RECREATION BOARD

- 3 year term

- Members shall consult with and advise … in matters affecting recreation policies, program, personnel, finances and land acquisition related to the total community recreation program.

Vacancy
Was Justin Thompson
Term to expire 6-30-20

CURRENT MEMBERS	TERM EXPIRES	APPOINTED	TERMS	RACE	HOMEOWNER /RENTER	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION
Jeff Luttrell 77 5th Ave Asheville, NC 28806 (919) 368-3608 jeffluttrell@hotmail.com	06-30-21	06-19-18	1 Unexp.	W	H	M	West	Alorica Dir. Of Talent Acq.
Justin Thompson 154 Murdock Ave. Asheville, NC 28801 804-516-0214 thompsonjustinb@gmail.com	06-30-21	03-13-18	1	AA	R	M	Central	Centra Digital Comm. The Parish Group
Robert Pierce 12 Munn Drive - 28805 298-6723 bpierce366@gmail.com	06-30-21	06-19-18	2	W	H	M	East	Retired Geologist
John William Irving 55 School Rd. Asheville, NC 28806 450-0838 jwirving@gmail.com	06-30-21	06-19-18	1		H	M	West	Nantahala Outdoor Center President
Ali Mangkang 15 Cleveland Ave Asheville, NC 28803 280-9284 (h) 376-0200 (o) allisonmangkang@gmail.com	06-30-20	06-13-17	1	W		F	East	Executive Asst.
Lucious Wilson 21 East Indiana Ave Asheville, NC 28806 luciouswilson1@gmail.com	06-30-20	03-12-19	Unexp.	AA		M	West	Event Coordinator Wedge Brewing

CURRENT MEMBERS	TERM EXPIRES	APPOINTED	TERMS	RACE	HOMEOWNER /RENTER	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION
April Suttles 7 Woodcrest Road Asheville, NC 28804 285-0052 (h) 250-5873 (o) aprilsuttles@yahoo.com	06-30-20	07-24-18	Unexp.	W	H	F	North	Social Wk Supervisor Buncombe Co. DHHS
Helen Hyatt 14 Swindale Street - 28801 770-316-8780 helenhyatt@charter.net	06-30-21	06-19-18	2	W	H	F	Central	Retired
Patrick Dennehy 482 Kimberly Avenue Asheville, NC 28804 550-5592 patdennehy@aol.com	06-30-20	6/13/2017 09-08-15	2	W	H	M	North	City Bakery Owner

Ex-Officio (non-voting) - Director of Parks & Recreation

Council Liaison: Gwen Wisler
Chair: Patrick Dennehy
Vice-Chair: Helen Hyatt

RECREATION BOARD

Name	Male	Female	Black	White	Other	North	East	South	West	Central	City	County
Luttrell	X			X					X		X	
Thompson	X		X							X	X	
Pierce	X			X			X				X	
Pistor	X			X		X					X	
Mangkang		X		X			X			X	X	
Wilson	X		X						X		X	
Hyatt		X		X						X	X	
Dennehy	X			X		X					X	

Recreation Board For Asheville - Resource List

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE #	DATE SUBMITTED APPLICATION	RESIDENT	HOMEOWNER/ RENTER	RACE	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION	INTEREST IN OTHER BOARDS
Craig Ruhland 225 Westover Drive Asheville, NC 28801 craig_ruhland@yahoo.com	03-04-19	City	H	W	M	North	Senior Landscape Architect JLG Architects	
Matt Lutz 2 Edgewood Rd. South Asheville, NC 28803 matthew.c.lutz@gmail.com	11-20-19	City	H	W	M	South	Broker/Realtor Greybeard Realty	
Madison Brightwell 4 Overton Way, Apt. 206 Asheville, NC 28803 me@madisonbrightwell.com	11-30-19	City	R	W	F	East	Psychotherapist Ginger IO	
Bryce Senz 1 Tampa Ave. Asheville, NC 28806 bryce.senz@gmail.com	01-17-20	City	H	W	M	West	Business Director HiringThing LLC	
Elizabeth Lafitte 100 River Mill Dr. Apt. 404 Asheville, NC 28803 liz.lafitte@ge.com	01-14-20	City	R	W	F	Centra	Value Stream Manager GE Aviation	
Shannon Rupert 453 Beaverdam Rd Asheville, NC 28804 shannon.rupert@gmail.com	01-28-20	City	H	Other	F	North	Self-employed Open Space Innovations	
James Barney 46 Tacoma Asheville, NC 28801 jameswbarney@gmail.com	01-29-20	City	H	W	M	North	Retired	

City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Application Form

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Name of board or commission: Recreation Board

Your name: Craig Ruhland Home Phone #: 701-390-3424

Street address: 225 Westover Drive City: Asheville Zip Code: 28801

Mailing address (if different): same

Employer: JLG Architects

Your position: Senior Landscape Architect Office Phone #: 701-746-1727

Resident of City Yes County Buncombe Race White * Sex M ✔ F ___ * Age 41 *

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: none that I know of. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

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I'm planning to email Ms. Sarah Terwillinger a separate Cover Letter and Resume.

