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## Advisory Board Application - Submission #6726

Date Submitted: 7/27/2022

First Name\*

Deanna

Last Name\*

Hardesty

Date\*

7/27/2022

Select today's date

Address1\*

705 W Main St

Address2

Apt C

City\*

Carrboro

State

NC

Zip\*

27510

Is this address located within the corporate limits of the Town of Carrboro?\*

Yes

Please select Yes or No.

Is this address located within the Town's ETJ, Planning Jurisdiction, or Northern Transition Area?\*

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Telephone (111)-111-1111\*

4438579641

Please enter your primary contact phone number.

Email Address\*

deannahardesty26@gmail.com

Enter your primary email address.

The demographic information provided below is of interest because your elected officials want the Town's advisory boards to reflect the diversity of the Town. Diversity of the applicant pool is a priority of the Board.

What Year Were You Born?\*

1994

Race\*

White

Please enter your race.

Sex\*

Female

Please enter your sex.

Ethnicity\*

N/A

Occupation\*

Hydrologist

Please enter your occupation.

Are you a registered Orange County Voter?\*

Yes

Please answer Yes or No

Length of Residence in Orange County\*

2 years

How long have you been a resident of Orange County?

Length of Residence in the Town of Carrboro\*

2 years

How long have you been a resident of the Town of Carrboro?



I wish to be considered for appointment to the following committee/board(s) (Select no more than two (2)):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Advisory Commission  | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenways Commission                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appearance Commission/NPDC              | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Committee                          | <input type="checkbox"/> OWASA Board of Directors                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Action Team                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Racial Equity Commission                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Safety Task Force             | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation and Parks Commission             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Sustainability Commission      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Advisory Commission   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Advisory Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism Development Authority*              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services Commission               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Advisory Board               |

Please note that membership is limited to one advisory board at a time. You shall not be considered for appointment to another board unless you resign before filing an application or you are in the last six months of your current term.

**Advisory Board Preference\***

Stormwater Advisory Commission

Please indicate your preference by typing your first choice. Please limit your selection above to two boards).

**Other (advisory board not listed):**

Please indicate by typing the advisory board that you are applying for.

**\*\*Employer/Self Employed**

United States Geological Survey

Please enter your employment information. This is a requirement for application for the Tourism Development Authority.

**Number of Years Employed**

1 year

Enter the number of years you have been employed at the organization listed to the left.

**\*\* Provide examples of how you are involved in the promotion of travel and tourism in the Town of Carrboro.**

\*\*Required only for the Tourism Development Authority Application.\*\*

**Community Activities/Organizational Memberships\***

I am not currently a member of any relevant organizations.

Please enter the requested information.



**Relevant Experience:\***

I am currently a hydrologist with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and my day-to-day responsibilities revolve around the study and understanding of water movement. As a science agency, we strive to do the best possible research to learn about our world, and working in this capacity has given me a broad set of skills to understand diverse water issues, including those related to storm water and environmental management. I currently collaborate on a USGS project in the Triangle to identify areas that need storm water control and seek to better understand the factors that lead to flooding, such as increases in impermeable surfaces from expansion, or construction in a floodplain. Storm water issues in the Triangle have increased over the last 30 years as the area has become more populated. While hard surfaces are often the cause of major overland flows, as the Town of Carrboro continues to grow these structures will be necessary to support its residents, which include anything from more affordable housing units to the library that will soon be available in downtown. Working with the storm water team at USGS in the Triangle has given me relevant experience to hopefully guide decisions on water resources that can balance needs of the town that can often times be at odds when it comes to controlling stormwater. I also currently work on projects related to municipal water sampling, water chemistry research, coastal change research, per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) contamination, and the effects of construction on water resources. Before working with the USGS, I served the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a consulting hydrologist and geospatial analyst. Working within EPA I was able to use my skills to support environmental initiatives that included PFAS monitoring and animal feeding operation (AFO) mapping using NPDES permit information. These two issues are at the heart of many environmental issues that currently affect Orange County, such as water quality degradation, private well contamination, and land use change. My experience working with EPA gave me the unique experience of working with a national agency to collaborate with state and local government to examine and potentially solve smaller-scale problems. The work that I contributed to on this team recently won the 2022 Impactful Innovator Award from the EPA Geospatial Advisory Committee for our focus on the intersection of water quality and environmental justice. In addition to my experience as an environmental researcher, I have a M.S. in natural resource management with a focus in hydrology and a B.S. in biology and marine biology.

