

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
ON TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL ADVISORY BOARDS**

This application requests some general information based on your interest in applying for a position on a Chapel Hill Town Advisory Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force. Please type or use dark ink.

Applicant Name: Elizabeth R. Mueller Date of Application: 12 / 08 / 2010

Home Address: 724 Tinkerbell Rd., Chapel Hill, NC, 27517
Street Address, City, Zip Code

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In order to consider this application and provide some balance to the various boards, this personal information is required:

Male: Female: Race: Caucasian (African American, Asian, Caucasian, Hispanic, Native American)

Date of Birth: 09 / 20 / 1966 Occupation: Homemaker

Residency within the Town limits is required for membership on most Council advisory boards and commissions. Memberships of committees and task forces may be composed of up to forty percent of non-Town residents.

Do you reside within the Town Limits of Chapel Hill: Yes No

Length of residence in Chapel Hill: _____
Years Months

How did you find out about this Board? (please circle or underline one)
Newspaper, Email, Friend, TV, Internet, Other flyer at library desk

The Council encourages you to visit a meeting of the board or commission that you are interested in serving on.

Please indicate your preferences by number (first choice being "1") and choose no more than three, along with category, if applicable.

COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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| _____ Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board. | <u>1</u> _____ Library Board of Trustees |
| _____ Board of Adjustment | _____ Orange Water & Sewer Authority (OWASA) |
| _____ Cemetery Advisory Board | _____ Parks & Recreation Commission |
| _____ Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership | _____ Personnel Appeals Committee |
| <u>3</u> _____ Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission | _____ Planning Board |
| <u>2</u> _____ Community Design Commission | _____ Public Housing Program Advisory Board |
| _____ Greenways Commission | _____ Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board |
| _____ Historic District Commission | _____ Sustainability Committee |
| _____ Human Services Advisory Board | _____ Transportation Board |

OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

_____ (Please Specify): _____

Category(s) if applicable: _____

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ETHICS GUIDELINES FOR TOWN ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

(Please check if you agree.)

Yes, if appointed, I pledge to comply with the following ethics guidelines for advisory boards and commissions as adopted by the Chapel Hill Town Council. (Other Council committees and OWASA are excluded.)

Members of advisory boards and commissions shall not discuss, advocate, or vote on any matter in which they have a conflict of interest or an interest which reasonably might appear to be in conflict with the concept of fairness in dealing with public business. A conflict of interest or a potential conflict occurs if a member has a separate, private, or monetary interest, either direct or indirect, in any issue or transaction under consideration. Any member who violates this provision may be subject to removal from the board or commission.

If the advisory board or commission member believes he/she has a conflict of interest then that member should ask the advisory board or commission to be recused from voting. The advisory board or commission should then vote on the question on whether or not to excuse the member making the request. In cases where the individual member or the advisory board or commission establishes a conflict of interest, then the advisory board or commission member shall remove themselves from the voting area.

Any advisory board or commission member may seek the counsel of the Town Attorney on questions regarding the interpretation of these ethics guidelines or other conflict of interest matters. The interpretation may include a recommendation on whether or not the advisory board or commission member should excuse himself/herself from voting. The advisory board or commission member may request the Town Attorney respond in writing.

Please provide a brief statement outlining why you wish to serve on the Advisory Boards, Commissions, or Committees you have indicated.

My family and I intend to make Chapel Hill our home after recently moving from Germany and Columbus, Ohio. In Ohio we lived in Upper Arlington, a town inside Columbus much like a large version of Chapel Hill. My daughter, now in middle school, grew up to be an avid reader so the library seemed a second home. Currently my son is enjoying the toddler programs at the Chapel Hill Public Library. We also were patrons of the Columbus Metropolitan library so I am aware of the different considerations that an urban site necessitates.

I am a native North Carolinian. My degrees are a Bachelor of Mathematics from Salem College and a Masters of Architecture from Clemson University. While in Columbus, I worked for a large architecture and engineering firm and was responsible for consensus building with architects and engineers on large health care projects. I also met with surgeons and other physicians, nurses, lab workers, and artists for further coordination of planning. Based on my education and substantial experience in practice I understand architectural, electrical, and mechanical drawings. I am able to explain them to laypersons. Although the library has a team for that endeavor, my work involved consideration of how the public uses spaces which is helpful in determining which design elements to introduce through planning and which ones to implement in the already built environment. Many of the projects on which I worked professionally took a few years to complete, not unlike the time frame for the changes currently facing the Chapel Hill library.

My community work in Upper Arlington was mostly with Wickliffe Elementary School with an emphasis on including the children in environmental projects. As chairperson of the Outdoor Learning Environment, I brought different community entities together to explore ideas which resulted in finding grants for projects the children did such as planting of 27 trees, reviving a butterfly garden, and installing a green roof on part of the school. Currently I am doing some research from home while enjoying my son's young years. I have no current ties with architecture or engineering firms; therefore, I believe I will not suffer from conflicts of interest.

I would enjoy contributing to this wonderful community while using my background to benefit this board of the Public Library.



Applicant's Signature Required

12 / 08 / 2010

Date

Applications will be purged after two spring appointment cycles (approximately two years). Please reapply at that time if you are still interested in serving on a Board and have not yet been appointed.

Please return form to:
Communications and Public Affairs Department, 405 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Email clerk@townofchapelhill.org or FAX 919-967-8406