I'm a licensed landscape architect and planner with nearly 20 years of experience. Over the years I've worked on a large variety of projects from public to private sector & covering multiple states and budgets.

I believe the Parks and Recreation department have a critical role to play as Asheville continues to grow and attract great people.

Return to:

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

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

Signature: Craig Matthew Ruhland

Date: March-4-2018

E-Mail: craig_ruhland@yahoo.com

Fax #: 701-390-3424

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Craig Ruhland, PLA
Professional Landscape Architect
225 Westover Drive
Asheville, NC 28801
701-390-3424

March 4, 2019

Dear Ms. Sarah Terwilliger,

I'm authoring this letter to apply for a position on the Parks and Recreation, Recreation Board. I relocated to Asheville in the summer of 2018 and for nearly 20 years I've worked as a licensed landscape architect.

Through my years practicing as a landscape architect, I completed numerous award-winning projects and a large portion of them were for the public sector. These project types include but we not limited to; paved trails systems, ball fields, storm water improvements, public schools, Health & Wellness Centers, VA Hospitals, signage and master planning. Most of these projects were completed in Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

On a personal level, my wife and I have (3) children who use and enjoy the local park system. My wife is a medical professional who is employed with Mission Health and we currently own a home in the Montford neighborhood. Our eldest son attends the University of North Carolina, Asheville and our younger children attend Asheville Catholic School. For the past two years we, as a family, have decided to slow down and therefore, I have the ability to work part time and volunteer my time to serve on boards such as this.

One of my strongest assets is my ability to communicate and therefore, I was nominated to become a project manager early in my career. Using a combination of verbal, written and graphics skills have helped my team articulate our design, procurement and funding ideas to the rest of our project partners. I believe with my specific work experience I would become a valuable member of this citizen board. Furthermore, I believe the Parks and Recreation department has a critical role to play in the future enrichment of the City of Asheville.

I am a hard working and well-trained landscape architect/citizen that would fit well into this board. Please contact me as listed above for further information. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Craig Ruhland, PLA
Landscape Architect

Craig Ruhland, PLA, LEED AP
Professional Landscape Architect
225 Westover Drive
Asheville, NC 28801
701-390-3424

Craig has practiced as a licensed landscape architect for nearly 20 years in Engineering and Architecture firms based in Minnesota, Montana and North Dakota. Mr. Ruhland's design and procurement expertise include, site inventory and conceptual design, master planning, hosting public meetings, construction documents, estimating and construction administration. Craig has recently relocated to Asheville from the Midwest and believes his expertise could be a valuable asset to the Asheville Parks and Recreation Board.

Experience: 2010-'18; Senior Landscape Architect and Project Manager, JLG Architects. Bismarck, ND. 2006-'10; Landscape Architect, SEH. Rochester, MN. 2003-'06; Landscape Architect, KLJ Engineering. Landscape Architect, Bismarck, ND.

Licensure: Minnesota, PLA #45845, North Dakota, PLA #55

Education:
North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, 2001. Bachelor of Environmental Design
North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, 2001. Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

Community Involvement:
Missouri Valley YMCA Board Member: 2014-Present
Bismarck Trails Advocacy Group; Founding member: 2015-Present
Youth Basketball Coach: 2018-Present
Pisgah Area SORBA, Mountain Bike Trail Crew Leader: 2018-Present

Awards & Publications:
Peace Plaza, City of Rochester, MN. MASLA Merit Award, 2010, Minnesota Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects.

Harriet Island Regional Park, St. Paul Department of Parks and Recreation, MN. MASLA Merit Award, 2001. Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Landscape Architecture and Specifier News. April 2010. New Heart of the City, Rochester, Minnesota, By Craig Ruhland. pp. 51-56. Author Article describing the design and implementation of $3.3 million plaza in Rochester, MN.

Notable Projects:
Peace Plaza, Rochester, MN. Second Street Transit Center and Streetscape, Rochester, MN. MDU Community Bowl, Bismarck, ND. Sanford Hospital, Fargo, ND. Veterans Hospital, St. Cloud, MN. Williston Campus Improvements, Williston, ND.