**Reasons You Wish to be Appointed\***

I have worked for years to gain the skills to allow me to do important, effective, and timely environmental work for the federal government. In this capacity, I have worked with local and state governments to identify and solve environmental problems, including those related to stormwater management, and I have seen the positive effects that local government work can have on a community. I think Carrboro is a wonderful example of a Town where the local government really strives to listen and work for the residents instead of in their own interests. Because I've seen the effectiveness of local government work, I would like to use my skills to be a part of creating a Town for all. The best way that I feel I can do this in this moment is on an advisory board for the town. Beyond sharing my skills with those currently on the board, as a member of the federal government, I have to carefully consider ethics as a part of anything I do. Serving on an unpaid advisory board would allow me to contribute my experience and knowledge to the Town in the most ethical way possible.

**We believe as a Town and as a Town Council that racial equity and diversity and inclusion are important. Please tell us your thoughts about this and why they are important not only in advisory board/commission work but also in all facets of local government and community work.\***

Racial diversity, equity, and inclusion, as mentioned above, are important to all government work because if you only seek to amplify one perspective, you miss out on the many other valuable ones that could more effectively solve problems. Additionally, those with the racial or financial privilege are often not those experiencing the issues that the government is trying to solve. Things like stormwater challenges and environmental degradation are tied to a location, and those with the money and opportunity are able to move to where those issues do not affect them. In order to solve problems, we need the voices of those affected. Beyond problem solving, multiple diverse perspectives are valuable. Every person I encounter in my day that is different from me has their own set of experiences and knowledge that inform their worldview, and I strive to be open to listen and learn from those around me. If I am surrounded by people exactly like me, I learn nothing and the tools I possess to inform decision making are much fewer. DEI initiatives are crucial to those doing environmental work. Environmental justice is a concept long ignored, and it is encouraging to see government officials like Michael Regan, administrator of the EPA, amplifying environmental justice as a central concern of the agency. Like most issues that affect quality of life, non-white and/or low-income folks are often the first to feel the effects of environmental contamination and injustice and the last to receive relief. The Town of Carrboro is no exception. While the Town maintains a diverse population, a large chunk of folks that call the Town home are wealthy, white Americans who can afford to simply not face environmental issues in their day-to-day life, whether that means moving, installing drainage, buying water and air filters, or lobbying for their area of town to receive attention. We are moving toward a society that accepts environmental equality as a solution to contamination. Instead, we should be focusing on justice, and working with those whose perspectives genuinely and honestly move us toward a world where no family experiences environmental contamination.

**Have you ever served on any Town of Carrboro Committee or Board?\***

**If yes, which one(s)?**

No 



**Are you currently serving on a Town Board or Committee?\***

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Yes

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No

**If yes, are you applying for a third consecutive term?\***

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Yes

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No

**If yes, please describe how you meet one, or more, of the following exceptions noted below.**

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After completing two full terms, a member must take off one year before applying for re-appointment to the same advisory board. However, a board member may apply to serve on another advisory board if he/she desires. The Board of Aldermen may make exceptions to this rule under the following circumstances: 1. To retain diversity on an advisory board; 2. A lack of applicants.



