member of the Forest Grove Public Safety Advisory Commission (PSAC). Was the PSAC Vice Chair at dissolution (2) 24 years as a Federal Criminal Investigator. Retired as the Acting Assistance Special Agent in Charge. (3) 28 years Active duty and Reserve duty with the US Army. Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

List your educational experience:

BPA majoring in Law Enforcement and Military Science. MS majoring in Criminal Justice. US Army Command and General Staff College graduate. Numerous law enforcement and military training/classes.

List any community involvement, appointed offices, elected offices and/or affiliations:

Member of the Forest Grove Public Safety Advisory Commission (PSAC) from 2010 through the dissolution in 2020. PSAC Vice Chair for a total of 5 years. PSAC Chair for a total of 2 1/2 years.

If not appointed at this time, may we keep your application on file?

Yes

By signing below, you are confirming that if appointed, you have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and attend meetings.

Drue B. Garrison

Date

Fri, 09/04/2020

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Fri, 09/11/2020 - 11:34am

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Contact Information

Ms.

Type First & Last Name

Brenna Cooper

Home Address

█ C Street

City, State and Zip Code

Forest Grove, OR 97116

Mailing Address, if different

E-Mail Address

█

Telephone/Cell Phone Number

█

Employer

Pacific University

Work Telephone Number

█

Occupation/Profession

Credentials Evaluator - Registrar's Office

Are you a student applicant? (Students must be high school grade level and residing or attending school in Forest Grove). Student appointees may serve on any board, except Budget Committee and Planning Commission.

No

If so, which grade level and school do you attend?

Do you reside within the City limits?

Yes

Years residing in Forest Grove.

20

How did you hear of this opportunity?

Online

Please rate the City's performance.

Good

What ideas do you have for improving "Fair" or "Poor" performance?**Please select your top three preferences that fit with your schedule the best:**

- Historic Landmarks Board (4th Tuesday, 6:30pm)
- Library Commission (3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm)
- Public Arts Commission (3rd Thursday, 5pm)

What specific topics interest you that relate to the board(s)?

I moved to Forest Grove in 2000 because I wanted to be in a small college town and loved the streets of old homes. My first home here was built in 1900, my current home circa 1920. In addition to my love of old homes I am also a library/book lover and have volunteered in libraries over the years (though FG turned me down because they didn't need anyone at the time - a "good problem"). My oldest son served on the Public Arts Commission as a Student Advisor while in high school. My daughter is currently a senior Fine Arts major at Pacific.

What contributions do you hope to bring to the board(s)?

I have wanted to serve on a board for as long as I have lived in FG. My interest has never waned and, now that my children are in college, I finally have the time. I've been in FG for 20 years now and have worked in both the school district and at Pacific. Citizen involvement brings strength to every community.

List your educational experience:

I have a BA in Anthropology and secondary teaching licensure (California).

List any community involvement, appointed offices, elected offices and/or affiliations:

I worked for FGSD for 4 years, including at the Community Learning Center after school program at NAMS from 2001-2004 where I received a "Pay It Forward Grant" from Washington County. Working with middle school students, we created two "art benches," one resides at Cornelius Elementary School and one in the FG Library. Of course, I also volunteered in my children's schools. In California, I was a library docent and was the guest editor for a Mien community newspaper.

If not appointed at this time, may we keep your application on file?

Yes

By signing below, you are confirming that if appointed, you have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and attend meetings.

renna Cooper

Date

Fri, 09/11/2020

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Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Mon, 09/14/2020 - 9:50am

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Contact Information

Mr.

Type First & Last Name

Aaron Johnson

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City, State and Zip Code

Forest Grove, OR 97116

Mailing Address, if different**E-Mail Address****Telephone/Cell Phone Number****Employer**

The Eyrie Vineyards

Work Telephone Number**Occupation/Profession**

Marketing, Sales, and Logistics Coordinator

Are you a student applicant? (Students must be high school grade level and residing or attending school in Forest Grove). Student appointees may serve on any board, except Budget Committee and Planning Commission.

If so, which grade level and school do you attend?

Do you reside within the City limits?

