URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

- 3 year term

- No special requirements for these vacancies

Vacancy
Was Guillermo Rodriguez
Term to expire 12-31-20

CURRENT MEMBERS	TERM EXPIRES	APPOINTED	TERMS	RESIDENT	RACE	HOMEOWNER/ RENTER	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION
Cecil Bothwell 15 Lookout Rd. Asheville, NC 28804 818-713-8840 cecil@braveulyssess.com	12-31-20	01-09-18	1	City	W	H	M	North	Self owner
Sharon Sumrall 5 N. Delano Rd. Asheville, NC 805-448-0186 ornamentalgardens@gmail.com	12-31-20	01-09-18	1	City	W	H	F		Owner Landscape Contractor
Guillermo Rodriguez 406 Windsept Dr. Asheville, NC 301-5137 guillor@icloud.com	12-31-20	08-28-18	unexpir	City	L	H	M	Central	Retired 2018 Landscape Arch.
Ed Macie 46 Sunrise Drive Asheville, NC 28806 (h)404-316-3546 (o)404-316-3546 ed@edmacie.com	12-31-22	01-14-20 01-10-17	2	City	W	H	M	West	Consulting Urban Forester
Patrick Gilbert 14 Stonebridge Dr. Asheville, NC 28805 443-474-3316 gilberts0924@gmail.com	12-31-22	01-14-20 04-09-19	1 unexp.	City	W		M	East	Retired
Stephen E. Hendricks (chair) 27 Colonial Place - 28804 273-5581 sehendricks333@gmail.com	12-31-21	01-18-19 01-13-15	2 1	City	W		M	North	Retired

CURRENT MEMBERS	TERM EXPIRES	APPOINTED	TERMS	RESIDENT	RACE	HOMEOWNER/ RENTER	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION
Amy Smith 167 Beverly Rd. Asheville, NC 28805 828-333-3235 amith.eco@gmail.com	12-31-21	01-08-19	1 unexp.	City	W	H	F	East	Professor Purdue Unv. Gobal

EX-OFFICIO VOTING MEMBERS:

GreenWorks Represenative:

Dawn Chavez
Asheville GreenWorks
2 Sulphur Springs
Asheville, NC 28806
828-254-1776

Progress Energy Represenative

MSD Representative

Chair: Stephen E. Hendricks
Vice-Chair: Amy Smith
Council Liaison: Julie Mayfield
Staff Liaison: Nancy Watford

ASHEVILLE TREE COMMISSION

Name	Male	Female	Black	White	Other	North	East	South	West	Central	City	County
Summrall		X		X							X	
Bothwell	X			X		X				X	X	
Rodriguez	X				X					X	X	
Macie	X			X					X		X	
Gilbert	X			X			X				X	
Hendricks	X			X		X					X	
Smith		X		X			X				X	

Asheville Tree Commission - Resource List

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE #	DATE SUBMITTED APPLICATION	RESIDENT	HOMEOWNER /RENTER	RACE	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION	INTEREST IN OTHER BOARDS
Robert Brown 151 WT Weaver Blvd., Apt. 1A Asheville, NC 28804 333-2400 ncnwug@gmail.com	03-29-19	City	R	W	M	North	Security Officer Botanical Gardens of Asheville	
Patricia Strang 22 Sonnet Lane Asheville NC 28804 patspins@yahoo.com	05-27-19	City	H	W	F	North	Retired	
Karen MacNeil 16 Cullowhee St. Asheville, NC 28801 karenskyli@gmail.com	12-07-19	City	H	W	F	North	RN Brooks Howell Home	
Callie Warner 12 Cherry Ln. Asheville, NC 28804 calliewarner@gmail.com	12-08-19	City	H	W	F	North	Self-employed	
Noah Poulos 481 Shope Creek Rd. Asheville, NC 28805 nprpoulos@gmail.com	12-12-19	City	R	W	M	East	Owner, Forestry Tech Ardea Ecological LLC Wildwood Forestry Consulting	
Catherine Murphy 4 Waters Road Asheville, NC 28805 citizenmurphy@protonmail.com	01-17-20	City	H	W	F	East	Senior Cloud Sec. Engineer Segment, Inc.	
Perrin de Jong 83 Covington Street Asheville, NC 28806 perris@biologicaldiversity.org	01-22-20	CIty	R	W	M	West	Staff Attorney Center for Biological Diversity	

