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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Advisory Board Chair Recommendation Form

Advisory Board Chair Recommendation Form

Advisory Board Name	Appearance Commission
Your Name	Vickie Brown
Applicant Name	Laura Szpir
Outstanding Qualifications	Education and work experience as an environmental engineer.
How applicant compliments current board composition:	Provide guidance on environmental impact of changes to improve the appearance of downtown Carrboro as well as new developments.
Other comments:	Laura is personable and very interested in improving the Carrboro landscape.
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Advisory Board Name:	Appearance Commission
Your Name	Vickie Brown
Your Seat Title	Appearance Comm Chair
Applicant Name:	Laura Szpir
Date of last contact with applicant	10/3/2019
Summary of Qualifications:	Laura has served in various volunteer activities for the CH-Carrboro School system and has experience as an Environmental Engineer
Advisory Board Chair reconfirmed applicant's interest in serving by phone or email:	Yes
If no, briefly explain	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Applicant attended advisory board meeting prior to BOA review:	Yes
If yes, date of advisory board meeting:	10/3/2019
Applicant has demonstrated a clear understanding of the time commitment, roles, and responsibilities of serving on the advisory board:	Yes
If no, briefly explain:	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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 Board of Aldermen Liaison.

Occupation, experience or special skills, Previous public service or community involvement

If other, please explain: *Field not completed.*

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Advisory Board Application - Submission #4291

Date Submitted: 9/23/2019

First Name*

Laura

Last Name*

Szpir

Date*

9/23/2019

Select today's date

Address1*

102 Stable Road

Address2

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?*

No

Telephone*

9196213114

Please enter your primary contact phone number.

Email Address*

lauraszpir@gmail.com

Enter your primary email address.

Date of Birth*

9/1/1963

Please enter your Month/Day/Year of Birth

Race*

Caucasian

Please enter your race.

Sex*

Female

Please enter your sex.

Occupation*

At-home mother/former environmental engineer

Please enter your occupation.

Are you a registered Orange County Voter?*

Yes

Please answer Yes or No

Length of Residence in Orange County*

11 years

How long have you been a resident of Orange County?

Length of Residence in the Town of Carrboro*

11 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"/> Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Control Board of Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> OWASA Board of Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appearance Commission/NPDC | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation and Parks Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Routes to School Implementation Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Sustainability Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Advisory Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Advisory Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism Development Authority* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Advisory Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenways Commission | |

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.

Other (advisory board not listed):

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

*Employer/Self Employed

Stay home mother

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

Advisory Board Preference*

Appearance Commission

If you are applying for membership on more than one advisory board, please indicate your preference by typing your first choice. Please limit your selection to two boards).

Number of Years Employed*

10

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 have held various volunteer positions with the Chapel Hill/Carrboro City School System as a reading and math tutor, and classroom helper. Also, as a musician (flutist), I've performed at community events.

Please enter the requested information.

Experience to Aid You in Working on Advisory Boards*

I have 18 years of professional experience in the environmental protection field, at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 2, and NC State University. In these positions, I served as Project Manager and/or Lead Principal Investigator and have a great deal of experience at building working relationships, and bringing people together to reach a common goal. I also have grant-writing experience.

Reasons You Wish to be Appointed*

As a lover of charming, vibrant, walkable cities and towns, my main interest in joining the Appearance Commission is to help beautify Downtown Carrboro and make it a place that all of its residents can be proud of. Ever since I moved to the town in 2008, I keep envisioning new street scapes with shade trees, flower boxes, benches. Instead, I see stark, tree-less, streets with unattractive buildings and sidewalks. Frankly, there are large parts of downtown that look downright dumpy and are an eye sore. It's hard to believe that Carrboro is a "Tree-City USA" when there are hardly any trees in the downtown core, allowing the blazing sun to beat down on pedestrians. Surprisingly, the town still has a vibrancy to it, but I believe Carrboro and its residents and visitors deserve better. Let's bring beauty to Downtown Carrboro, which will not only uplift people's spirits and moods, but will also draw more businesses and visitors to our quirky little town. It is something that will benefit everybody in a huge way.

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. *

N/A

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.