

City of Peoria Committee Volunteer Interest Sheet

Committed volunteers play an important part in shaping Peoria's future. Committee members assist the City Council and Administration in developing policies and services which reflect the needs and values of the entire Peoria community. As a member of a City committee, you serve as a respected community advisor to the City Council and Administration.

While volunteer involvement requires time and effort, it also provides an opportunity for genuine public service. In addition, you gain knowledge about the role of City Government and its day-to-day operations.

If you are interested in joining over 400 Peoria citizens currently serving as volunteer committee members, please complete this volunteer interest sheet and profile and return it to the:

City of Peoria
Attn: Boards and Commissions
419 Fulton Street, Suite 207
Peoria, IL 61602

Any questions can be directed to: boards_commissions@peoriagov.org or by calling (309) 494-8519.

I am interested in serving on the following committees:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Advisory Committee on Police-Community Relations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peoria Civic Center Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Board of Examining Engineers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peoria Housing Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Board of Local Improvements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peoria Urban Forestry Advisory Board
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDBG Public Service Advisory Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peoria Public Library Board of Trustees
<input type="checkbox"/>	Constitution Garden Advisory Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning and Zoning Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	Construction Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Downtown Advisory Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Arts Advisory Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	East Village Growth Cell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Building Commission of Peoria
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fair Employment Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	Riverfront Program and Police Advisory
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire and Police Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sister City Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	Firemen's Pension Fund Board of Trustees	<input type="checkbox"/>	Solid Waste (Landfill) Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater Peoria Mass Transit District Board of Trustees	<input type="checkbox"/>	Springdale Cemetery Management Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic Preservation Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tourism Reserve Fund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Housing Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Land Bank Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	Zoning Board of Appeals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Liquor Commission		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mayor's Advisory Committee for Citizens with Disabilities		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Metropolitan Airport Authority of Peoria Board of Dir.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal Band Commission		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Dir.		

Profile

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Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 10/02/1988

Preferred method of contact: mail, email, or fax. email

Preference on which commission you would like to serve: Housing Commission

Community volunteer experience:

Beauregarden community garden (Baton Rouge, LA), 2021-2022; Vance Avenue Collaborative (Memphis, TN) 2011-2013

Have you previously served on a City commission? If yes, state commission and date of service:

No

Professional and employment background:

Urban Planner & Landscape Designer at Farnsworth Group, Inc. since June 2022.
For additional professional background, please see attached.

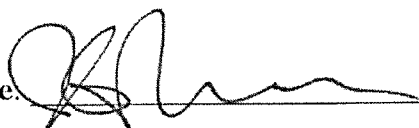
Educational background:

Bachelor of Arts (Anthropology), Master of City and Regional Planning, Master of Landscape Architecture

State briefly why you wish to be considered for a City volunteer commission and what you would hope to accomplish if appointed:

I hope to serve my new community and support the City in its efforts to create a more healthful, just, and green future.

Would your service on a City commission be a conflict of interest for you?

Signature:  Date: July 7, 2022


Please Note: If you are selected for appointment to a City commission, a copy of this form will be attached to the public Council communication requesting your appointment. Profiles will be kept for one year.


DEBBI LA RUE, AICP


PROFILE

Experienced planner and project manager with expertise in housing policy and community development and specializations in community engagement and climate migration. Diverse background that emphasizes the relationships between planning, policy, placemaking, health, and community vitality. Recently relocated to Peoria and seeking an opportunity to help shape a vibrant and just future for the City and its residents.

CONTACT

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WORK EXPERIENCE

○ Graduate Research Assistant
LSU Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture
Baton Rouge, Louisiana | 2019 - 2022

Planned and designed for more just outcomes from climate-induced adaptation processes. Acting as project manager for a research project funded by the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, investigated the qualities of beneficial receiving communities and identified funding opportunities to build resilience, wellness, and economic opportunity for existing and future residents.

○ Graduate Research Assistant
LSU Coastal Sustainability Studio
Baton Rouge, Louisiana | 2020 - 2021

Contributing author to the *Healthy & Resilient Denham Springs*, an implementation plan to advance the community vision outlined in the city's hazard mitigation plan. Design and policy recommendations range from buyouts to green and blue infrastructure and fundraising.