City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Application Form

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Name of board or commission: Tree Commission

Your name: Robert Brown Home Phone #: (828) 333-2400

Street address: 151 WT Weaver Blvd., Apt.1A City: Asheville Zip Code: 28804

Mailing address (if different): --

Employer: The Botanical Gardens at Asheville

Your position: Security Officer Office Phone #: (828) 252-5190

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race W * Sex M ✔ F ___ * Age 80 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Renter

Residence location (check one): Central ___ North ✔ South ___ East ___ West ___

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: none

. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

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 **Applicants are encouraged to provide a cover letter and/or a brief resume. Please use additional sheets if necessary.**

I am a graduate of Thacher School, Ojai, California (high school), and I have attended Middlebury and Harvard colleges, although I did not acquire a degree. Aside from correspondence school (a degree in mapping and surveying) and classes at AB Tech, my education has been on the job.

I have spent my working life in what is known as "sitework", that portion of construction not specifically related to architecture. I worked as a drafter for the City of Asheville in "Water Engineering" from 1973 to 1973, and ended my full-time working life in 2015 as Managing Director of Hunter Software, LLC (storm water control software, which I wrote) and a consultant for storm water control. I was responsible for compliance with local erosion and storm water ordinances for many projects in the southeastern US. In every one of these projects the issue of parking spaces vs trees arose. Since then, I have volunteered with Waste Reduction Partners. My principal work with WRP was assisting communities (Biltmore Forest, Montreat, Hendersonville) in compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

I treasure the "Cool Green Asheville" concept, and hope to ensure that it does not become an historical curiosity.

eSigned via BoardsAndCommissions.com

Robert Hunter Brown

Key: df7872...

Return to:

Signature: _____

Sarah Terwilliger, Deputy City Clerk
Post Office Box 7148
Asheville, N.C. 28802-7148

Date: March 29, 2019

E-Mail: ncnwug@gmail.com

E-Mail: sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov
Telephone: 259-5839
Fax #: 259-5499

Fax #: (828) 333-2400

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City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Application Form

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Name of board or commission: Tree Commission

Your name: Patricia Strang Home Phone #: 412-780-4431

Street address: 22 Sonnet Lane City: Asheville Zip Code: 28804

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: retired

Your position: _____ Office Phone #: _____

Resident of City X County _____ Race Caucasian* Sex M ___ F ✔ * Age 63 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

Residence location (check one): Central ___ North ✔ South ___ East ___ West ___

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: NO _____. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

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Certified Extension Master Gardener Volunteer - 4 years in Buncombe Co., 7 years in Fairfax Co., VA.
Certified Sustainability Professional as part of my continuing education as a Project Manager with FedEx. Retired in 2013.

My interest in serving on this Commission is to support protection of Asheville's existing trees and the successful planting of new trees to maintain a healthy tree canopy.

Return to:

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Fax #: 259-5499

Signature: eSigned via BoomerangDocs.com Patricia Jean Strang Key: df78721a9fe9944d2ae1f4025f0fe6878

Date: May 27, 2019

E-Mail: patspins@yahoo.com

Fax #: _____

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City of Asheville

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Application Form

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Name of board or commission: Urban Forestry Commission

Your name: Karen MacNeil Home Phone #: 828 242 8003

Street address: 16 Cullowhee St City: Asheville Zip Code: 28801

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Brooks Howell Home

Your position: RN Office Phone #: 828 242 8003

Resident of City yes County Buncombe Race W * Sex M ___ F ✔ * Age 46 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

Residence location (check one): Central ___ North ✔ South ___ East ___ West ___

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: NO

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My areas of expertise include creative problem solving and community engagement. As a member of the Asheville community for almost 30 years and a mother of two daughters raised here, I am incredibly invested in seeing this community thrive in ways that benefit everyone. Over the last year I have attended many city meetings including Downtown Commission, Planning and Zoning, City Council, BCTDA and Urban Forestry Commission. My particular interests in urban forest ecosystems and the ways green infrastructure will help our city become more resilient have all led me towards the UFC. I'm hopeful we will see many positive steps forward in the next few years with the UFC, COA and other commissions all working together, and I would be honored to be part of that progress. I believe my main contributions to the UFC would be communicating information of projects in motion at UFC to the community, gathering ideas and support from the community to bring back to the commission and helping to create a better flow of information for the benefit of all.

