



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR TASK FORCE

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BOARD/COMMISSION/TASK FORCE YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR:

☐	ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION	☐	HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
☐	CHARTER COMMISSION	☐	LIBRARY BOARD
☐	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	☐	MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON YOUTH ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE
☐	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION	☐	NORTHFIELD AREA FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES JOINT POWERS BOARD
☐	HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION	☐	PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
☐	HOSPITAL BOARD	☒	PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD
☐	HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	☐	RENTAL HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS

Summarize your reasons for wanting to serve on this body:

It looks like the city council's strategic planning outcomes for 2017 will include the writing of a climate action plan (CAP). It is important that persons with climate action planning knowledge participate as members of the Planning Commission/Zoning Board. Writing a CAP directly impacts all sections of the city's Comprehensive Plan. Climate change is a complex issue that has consequences to Northfield's natural--water and land--and built--facilities and transportation--resources. Northfield's Comprehensive Plan must include planning for mitigation of and adaptation to a changing climate.

Your background applicable to serving on this body:

I am a registered nurse and certified research coordinator. I am currently completing a master's degree in applied anthropology. This program is teaching me how to do applied research to understand and solve local current issues in a short time frame.

Last fall, I began looking for groups to work with to complete the required applied research project for degree completion. I wanted to work with local groups to help my community understand and act on climate change. This led me to work with the Northfield Energy Working Group (a sub commission of Northfield's Environmental Quality Commission), the Greater Northfield Sustainability Collaborative, and the Northfield Area Community Solar groups.

RETURN TO: DEB LITTLE, CITY CLERK, CITY OF NORTHFIELD, 801 WASHINGTON STREET, NORTHFIELD, MN 55057 E-MAIL: deb.little@ci.northfield.mn.us

Note: All information supplied on this form will be public data. Your address, telephone number and e-mail address do not become public until you are appointed. You must supply either a telephone number or e-mail address (you may supply both) where you can be reached. If you wish to supply additional private contact information for City use only, please attach an additional sheet or submit via e-mail.

C. Hansen – Expanded section “Your background applicable to serving on this body”

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I did much work with these groups:

- Helped complete a study summarizing best practice climate action plans of other cities--plans that are actually already achieving greenhouse gas reduction and adaptation goals.
- Presented the above study findings along with other climate action planning background information to the EQC so they could present to the city council why a CAP is a good idea for Northfield.
- Collected over 900 Northfield resident signatures to let our city council know Northfield residents want renewable energy in the future.
- Held several events to educate the public and to sell solar garden subscriptions.

The Greater Northfield Sustainability Collaborative (GNSC) recently became the client for my applied research project. For the GNSC, I am interviewing Northfield residents asking the question, “How are you experiencing climate change?” This information will help to structure future climate change public participation activities.

Working with these groups has taught me that multi-level action is needed NOW to lessen the local and global inevitable impacts of a changing climate. My knowledge of climate action planning and my applied research skills would bring a helpful perspective to the Planning Commission/Zoning Board.