References: Michelle Mongeon-Allen and Jim Galloway, JLG Architects. 701.746.1727

City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Application Form

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Name of board or commission: Recreation Board

Your name: Matt Lutz Home Phone #: 917-204-3134

Street address: 2 Edgewood Road South City: Asheville Zip Code: 28803

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Greybeard Realty

Your position: Broker/REALTOR Office Phone #: 828-669-1072

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race W * Sex M ✔ F ___ * Age 41 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

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

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Additional sheets attached.

Return to:

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Post Office Box 7148
Asheville, N.C. 28802-7148

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

Signature: Matthew Lutz

Date: 11/20/19

E-Mail: Matthew.c.lutz@gmail.com

Fax #: _____

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Matt Lutz
2 Edgewood Road South
Asheville, NC 28803
917-204-3134
matthew.c.lutz@gmail.com

20 November 2019

Sarah Terwilliger, Deputy City Clerk
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Ms. Terwilliger.

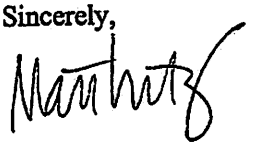
It is with great enthusiasm that I offer my application and resume to be considered for the opening on the City of Asheville's Recreation Board.

My family moved to western North Carolina when I was thirteen. My formative years were spent playing and learning in these beautiful mountains of ours. I am proud to call Asheville home - and as our city grows and changes, I am keen to offer a voice of experience and compassion to the collection of those who help shape this wonderful place.

Having run the trails, biked the backroads and swum in the pools, creeks and rivers all around us, I can honestly say that I have a great passion for helping preserve the natural beauty and wonder of our city. Maintaining, growing and building world-class parks and recreation facilities for ourselves and our neighbors feels like one of the most practical, tangible and life-giving ways to be able to do that.

Thank you for the opportunity to potentially join in that endeavor.

Sincerely,



Matt Lutz

Matthew C. Lutz

2 Edgewood Road South
Asheville, NC 28803
917-204-3134
matthew.c.lutz@gmail.com

Education

Wake Forest University; Winston-Salem, NC
University of North Carolina at Wilmington; Wilmington, NC
BA (Theater w/ concentration in performance), May 2001

Experience

***Real Estate Broker/REALTOR®*, GreyBeard Realty; Asheville, NC; 2018-current**
- Licensed provisional broker in the state of North Carolina
- Residential and commercial real estate agent for both buyers and sellers
- Nearly $2 million in sales in 2018/19

***Artistic Director*, Black Mountain Center for the Arts Theatre; Black Mountain, NC; 2018-current**
- Conceive, develop and implement the artistic vision and focus of a 90-seat semi-professional theatre in residence within a thriving community arts center
- Creatively produce a 4-show season of high quality plays and musicals
- Identify, develop and produce new plays and musicals
- Hire, supervise and evaluate artistic personnel including directors, performers, designers and stage managers
- Hire, supervise and evaluate key technical personnel
- Co-develop annual theatre budget
- Act as spokesperson for the theatre's artistic purpose and benefit via speaking engagements, public and social appearances, and at fundraising events and solicitations
- Supervise the maintenance of written procedure manuals for technical and production staff
- Direct at least one production per season

***Event Supervisor*, Inn on Biltmore Estate; Asheville, NC; 2016-2017**
- Planned and oversaw execution of events and banquets at Forbes Travel Guide 4-star rated Inn on Biltmore Estate
- Planned and oversaw execution of events and banquets at Antler Hill Barn on Biltmore Estate

***Front-of-House Manager*, Michael Scott Events; New York, NY; 2013-2014**
- Hired, trained, and oversaw wait staff and bartenders - up to 100 individuals at any given time
- Developed and instituted service methods for meal delivery that were both elaborate and elegant
- Developed and integrated substantial training modules for staffing and service
- Worked alongside and assisted president of a multi-million dollar, multi-national catering company
- Developed and maintained professional relationships with high-wealth clients on behalf of the company
- Designed aesthetic of, and maintained, high-end "showroom" that showcased hundreds of pieces of delicate, high-end stemware, flatware, serving utensils, serving platters, dinner plates, drinking glasses, specialty serving equipment, etc.