BA Anthropology Rutgers University
Associate's Degree Nursing AB-Tech

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Key: df7671a8fc68f4d2aa1f4d3f0f4678

Signature: _____

Date: 12-7-19

E-Mail: karenskyli@gmail.com

Fax #: _____

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City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Application Form

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Name of board or commission: Urban Forestry Commission

Your name: Callie Warner Home Phone #: 9192609688

Street address: 12 Cherry Ln City: Asheville Zip Code: 28804

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: self-employed

Your position: _____ Office Phone #: _____

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race W * Sex M ___ F ✔ * Age 61 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

Residence location (check one): Central ___ North ✔ South ___ East ___ West ___

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: _____. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

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I am an Asheville native who left for thirty years and returned five years ago. I live on the land my grandparents bought in 1945 in North Asheville. My grandfather was a Two-Star Major General in WWII, Class of 1915 with Eisenhower and Omar Bradley at West Point, and when he moved here he was head of the VA Hospital and he planted all the dogwoods around Beaver Lake. I grew up hiking, camping, climbing trees, and depended on nature for my sense of wellbeing.
I traveled with the USO as a singer, performing on military bases all over the world. That experience taught me so much about politics and our role in the global community.
I settled in Chapel Hill, where I lived for thirty years. I spearheaded a community opposition to a proposed 650 acre development in the county and after two years and 350 people strong, we won. That lead me to graduate school at NCSU in Landscape Architecture, but I did not graduate due to personal reasons. The victory of that property was unprecedented and is now held in perpetuity. Area farms then put their land into perpetuity. When I moved back home in 2014, I was struck by the amount of development and the loss of tree canopy downtown and joined the Tree Protection Task Force. I am dedicated to working on leaving a legacy that honors all species and values the health of our planet over nearsighted greed. It would be an honor to be on this

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Signature: Carolyn (Callie) Kerr Warner

Date: 12/8/2019

E-Mail: calliewarner@gmail.com

Fax #: _____

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City of Asheville

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Name of board or commission: Urban Forestry

Your name: Noah Poulos Home Phone #: 3365543761

Street address: 481 Shope Creek Road City: Asheville Zip Code: 28805

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Self, Ardea Ecological LLC... Wildwood Forestry Consulting

Your position: Owner... Forestry Technician Office Phone #: _____

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race White * Sex M ✔ F ____ * Age 24 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Renter

Residence location (check one): Central ____ North ____ South ____ East ✔ West ____

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I have a BS in Environmental Science from UNC Asheville. I am also an ISA Certified Arborist and currently work as a forestry technician in WNC. My business, Ardea Ecological, works with clients on sustainable land use consulting and education. Many of my clients are concerned with preserving their trees and planting new ones. In short, my professional life fully revolves around trees. I would like to be a part of the conversation of Asheville's urban trees in what is a pivotal time for the ongoing preservation of our urban canopy and all the benefits that it has.

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Noah Poulos
Key: df76721e9fe96f4d2ae1f402f0fc567B

Signature: _____

Date: 12/12/2019

E-Mail: nprpoulos@gmail.com

Fax #: _____

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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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Name of board or commission: URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Your name: Catherine Murphy Home Phone #: 2026429548

Street address: 4 Waters Road City: Asheville Zip Code: 28805

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Segment, Inc

Your position: Senior Cloud Security Engineer Office Phone #: 2026429548

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race Caucasian* Sex M___ F ✔ * Age 28 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

Residence location (check one): Central ____ North ____ South ____ East ✔ West ____