## Wesley Barker

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 11:09 AM  
**To:** Wesley Barker; Mary Bryant  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Advisory Board Chair Report (Complete One Per Applicant)

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

### Advisory Board Chair Report (Complete One Per Applicant)

|  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Advisory Board Name:   | Stormwater Advisory Commission |
| Chair Name   | Jeanette O'Connor              |
| Applicant First Name:  | Deanna                         |
| Applicant Last Name:   | Hardesty                       |
| 1. Has the applicant previously served on this or another advisory board?  | No                             |
| 2. If yes, how many total years have they served?  | <i>Field not completed.</i>    |
| 3. Is the applicant already serving on this advisory board and seeking reappointment to their second, full term? | No                             |
| 4. Is the applicant already serving on this advisory board and completed their two full terms?                   | No                             |
| 5. Is the applicant applying for a special or expert seat on the advisory board?                                 | No                             |
| 6. If yes, which seat?   | <i>Field not completed.</i>    |
| 7. Did the applicant attend an advisory board meeting?   | Yes                            |
| 8. If applicant did not attend an advisory board   | <i>Field not completed.</i>    |



meeting, did you contact them via phone or email?

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9. Applicant has demonstrated a clear understanding of the time commitment, roles, and responsibilities of serving on the advisory board:

Yes

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10. If no, briefly explain:

*Field not completed.*

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11. In addition to your comments above, please check other qualities that the applicant offers that would help the Advisory Board meet its goals for community representation. Please note that candidates who do not meet any of these qualities are still eligible for appointment. Please communicate any urgent needs and priorities for Advisory Board composition to your Town Council liaison.

Occupation, Experience, or Special Skills

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If other, please explain:

Deanna is a hyrdologist

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## Wesley Barker

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 2:24 PM  
**To:** Wesley Barker; Mary Bryant  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Advisory Board Application

### Advisory Board Application

|  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| First Name   | Elizabeth                      |
| Last Name  | Vollins                        |
| Date   | 1/20/2023                      |
| Address1   | 201 Hanford Road               |
| Address2   | <i>Field not completed.</i>    |
| City   | Chapel Hill                    |
| State  | NC                             |
| Zip  | 27516                          |
| Is this address located within the corporate limits of the Town of Carrboro?   | Yes                            |
| Is this address located within the Town's ETJ, Planning Jurisdiction, or Northern Transition Area?   | No                             |
| Telephone (111)-111-1111   | 9193578887                     |
| Email Address  | Elizabethcolevollins@gmail.com |
| The demographic information provided below is of interest because your elected officials want the Town's advisory boards to reflect the diversity of the Town. Diversity of the applicant pool is a priority of the Board. |                                |
| What Year Were You Born?   | 1970                           |
| Race   | White                          |
| Sex  | Femail                         |
| Ethnicity  | <i>Field not completed.</i>    |



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| Occupation  | Paralegal  |
| Are you a registered Orange County Voter?   | Yes  |
| Length of Residence in Orange County  | 16 years   |
| Length of Residence in the Town of Carrboro   | 16 years   |
| I wish to be considered for appointment to the following committee/board(s) (Select no more than two (2)):                            | Stormwater Advisory Commission   |
| Advisory Board Preference   | Stormwater   |
| Other (advisory board not listed):  | <i>Field not completed.</i>  |
| **Employer/Self Employed  | Southern Environmental Law Center  |
| Number of Years Employed  | 9 months   |
| ** Provide examples of how you are involved in the promotion of travel and tourism in the Town of Carrboro.                           | <i>Field not completed.</i>  |
| Community Activities/Organizational Memberships   | Board Member, Land and Waters South  |
| Relevant Experience:  | I have been actively involved as a resident of Carrboro in being proactive and intentional about the Stormwater that leaves my residence. This led me to work with Jeanette O'Connor and to become a member of the Board of Directors for Land and Waters South.   |
| Reasons You Wish to be Appointed  | This is an issue that I feel very strongly about and would like to be a part of bring awareness and solutions to the citizens of our town.   |
| We believe as a Town and as a Town Council that racial equity and diversity and inclusion are important. Please tell us your thoughts | I self-identify as a white woman. As such, I am aware that I, and my family, have benefited from generational privilege in all aspects of daily life. I am committed to not only acknowledging this privilege but to actively working to learn more about the depth to which it has benefited me in my life and to embrace |



about this and why they are important not only in advisory board/commission work but also in all facets of local government and community work.

letting go of that privilege while lifting up people who have not had the benefit of generational privilege.

