

Brenda Hopwood

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Preference on which commission you would like to serve:
Zoning Board of Appeals

Community Volunteer Experience
Michigan State Housing Law Clinic - Represented underprivileged tenants in housing disputes.

Partner with Washington Gifted School in Peoria and teach a Supply Chain course to eighth grade students

Served on the Construction Board for the ICAT conference. The conference aims to find solutions for sustainable funding of infrastructure in Illinois.

Raised approximately \$30,000 per year (for 4 years) for the Children's Hospital with Sigma Nu's Gameball Charity.

Built pocket parks in downtown Peoria with Bradley's CEC Department.

Built playgrounds for primary schools with Bradley's CEC Department.

Helped with Workshops for women and minority owned businesses.

Helped with the Toys for Kids program from the south side of Peoria.

Have you previously served on a city commission:

No

If yes, please list which commission and the date of service

Professional and Employment Background

2006-2010; Summer internships with the City of Peoria (engineering tech.), River City Construction, and Caterpillar.

2010-2011; Consultant at CGN Global. Developed a Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) model and enabled the European Operations Division supply chain transformation project to more effectively collaborate, design, plan and measure savings

Summer 2012; Intern at Heyl, Royster, Voelker, & Allen.

Summer 2013; Intern at Peoria County State's Attorney Office

2014-present; Manager in Strategic Transformation Group at CGN Global.

My role spans a variety of work - new org. design and implementation, enterprise metric deployment, bi-weekly Caterpillar technology council to ensure alignment of tech with company strategy, development of financial impact estimate tools, knowledge management / succession planning, and business process re engineering.

Educational Background

Richwoods Highschool '06

Bradley University - BS Construction Management '10 Michigan State University College of Law - JD '14

State briefly why you wish to be considered for a city volunteer commission and what you would hope to accomplish if appointed I look forward to serving on the ZBA and giving back to the community I grew up in. Hopefully my background in construction and law will serve me well on the board.

My goal in serving on the ZBA is to ensure that we foster strategic development in Peoria, being mindful of existing regulations and codes.

Would your service on a city commission be a conflict of interest for you?; No

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