
Name of Council Member

Endorsement

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

Board of Architectural Review
(3-year term)
1 citizen member

_____ Melissa Hodge

_____ J. Laurie Ossman

_____ Rachel Sheedy

Personal Data Record Form

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New Applicant or Current Member☒ New Applicant

Melissa

First Name

Hodge

Last Name

Email Address

Date of Birth**Place of Birth****Home Address**

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

22314

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

United House of Prayer

Employer

Business and Real Estate
Services Administrator

Job Title

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Architectural Review: Submitted

Melissa Hodge

Type of Position/Role

Citizen

Demographics

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how long?

2 years

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain

Question applies to Board of Architectural Review

Have you been a resident of the City of Alexandria for at least one year?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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List any additional relevant historic preservation-related experience (past board membership, work on historic buildings or surveys, preservation related volunteering, National Register nominations or grant writing, etc.).

Active licensed realtor

Interests & Experiences

Statement of Interest/Why You Should Be Appointed

I have a vested interest in real estate and know the importance of maintaining our historic properties.

Are you currently a member of a City Board, Commission, Committee or Authority?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list the board:

Melissa Hodge

How many terms have you served on this board?

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Have you applied for a position on a City Board, Commission, Committee or Authority in the last six months?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please state the names of the boards for which you have applied

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Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please state your department, job title, and describe your duties:

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

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☐ Yes ☐ No

If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867?

☐ Yes ☐ No

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please list certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.):

Associates in Computer Science Licensed Real Estate Agent

Melissa Hodge

SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (Please list titles and duties for the past five years):

Applications Support Business and Real Estate Administrator Real Estate Agent

REFERENCES (Please list names and addresses of four references that you have contacted and support your application).

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For Applications to City Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

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The HRC's main role is to ensure discrimination does not occur in our city based on race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin, marital status, familial status, age, sexual orientation or disability with respect to housing, employment, public accommodations, health and social services, education, credit or city contracts.

Date of Application

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J Laurie

First Name

Ossman

Last Name

Email Address

Date of Birth**Place of Birth****Home Address**

Street Address

City

Primary Phone

Suite or Apt

State

22304

Postal Code

Self-employed

Employer

Consultant

Job Title

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Board of Architectural Review: Submitted

J Laurie Ossman

Type of Position/Role

Citizen Member

Demographics

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☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how long?

14 years

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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List any additional relevant historic preservation-related experience (past board membership, work on historic buildings or surveys, preservation related volunteering, National Register nominations or grant writing, etc.).

Former employee of National Trust for Historic Preservation; former director of Woodlawn/Pope-Leighey House; MA & PhD in Architectural History from University of Virginia; Former contract historian for HABS/HAER/HALS (National Park Service); numerous grants (Save America's Treasures, NEH, IMLS; private foundations); affiliated fellow of American Academy in Rome in Historic Preservation (2011); Restoration project Manager for major projects at several NHLs; preservation consultant to several museums and private clients. Also numerous publications (articles, books, reviews) on historic architecture and preservation.

Interests & Experiences

J Laurie Ossman

Statement of Interest/Why You Should Be Appointed

Because I am a member of the community who can offer specialized knowledge of historic preservation and architectural history as well as the "neighbor" perspective to assessing proposals and staff recommendations.

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☐ No

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please list certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.):

Ph.D. In Architectural History (1996, University of Virginia); M.Arch.H. (1992, University of Virginia); A.B. brown University (1984, Art History, honors).

SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (Please list titles and duties for the past five years):

Interim Executive Director, Dumbarton House (202-present); Consultant, Old Sturbridge Village (2019); Advisory Council, The Antiquities Coalition (2017-present); Director of Museum Affairs, Preservation Society of Newport County (2013-2017)

REFERENCES (Please list names and addresses of four references that you have contacted and support your application).

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Rachel

First Name

Sheedy

Last Name

Email Address

Date of Birth**Place of Birth****Home Address**

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

22314

Postal Code

Primary Phone

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CFP Board of Standards

Employer

Manager of Financial Planning
Knowledge Center

Job Title

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Rachel Sheedy

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15

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I am a member of the Historic Alexandria Foundation and have served on its advocacy committee for the past year. I have attended a number of Board of Architectural Review meetings in the past year, and at some of those BAR meetings, I have spoken on my own behalf and other times spoken as a representative of HAF. I am familiar with the Design Guidelines, the focus and scope of the BAR, and the process property owners go through when a project is subject to BAR review. For the past 15 years, I have lived in several different parts of the Old and Historic Alexandria District, and as a historic homeowner myself, I am keenly aware of the joys and challenges of owning a historic home in Old Town Alexandria. I am also a member of Preservation Virginia, and I have been a member of several historic sites in our area including Mount Vernon and Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens.

Interests & Experiences

Rachel Sheedy

Statement of Interest/Why You Should Be Appointed

I have longstanding interests in design, architecture and history, and fully appreciate the craftsmanship of historic architecture and the stories that historic buildings can tell us about the past. Our historic districts are a key asset for the City of Alexandria, and it would be an honor to serve as one of the stewards of the historic districts in Old Town. Having participated in BAR meetings as a representative of the advocacy committee for the Historic Alexandria Foundation in the past year, I understand serving as a member of the BAR requires a commitment of time and interest for which I am prepared to fulfill. As a Spring 2021 graduate of Alexandria's City Academy, I gained a greater understanding of the role of boards and commissions in the City, as well as a better understanding of the overall system of City government and related agencies. I look forward to the opportunity to do my part as a citizen of Alexandria to serve the community if I am chosen to join the BAR.

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please list certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.):

Graduate of Alexandria's City Academy Spring 2021; CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER certification; Master's Degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism; Bachelor's Degree from Wake Forest University; Publishing/media executive education certificates from Yale University and Rice University; Financial planning executive education certificate from Wake Forest University

SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (Please list titles and duties for the past five years):

Presently (since 2020), Manager of the Financial Planning Knowledge Center for CFP Board of Standards, where my primary task is leading the launch of a website for the financial planning community. Previously, Editor of Kiplinger's Retirement Report for Kiplinger Washington Editors; as Retirement Report Editor, I led a national monthly personal finance publication covering key retirement planning topics and issues, both evergreen and timely.

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