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Have you ever served on any Town of Carrboro Committee or Board?

No

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If yes, which one(s)?

*Field not completed.*

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Are you currently serving on a Town Board or Committee?

No

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If yes, are you applying for a third consecutive term?

No

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If yes, please describe how you meet one, or more, of the following exceptions noted below.

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## Wesley Barker

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 11:12 AM  
**To:** Wesley Barker; Mary Bryant  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Advisory Board Chair Report (Complete One Per Applicant)

### Advisory Board Chair Report (Complete One Per Applicant)

|  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Advisory Board Name:   | Stormwater Advisory Commission |
| Chair Name   | Jeanette O'Connor              |
| Applicant First Name:  | Beth                           |
| Applicant Last Name:   | Vollins                        |
| 1. Has the applicant previously served on this or another advisory board?  | No                             |
| 2. If yes, how many total years have they served?  | <i>Field not completed.</i>    |
| 3. Is the applicant already serving on this advisory board and seeking reappointment to their second, full term? | No                             |
| 4. Is the applicant already serving on this advisory board and completed their two full terms?                   | No                             |
| 5. Is the applicant applying for a special or expert seat on the advisory board?                                 | No                             |
| 6. If yes, which seat?   | <i>Field not completed.</i>    |
| 7. Did the applicant attend an advisory board meeting?   | No                             |
| 8. If applicant did not attend an advisory board meeting, did you contact them via phone or email?               | Yes                            |



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| 9. Applicant has demonstrated a clear understanding of the time commitment, roles, and responsibilities of serving on the advisory board:   | Yes   |
| 10. If no, briefly explain:   | Beth will be attending our February meeting as part of seeking to join the commission |
| 11. In addition to your comments above, please check other qualities that the applicant offers that would help the Advisory Board meet its goals for community representation. Please note that candidates who do not meet any of these qualities are still eligible for appointment. Please communicate any urgent needs and priorities for Advisory Board composition to your Town Council liaison. | Field not completed.  |
| If other, please explain:   | Field not completed.  |

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## Wesley Barker

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Monday, January 16, 2023 5:49 PM  
**To:** Wesley Barker; Mary Bryant  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Advisory Board Application

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

### Advisory Board Application

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| First Name   | Margaret                    |
| Last Name  | Kurz                        |
| Date   | 1/16/2023                   |
| Address1   | 1549 Pathway Drive          |
| Address2   | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| City   | Carrboro                    |
| State  | NC                          |
| Zip  | 27510                       |
| Is this address located within the corporate limits of the Town of Carrboro?   | Yes                         |
| Is this address located within the Town's ETJ, Planning Jurisdiction, or Northern Transition Area?   | Unsure                      |
| Telephone (111)-111-1111   | 9104892839                  |
| Email Address  | margaret.kurz14@gmail.com   |
| The demographic information provided below is of interest because your elected officials want the Town's advisory boards to reflect the diversity of the Town. Diversity of the applicant pool is a priority of the Board. |                             |
| What Year Were You Born?   | 1971                        |
| Race   | Asian - American            |