***Licensed Real Estate Salesperson*, Ardor NY Realty; New York, NY; 2009-2011**
- Real estate agent specializing in apartment rentals in Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn, NYC
- Licensed by the state of New York

***Professional Actor and Singer*, Film, Television and Theatre; 1998-2015**

- Significant on-camera, speaking roles in seven films - including three major studio motion pictures; two made-for-television movies; and two widely-seen independent films
- Roles on six television series (ABC, FOX, NBC, and The CW), including a lead role on McBride series for The Hallmark Channel, opposite five-time Emmy winner John Larroquette (2-year run)
- Myriad professional theatre credits, including **Broadway** and off-Broadway credits

City of Asheville

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Name of board or commission: Recreation Board

Your name: Madison Brightwell Home Phone #: 310 801-9097

Street address: 4 Overton Way, Apt 206 City: Asheville Zip Code: 28803

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Ginger IO

Your position: Psychotherapist Office Phone #: 310 801-9097

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race Caucasian* Sex M___ F ✔ * Age 62 *

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: NO

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I am a relatively new resident of Asheville. I moved here with my husband in January 2019 after having lived in Los Angeles for over 20 years. I'm originally from England. I worked in entertainment all my life (as an actress, singer and producer), and became a therapist in 2006. I have run and managed several things over the years, including a very successful swing dance venue in LA, a teahouse in Manhattan Beach and a group therapy practice. I enjoy getting involved in helping to build community, and I have interest and experience in recreational activities. I currently work from home providing Telehealth to patients in California and NC, so my hours are pretty flexible. I still do some acting, and I recently performed in shows at the HART Theater Waynesville and the Black Mountain Center for the Arts. I'm also a member of the Asheville Choral Society and recently participated in a benefit performance at the Diana Wortham Theatre. My husband works as a tour guide at the Visitor's center in Asheville.

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Telephone: 259-5839
Fax #: 259-5499

Signature: M Brightwell

Date: 11/30/19

E-Mail: me@madisonbrightwell.com

Fax #: 310 801-9097

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Name of board or commission: Recreation Board

Your name: Bryce Senz Home Phone #: 703-309-1874

Street address: 1 Tampa Ave City: Asheville Zip Code: 28806

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: HiringThing LLC

Your position: Business Director Office Phone #: 703-309-1874

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race Caucasian* Sex M ✔ F ___ * Age 35 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

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

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I have played in several recreational leagues across many years in the city, including:

* City leagues (flag football)
* Asheville Sport & Social Club (I am a former owner of this club)
* Stonewall Sports
* ABYSA
* Ultimate Frisbee

Aside from my experiences as a participant in leagues across the city, in my time owning and running Asheville Sports & Social Club, I become much more aware of the considerations of different recreational leagues, the competing interests across the city for field space, and the positive impact that a healthy recreation community can have for the community and local businesses.

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Signed via SeamlessDocs.com
BRYCE SENZ
Key: df76721e0fe08f4d2aa1f402f0fc3678

Signature: _____

Date: January 17, 2020

E-Mail: bryce.senz@gmail.com

Fax #: _____

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Name of board or commission: Recreation Board

Your name: Elizabeth Lafitte Home Phone #: 8033184432

Street address: 100 River Mill Dr, Apt 404 City: Asheville Zip Code: 28803

Mailing address (if different): Same as above

Employer: GE Aviation

Your position: Value Stream Manager Office Phone #: 8283014356

Resident of City Y County Buncombe Race W * Sex M___ F ✔ * Age 31 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Renter

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

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Recreation: I am passionate about encouraging the outdoors and athletics to everyone regardless of race, gender, age, and financial situation. I have played softball, basketball, and ultimate frisbee with the city/county and strongly believe I can add value to the committee from both a customer and supplier perspective. I have a background in international business and industrial engineering as well as a MBA so I understand the business/process side, but as a consumer, I also understand what's important to the community (I have lived here for 6 years!).

I also have an interest in the Transit Committee. Please consider me for this as well.

Here is the bio that was sent out to GE Aviation when I began in August.

I am pleased to introduce Liz Lafitte as our new Lead Lean Engineer reporting to me as of August 19th.

Liz was selected for this role based on her demonstrated knowledge and experience in Lean Six Sigma over the last 10 years in the healthcare industry. She has successfully led

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Signature: Elizabeth Lafitte

Date: 01/17/2020

E-Mail: Liz.Lafitte@ge.com

Fax #: _____

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City of Asheville

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Name of board or commission: Recreation Board

Your name: Shannon Rupert Home Phone #: 8146480680

Street address: 453 Beaverdam Road City: Asheville Zip Code: 28804

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: self-employed: Open Space Innovations

Your position: owner Office Phone #: 8146480680

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race Other * Sex M ___ F ✔ * Age 34 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

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

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Areas of Expertise: Great Communicator, avid sports enthusiast who has played tons of different sports (softball, kickball, rugby, volleyball, basketball, baseball, pickle ball, tennis, ultimate, disc golf, running, kayaking, climbing, hiking, biking, swimming), and outdoor enthusiast.