Yes

Years residing in Forest Grove.

7 months

How did you hear of this opportunity?

Insert with Utilities Bill

Please rate the City's performance.

Good

What ideas do you have for improving "Fair" or "Poor" performance?

We can always improve. Forest Grove has a very nice park system, but I see improvement that can be made in regard to Recreation Programming.

Please select your top three preferences that fit with your schedule the best:

- Historic Landmarks Board (4th Tuesday, 6:30pm)
- Library Commission (3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (3rd Wednesday, 7am)

What specific topics interest you that relate to the board(s)?

I was once the Recreation Coordinator and then Community Center Supervisor with the City of McMinnville Parks and Recreation. I left that for another opportunity, but find myself missing working with and for the community. I am very drawn to Parks and Recreation as this can be a quality of life and economic driver in the community. I also am drawn specifically to libraries having a minor in English and previously volunteered at the Wilsonville Public Library.

What contributions do you hope to bring to the board(s)?

Experience, and energy. I have worked in the departments for the Boards I have listed in a City, and understand what it takes to have a successful and meaningful department. Having written budgetary pieces for a city I also understand the challenges that exist and how to work with the community and staff to navigate those challenges. I was able to increase the revenues with the City of McMinnville recreation programs from \$17,000 annually to over \$100,000 annually in less than 7 years, and they have continued to grow. We created something successful, sustainable, and fun for the community.

List your educational experience:

BA - Health, Physical Education, Recreation Emphasis: Sports Management
Minor - English
Briar Cliff University, Sioux City, IA

List any community involvement, appointed offices, elected offices and/or affiliations:

Volunteered with Wilsonville Public Library,
Worked for City of McMinnville, OR; and City of Bridgeport, NE
Member of City Safety Committee with City of McMinnville
Advisory Board Member for McMinnville Chamber of Commerce Leadership Mac program.

If not appointed at this time, may we keep your application on file?

Yes

By signing below, you are confirming that if appointed, you have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and attend meetings.

Aaron Johnson

Date

Mon, 09/14/2020

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Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Thu, 09/17/2020 - 4:37pm

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Contact Information

Mr.

Type First & Last Name

Sam Ruder

Home Address

██████████ Ridge Pointe Dr.

City, State and Zip Code

Forest Grove, OR 97116

Mailing Address, if different**E-Mail Address**

████████████████████

Telephone/Cell Phone Number

████████████████

Employer

School

Work Telephone Number**Occupation/Profession**

Student

Are you a student applicant? (Students must be high school grade level and residing or attending school in Forest Grove). Student appointees may serve on any board, except Budget Committee and Planning Commission.

Yes

If so, which grade level and school do you attend?

10th grade at Forest Grove Highschool

Do you reside within the City limits?

Yes

Years residing in Forest Grove.

15

How did you hear of this opportunity?

Youth Advisory Council

Please rate the City's performance.

Good

What ideas do you have for improving "Fair" or "Poor" performance?**Please select your top three preferences that fit with your schedule the best:**

- Committee for Community Involvement (1st Tuesday, 5:30pm)
- Economic Development Commission (1st Thursday, Noon)
- Library Commission (3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm)

What specific topics interest you that relate to the board(s)?

I am on the Teen Library council so I am super interested in getting youth into the library and other public spaces and encouraging other youth to get involved. I also am interested in economics and learning about how the city runs.

What contributions do you hope to bring to the board(s)?

I hope to bring insight and ideas from the other organizations I am apart of as well as a different perspective.

List your educational experience:

I have a 10th-grade education.

List any community involvement, appointed offices, elected offices and/or affiliations:

I participate in the Youth Advisory Council, Teen Library Council, and ASB at FGHS.

If not appointed at this time, may we keep your application on file?

Yes

By signing below, you are confirming that if appointed, you have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and attend meetings.

Samuel Ruder

Date

Thu, 09/17/2020

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Contact Information

Ms.

Type First & Last Name

Charlotte Lumae

Home Address

[REDACTED] 22nd Ave.