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While living in San Francisco (2013-2019), I volunteered with many farms and gardening organizations and was trained in 2 separate programs by the Parks Department. In the first program, Get Up! (https://www.gardenfortheenvironment.org/getup), I was trained as an urban farmer and compost educator, and taught composting classes to bay area residents. I applied this knowledge working both at Garden for the Environment and at Alemany Farm, the largest urban farm in San Francisco. In the second program, Community Forester Training (https://www.fuf.net/programs-services/education/community-forester-training/), I learned about planting and pruning street trees and fruit trees with Friends of the Urban Forest. In addition to tree biology and care, we learned about the importance and function of urban forests and city policies and measures affecting the planting and care of street trees. I lead many tree plantings around the city and participated in structural pruning of existing street trees with a group of other trained FUF volunteers.
While not specifically knowledgeable in the trees of Western North Carolina, I have experience with both the politics and practical care of urban forests and am eager to put this to use serving my new home. Both of my parents were career Navy engineers and my mother served on the stormwater committee in Chesapeake, Virginia, where I grew

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Signature: Catherine Murphy

Date: 17 January 2020

E-Mail: citizenmurphy@protonmail.com

Fax #: 0000000000

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City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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Name of board or commission: Urban Forestry Commission

Your name: Perrin de Jong Home Phone #: 828-252-4646

Street address: 83 Covington Street City: Asheville Zip Code: 28806

Mailing address (if different): PO Box 6414, Asheville NC 28816

Employer: Center for Biological Diversity

Your position: Staff Attorney Office Phone #: 828-774-5638

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race W * Sex M ✔ F ___ * Age 42 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Renter

Residence location (check one): Central ___ North ___ South ___ East ___ West ✔

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Lifelong environmental activist, environmental attorney, student of urban & rural forestry issues. Forest protection activist since 1996. I would be useful to the commission in drafting urban forestry ordinances for the city of Asheville due to my legal education, legal skills, and legal experience. Also, my understanding of the interconnected dynamics of forest canopy, watershed health, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, air quality and climate would better inform the work of the Commission. I obtained my J.D. from Lewis & Clark Law School, the nation's leading environmental law school, in 2009. I obtained my first law license from Kentucky in 2010 and obtained my North Carolina law license in 2011. I currently hold a law license from North Carolina. I also grew up in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and have watched the interplay between development, the loss of forest canopy, the exacerbation of flooding and drought, the biodiversity crisis and climate change play out across this state since I was a little boy. The lack of deliberate planning that is manifest in the current deteriorating condition of our community, climate, biodiversity and quality of life here in Asheville is why we need a concerted effort to plan around the protection and restoration of the ecosystems on which we depend. I am applying to serve on this commission to help accelerate that process.

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Signature: [signature]

Date: 1/22/2020

E-Mail: perrin@biologicaldiversity.org

Fax #: (888)277-4929

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January 22, 2020

Sent via Email

Ms. Sarah Terwilliger
Deputy City Clerk
P.O. Box 7148
Asheville, N.C. 28802-7148
sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov

Re: Urban Forestry Commission Application

Dear Ms. Terwilliger,

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the open position on Asheville's Urban Forestry Commission. Attached, please find my application and resume.

Our fair city is at a critical turning point, the outcome of which will determine our quality of life and the quality of life for generations of Ashevillians to come. Intense and escalating development pressure is rapidly changing the face and character of our community. In the face of this pressure, city government is both facilitating this transformation and seeking to reign in its worst effects. Meanwhile, a critical mass of informed and engaged city residents is stirring, racking up wins that have altered the course of development in Asheville and Buncombe County.

I am troubled by the fact that our city's transformation is driving the loss of urban canopy across Asheville. This urban deforestation has hit my neighborhood in West Asheville particularly hard, and my heart goes out to Asheville's neighborhoods of color, where the trees are falling fastest, and Summertime shade grows more elusive by the year.

I offer my candidacy for the Urban Forestry Commission because I'd like to assist in the effort to secure a future when all Ashevillians will learn first-hand the incredible quality-of-life benefits that mature trees provide to those who make room for them. I would like to work for a future where our city rises to the occasion and meets the threat by enacting new, forward-looking protections to safeguard the most vital aspects of our community's personality. I would also like to work toward a future where the City of Asheville has the courage to stand behind and enforce its existing environmental protections in the face of escalating development pressures. I believe that my legal skills and education would be particularly useful to the Commission's work on drafting ordinances for City Council's consideration.