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| Sex   | F  |
| Ethnicity   | Non-hispanic   |
| Occupation  | Attorney   |
| Are you a registered Orange County Voter?   | Yes  |
| Length of Residence in Orange County  | 1.5 years  |
| Length of Residence in the Town of Carrboro   | 1.5 years  |
| I wish to be considered for appointment to the following committee/board(s) (Select no more than two (2)):  | Stormwater Advisory Commission   |
| Advisory Board Preference   | Storm Water Advisory Commission  |
| Other (advisory board not listed):  | <i>Field not completed.</i>  |
| **Employer/Self Employed  | Owens & Kurz, LLC  |
| Number of Years Employed  | 5  |
| ** Provide examples of how you are involved in the promotion of travel and tourism in the Town of Carrboro. | <i>Field not completed.</i>  |
| Community Activities/Organizational Memberships   | Boy Scout Troop 845 - Youth Protection Leader; Parent Volunteer - Smith Middle School Library; Volunteer - Non-Profit CNF based running organization.  |
| Relevant Experience:  | As an Army officer of 21 years and the Managing Partner of a law firm, I have spent years listening, researching, advising, fostering discussion and debate on all manner of topics. I am licensed to practice and a member in good standing of the North Carolina Bar.                                |
| Reasons You Wish to be Appointed  | We live in Bolin Forest, overlooking Bolin Creek. We soon became aware that stormwater and stormwater run-off is a fundamental issue in this community and touches the foundation of every street and home. As a military retiree, I am finally in a position to put down roots and become involved in |



the community, and would like to start giving back to a town that has given us so much in just a short amount of time.

We believe as a Town and as a Town Council that racial equity and diversity and inclusion are important. Please tell us your thoughts about this and why they are important not only in advisory board/commission work but also in all facets of local government and community work.

Including ALL facets of the community and population at the decision-making table ensures the broadest possible array of options and viewpoints. Approaching an issue from a single point of view is never the best approach, as community decisions affect all members of the community, not just the majority. I see the efforts made in the CHCCS district to teach diversity and inclusion, it has made a difference in my son's life in terms of his awareness, and in making him a better and more productive member of society as he grows up.

Have you ever served on any Town of Carrboro Committee or Board?

No

If yes, which one(s)?

*Field not completed.*

Are you currently serving on a Town Board or Committee?

No

If yes, are you applying for a third consecutive term?

No

If yes, please describe how you meet one, or more, of the following exceptions noted below.

N/A

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## Wesley Barker

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2023 9:49 AM  
**To:** Wesley Barker; Mary Bryant  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Advisory Board Chair Report (Complete One Per Applicant)

### Advisory Board Chair Report (Complete One Per Applicant)

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|--|--------------------------------|
| Advisory Board Name:   | Stormwater Advisory Commission |
| Chair Name   | Jeanette O'Connor              |
| Applicant First Name:  | Margaret                       |
| Applicant Last Name:   | Kurz                           |
| 1. Has the applicant previously served on this or another advisory board?  | No                             |
| 2. If yes, how many total years have they served?  | <i>Field not completed.</i>    |
| 3. Is the applicant already serving on this advisory board and seeking reappointment to their second, full term? | No                             |
| 4. Is the applicant already serving on this advisory board and completed their two full terms?                   | No                             |
| 5. Is the applicant applying for a special or expert seat on the advisory board?                                 | No                             |
| 6. If yes, which seat?   | <i>Field not completed.</i>    |
| 7. Did the applicant attend an advisory board meeting?   | Yes                            |
| 8. If applicant did not attend an advisory board meeting, did you contact them via phone or email?               | <i>Field not completed.</i>    |



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| 9. Applicant has demonstrated a clear understanding of the time commitment, roles, and responsibilities of serving on the advisory board:   | Yes                         |
| <hr/>   |                             |
| 10. If no, briefly explain:   | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
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| 11. In addition to your comments above, please check other qualities that the applicant offers that would help the Advisory Board meet its goals for community representation. Please note that candidates who do not meet any of these qualities are still eligible for appointment. Please communicate any urgent needs and priorities for Advisory Board composition to your Town Council liaison. | Diversity                   |
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| If other, please explain:   | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
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