Education Experience: UNCA Grad of Environmental Studies and Fine Arts, Life Coach, Cold Laser Therapist, Energy Worker, WOFR, Swift Water rescue, Yoga Teacher, Bellyak Instructor.

Reasons for Interest: I love recreation and I would love to help support the continuation of a great Asheville recreation community. Recreation is how people come together and share commonalities, how they find support, how they get exercise, and how they connect with their bodies and nature.

Other factors that support my interest in serving: It is important that we all take our turn in supporting and cultivating our community and the things we love. I love working with others and making the world (hopefully) a bit of a better place. I would love the chance to

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Telephone: 259-5839
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Signature: Shannon Rupert

Date: 1/28/20

E-Mail: shannon.rupert@gmail.com

Fax #: _____

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Areas of Expertise: Great Communicator, avid sports enthusiast who has played tons of different sports (softball, kickball, rugby, volleyball, basketball, baseball, pickle ball, tennis, ultimate, disc golf, running, kayaking, climbing, hiking, biking, swimming), and outdoor enthusiast. Education Experience: UNCA Grad of Environmental Studies and Fine Arts, Life Coach, Cold Laser Therapist, Energy Worker, WOFR, Swift Water rescue, Yoga Teacher, Bellyak Instructor. Reasons for Interest: I love recreation and I would love to help support the continuation of a great Asheville recreation community. Recreation is how people come together and share commonalities, how they find support, how they get exercise, and how they connect with their bodies and nature. Other factors that support my interest in serving: It is important that we all take our turn in supporting and cultivating our community and the things we love. I love working with others and making the world (hopefully) a bit of a better place. I would love the chance to take my turn at helping make that all happen.

City of Asheville

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Name of board or commission: Recreation Board

Your name: James Barney Home Phone #: 6146343241

Street address: 46 Tacoma City: Asheville Zip Code: 28801

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Retired

Your position: _____ Office Phone #: _____

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race White * Sex M ✔ F ___ * Age 71 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

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

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urban nature education program in addition to recreational programming for children, adults, seniors, and specialized populations. Director of Recreation and Parks Department City of Columbus 90 West Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215 1985 to 1993 Responsible for the overall management and administration of the municipal recreation and parks system with a combined budget for capital and operating expenditures of $40-50 million. The Department employed over 350 fulltime and over 500 seasonal and part-time employees and is run according to the policies set by a nine-member non-partisan Commission. Programs and facilities included over 200 parks, three reservoirs, a municipal zoo, 28 recreation centers, 10 pools, 100 playgrounds, the Area Agency on Aging, extensive adult sports programs and facilities, a children's performing arts center, a cultural arts center, seven golf courses, a municipal rose garden, a riverfront amphitheater, a day camp, and numerous shelter houses and specialized recreational facilities. Assistant Recreation and Parks Director City of Columbus, Ohio 1982 to 1985 Assisted in the general administration of the department as described above. Initiated innovative organizational changes that provided for the expansion of basic services without increasing costs. Responsible for human resource management, grants management and served as the City's Chief Labor Negotiator for the non-uniformed union contracts. Human Resource Manager Columbus Recreation and Parks Department 1973 to 1982 Responsible for the hiring, termination, pay/classification of department personnel, employee relations, and benefit management. In addition, responsible for establishing and conducting employee training programs and for the grant preparation and the administration of over $10 million of Federal CETA funds. Instructor Columbus State Community College 550 East Spring Street Columbus, Ohio 43215 1980 to 1984 Taught classes in Public Administration, Personnel Administration, Decision Making Theory, and Public Sector Management in the evening education program. Personnel Analyst Columbus Municipal Civil Service Commission 50 West Gay Street Columbus, Ohio 43215 1971 to 1973 Responsible for personnel selection and classification. Developed and tested the EEO guidelines still in use in Columbus today. Constructed, administered, and scored a wide variety of civil service exams. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS Columbus Zoological Board Columbus Comprehensive Plan Board Downtown Columbus Inc. Board Art in Public Places Commission, Columbus Public Arts Commission Board, Toledo Special Events Board, Toledo Ameriflora 92 Board Technical Review Committee, Parks and Recreation, Columbus Downtown Plan Columbus Municipal Employees Credit Union Board Columbus Recreation and Parks Commission Secretary KidSpeak Executive Board, Columbus Liberty Union School District Community Support Committee- Personnel Columbus United Way, Municipal Chair Prevent Blindness Advisory Committee EDUCATION Ohio State University Columbus, Ohio Bachelor of Science, 1970 Major: Psychology Minor: English Capital University Columbus, Ohio Major: Secondary Education/English. 1993