Sincerely,



Perrin de Jong
Staff Attorney
Center for Biological Diversity
P.O. Box 6414
Asheville, NC 28816
(828)774-5638
perrin@biologicaldiversity.org

cc: City of Asheville Boards & Commissions Application Form
Resume of Perrin W. de Jong

Perrin W. de Jong

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EDUCATION

Lewis & Clark Law School Portland, OR
J.D., May 2009
Honors: *Faculty Scholarship*, 2006-2009
Cornelius Honors Society
Dean's List, 3 semesters
Natural Resources Law Institute, *Environmental Leadership Award*, 2009
Public Interest Law Project, *Winner of the Public Interest Stipend*, 2007
Pro Bono Honors Program, 2007

Activities: Public Interest Law Project, 2008 Auction Committee Chair; Volunteer 2007-09
Campus Environmental Audit & Renovations Project, Founder 2007-2009
Northwestern Environmental Defense Center, Volunteer 2006-2007
National Lawyers Guild, Volunteer 2006-2009

Berea College Berea, KY
B.A. Sociology, May 1999, *Magna Cum Laude*
Highlight: Campus Environmental Policy Committee, Chair & Campus Audit Coordinator 1997-1999

EXPERIENCE

Center for Biological Diversity Asheville, NC
Staff Attorney, September 2017 – Present
Practicing environmental law in the U.S. District Courts for the Western, Middle and Eastern Districts of North Carolina, the 4th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia.

Private Practice Asheville, NC
Attorney, October 2011 – September 2017
Practiced criminal defense, environmental, employment, and landlord-tenant law in North Carolina's 24th, 28th and 30th Judicial Districts, the Cherokee Courts, and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina.

Campbell, Rogers & Hill, PLLC Morehead, KY
Associate Attorney, April 2010 – August 2010
Practiced criminal, civil, and environmental law in Kentucky's court system.

Campbell, Rogers & Hill, PLLC Morehead, KY
Clerk, June 2009 – April 2010
Litigation support for criminal, civil, and environmental cases.

Ben Rosenfeld, Esq. San Francisco, CA
Clerk, May 2008 – August 2008
Legal research and writing for state civil rights litigation and criminal defense.

Crag Law Center Portland, OR
Clerk, January 2007 – May 2008
Legal research and writing. Participated in strategy sessions, depositions, and negotiations for federal public interest environmental litigation.

Forest Ethics Chicago, IL
National Campaign Organizer, January 2006 – July 2006
Organized and coordinated the successful national campaign to pressure OfficeMax to end the sale of paper made from endangered forests, and to significantly increase their stock of post-consumer recycled paper.

Kentucky Heartwood Lexington, KY
Director, March 2002 – December 2005
Led a grassroots public lands advocacy organization for the state of Kentucky. Frequent public speaking, outreach, event organizing, fundraising, forest watch, administration, coalition building, and media work. Directed litigation efforts. Legislative advocacy.

Chemical Weapons Working Group Berea, KY
Community Organizer, June 1999 – April 2000/ October 2000 – June 2001
Organized nationwide conferences and local events, rallied supporters for local events and public meetings, wrote over $300,000 worth of successful grants, and participated in crafting legislative strategy for the campaign to prevent the U.S. Army from burning chemical weapons at eight sites across the country.

Mick Harrison, Esq. Navajo Reservation, AZ
Legal Assistant, January 2000 – February 2000
Worked for attorney Mick Harrison on an exploratory trip to gather information from potential clients resisting federal government-forced relocation at Black Mesa.

Chemical Weapons Working Group Salt Lake City, UT
Legal Assistant, June 1999
Served under lead attorney Mick Harrison in a Federal District Court trial regarding the incineration of chemical weapons at the Tooele Chemical Destruction Facility.

HEAL Berea College, Berea, KY
Program Manager, February 1997 – May 1999
Managed a team of student organizers to develop environmental service programs, recruited students, and ran the programs. Conducted a campus environmental audit.