City, State and Zip Code

Forest Grove, OR 97116

Mailing Address, if different**E-Mail Address**

[REDACTED]

Telephone/Cell Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Employer

Self-employed sole proprietor of Charlotte Lumae, M.Ed.

Work Telephone Number

same

Occupation/Profession

Tutor

Are you a student applicant? (Students must be high school grade level and residing or attending school in Forest Grove). Student appointees may serve on any board, except Budget Committee and Planning Commission.

No

If so, which grade level and school do you attend?**Do you reside within the City limits?**

Yes

Years residing in Forest Grove.

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How did you hear of this opportunity?

Chief Renmann

Please rate the City's performance.

Good

What ideas do you have for improving "Fair" or "Poor" performance?**Please select your top three preferences that fit with your schedule the best:**

Community Policing Advisory Commission (Meeting date/time TBD)

What specific topics interest you that relate to the board(s)?

My personal life experiences and my professional concern for my students both relate to the work of the CPAC Board. As a person who grew up in poverty in a marginalized family, I bring class awareness to the table. As a teacher of neurodivergent students, I bring an understanding of the underlying experiences that can cause unexpected behavior, and strategies to improve communication to support success. As a person who doesn't naturally follow many traditional behavior expectations of gender, I bring LBBTQ+ social justice concerns and values to the table. As a neurodivergent queer woman who survived police brutality while living in poverty during young adulthood, I know from experience that the way we may naturally respond to police communication may be misinterpreted as disrespectful or even threatening, and this in turn may threaten our own lives if police overreact. I am keenly aware of how much worse this could have been for me if I were not considered white like the police who brutalized me.

What contributions do you hope to bring to the board(s)?

I would like to work together with other community partners to build a community safety system that better serves all residents, and I will specifically advocate for autistic and neurodivergent people, people with disabilities, and people with mental illness, especially when these experiences intersect with poverty and/or queerness and/or racialization.

List your educational experience:

Master of Education, Pacific University, 2008

Oregon Initial I Teaching License, Multiple Subjects, Self-Contained, for Early Childhood and Elementary

ESOL Endorsement (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Cultural Competence Program Certificate of Completion from Pacific University

Elementary Education Professional Credential Preparation Program, Humboldt State University, 2003

Bachelor of Arts, Studio Art, University of California at Berkeley, 1996

Study Abroad in India, Delhi University, 1992-1993

Ongoing Professional Development:

2019

Sensory PDX Autism Trainings, 6 hours

EdWeb Webinar Series on Autism, Twice-Exceptionality, and Visual Learning, 12 hours

FACT PDX Metro West Regional Conference on the IEP process and Special Education, 7 hours

2018

UW Autism Center: Strategies for Students with ASD in General Education, 5 hours

Oregon Program Autism Training Sites & Support: STAR ABA Program, 12 hours

Pacific University: Meeting the Needs of LGBTQ+ Students, 6 hours

2015

Khan Academy Independent Study: Common Core Math K-8 & Pre-Algebra, 127 hours

2014

Ford Institute Leadership Program: Rural Community Leadership Development Class, 51 hours

2013

Ford Institute Leadership Program: Effective Organizations Leadership Class, 24 hours

2008

Pacific University: Sexual Minorities in the Public Schools, 5 hours

2007

Oregon State University: Discrimination and the Oregon Educator, 1 hour

2004

Youth Arts: Play Up the Arts, 5 hours

2003

CA Department of Fish & Game: Project Wild, 5 hours

2002

CA Integrated Waste Management Board: Closing the Loop & Vermicomposting, 10 hours

List any community involvement, appointed offices, elected offices and/or affiliations:

Steering Committee Member and website editor of SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) Forest Grove.

Ford Foundation Leadership Program 2014 cohort member and sundial face engineer.

Local artist. Founding member of Forest Grove Dancing Witches.

Online Moderator of Forest Grove Community Facebook group.

Founder and Online Admin of Forest Grove Society for Consensual Antagonistic Dialogue Facebook group.

Founder and Online Admin, Social Justice Justicia Social 97116 97113 Facebook group.

If not appointed at this time, may we keep your application on file?

Yes

By signing below, you are confirming that if appointed, you have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and attend meetings.

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