○ Senior Planner
Marin County Housing and Federal Grants Division
San Rafael, California | 2016 - 2019

Policy development and implementation. In a politically contentious housing market, collaborated with elected officials, community stakeholders, and legal counsel to create and implement policies that mitigate displacement pressures and promote racial and economic integration including:

- An ordinance and program to require participation in mediation for cases of significant rent increases;
- An ordinance prohibiting discrimination against families with affordable housing vouchers;
- Programs and politics to encourage the creation of accessory dwelling units; and
- Impact fees to support development and preservation of affordable housing.

Housing planning. Evaluated development proposals for conformance with inclusionary zoning standards and state housing laws. Advised upon Development Code amendments. Marshalled affordable housing projects through entitlement and permitting processes. Promoted resiliency of low-income households by facilitation of energy efficiency and health and safety measures. Supported sea level rise team with technical expertise.

Community and stakeholder engagement. Developed accessible mediums and opportunities for engagement in governmental processes and policy conversations. Mobilized stakeholders and community leaders in affirmative marketing campaigns to stimulate more representative participation and equitable access to programs and projects.

EDUCATION

○ Master of Landscape
Architecture
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2022

○ Master of City &
Regional Planning
University of Memphis
Memphis, Tennessee
2015

○ Bachelor of Arts,
Anthropology
University of Memphis
Memphis, Tennessee
2012

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WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

CERTIFICATIONS

- **Group Facilitation Skills**
Community at Work
2019
- **American Institute of Certified Planners**
American Planning Association
2018 - present
- **LEED Green Associate**
US Green Building Council
2015 - 2017

AWARDS

- **Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. Scholarship**
2021 - 2022
- **California State Association of Counties Challenge, Merit Award (County of Marin)**
2018
- **Tennessee APA Outstanding Student (Class) Project**
2015
- **International Institute of Partnerships Scholarship and Travel Award**
2011

- **Senior Planner (continued)**
Marin County Housing and Federal Grants Division
San Rafael, California | 2016 - 2019
General Plan implementation. Managed and supported implementation of Housing Element programs and policies including the enhancement of overlays, parking standards, and reasonable accommodation procedures for people with disabilities. Curated and analyzed housing data. Produced state-mandated annual progress reports.
- **Grantwriter Consultant**
San Francisco, California | 2015 - 2018
Co-authored HUD Capital Fund Emergency/Natural Disaster Funding grant applications (more than \$5.9 million awarded) for structural rehabilitation and site improvements of public housing developments. Designed and authored special funding proposals for energy efficiency modernization and development projects, including proposals for a Tenn. Housing Trust Fund Competitive Grant (\$215,000 awarded) and a Clean Tenn. Energy Grant proposal.
- **Associate Planner | Client Manager**
Ledford Engineering & Planning, LLC
Arlington, Tennessee | 2015 - 2016
Managed multidisciplinary teams to design a range of infill, historic renovation, and planned development projects. Developed capital management plans, wrote and administrated grants, and oversaw bidding processes.
- **Graduate Research Assistant**
Graduate Program of City & Regional Planning
Memphis, Tennessee | 2013 - 2015
Organized weekly community outreach efforts for the Green Machine Mobile Food Market, a grassroots solution to pervasive food insecurity identified by residents in a Choice Neighborhoods planning process. Programmed and marketed community-asset mapping and youth walking tour activities for a pop-up planning office at a Mayor's Innovation Delivery Team economic revitalization event in the MEMFix Edge District.
- **Market Manager**
Cooper-Young Community Farmers Market
Memphis, Tennessee | 2011 - 2013
Led fledgling farmers market to a path of financial sustainability by increasing vendor and customer participation by more than 100% within an 18-month period, and expanded market capacity to operate year-round. Managed five work-study interns and roughly 12 volunteers and performed accounting, code enforcement, and marketing duties.
- **Academic Research Intern**
The Works Community Development Corporation
Memphis, Tennessee | 2011
Collected and evaluated data to assess the economic and social impact of a seasonal farmers market in terms of sustainable development, reciprocal partnerships, and barriers to nutrition.