



Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees, and Commissions City and Borough of Sitka

Board/Commission/Committee: Planning Commission
 Name: Tamie (Harkins) Parker Song Daytime Phone: 907.623.7687
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 Length of Residence in Sitka: 14 months Registered to vote in Sitka? Yes No
 Employer: Blue Plum Editing (self-employed)
 Organizations you belong to or participate in:
Island Institute, Academy of Writers and Writing Programs

Explain your main reason for applying:
I wish to be meaningfully engaged in the political management of the city of Sitka.

What background, experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?
I have a variety of experience with people and organizations focused on community engagement. This will be my first experience with a political body. Please see attached letter for more information.

Please disclose any potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment. These may include but are not limited to:

- A substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment.
- An immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment.

Please attach a letter of interest, outline, or resume which includes your education, work, and volunteer experience that will enhance your membership.

→ (To be considered, your application must be complete AND be accompanied by one of the above supporting documents.)

Date: October 21, 2015 Signature: Tamie

Your complete application and resume should be returned to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.

Please note: all information submitted will be made public and published online. Appointments are normally made during open session of an Assembly meeting, however, Assembly members may vote to discuss applicant(s) in closed executive session. In this case, do you wish to be present when your application is discussed? Yes No

Return to:
 Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk/Records Specialist, 100 Lincoln Street
 Fax: 907-747-7403 Email: melissa.henshaw@cityofsitka.org

Tamie Parker Song
P.O. Box 1121
Sitka, AK 99835

October 21, 2015

Dear Hon. Mayor Mim McConnell and Assembly Members,

I am writing to volunteer for a position on the Planning Commission. One of the reasons I moved to Sitka, just over a year ago, was that I believed Sitka was the sort of town in which an average citizen could be meaningfully engaged in political and community actions and governance. Seeking to be a part of the Planning Commission is one step I am taking to seek out that kind of engagement.

Although I'm a novice to politics as such, I have been involved in community work for much of my adult life. Several years ago I taught creative writing to men and women in a county jail in the Midwest. That experience made real to me in a visceral way the connections between poverty, education, job opportunities, social hierarchies, and crime. Several years before that, I founded and led a community conversation group in northern Arizona, open to anyone and not politically affiliated, in which we discussed how to live holistic and ethical lives on a personal, local, national, and global level. The group met weekly for five years.

I am fairly new to Sitka, but I have a lifelong connection to Alaska. My grandparents lived in Kodiak most of their adult lives. My father was raised in Kodiak, and I grew up set-netting every summer of my childhood. Although I have lived all over the United States, I have commercial fished in Alaska many summers as an adult. I care about the wildernesses, towns, various vocations, and people of Alaska. I work now as a freelance academic editor, and essayist.

I am specifically interested in the Planning Commission because I believe that the nitty-gritty details of land and property use, housing, and zoning, are integral to the shared life of this city, and I would like to be involved with that shared life in practical ways. Undoubtedly I will have a lot to learn. I offer my committed work ethic, creativity, willingness to listen, sense of humor, and ability to get along with a variety of people, in service of the Planning Commission and the town of Sitka.

Sincerely,



Tamie Parker Song

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Education

University of Southern Maine **Portland, ME** **2012**
MFA, Creative Nonfiction Writing

Trinity Western University **Langley, British Columbia, Canada** **2002**
BA, Philosophy and English Literature *Dean's List*

Experience

Blue Plum Editing **Sitka, Alaska** **Nov 2014-Present**
Freelance Editor

- Own and operate a freelance academic editing company focused on social justice

Ariel Parkinson **Berkeley, California** **Sept 2012-Sept 2014**
House Manager & Live-in Caretaker

- Managed all aspects of household of multiple employees
- Attended to all daily, short-term, and long-term needs of a patient with dementia

College of Alameda **Alameda, California** **June 2013-June 2014**
Adjunct English Instructor

- Taught Critical Thinking in the English Department
- Taught three different versions of the class (6-week, 8-week, semester-long)

National Parks Revealed **Berkeley, California** **May 2012-May 2013**
Operations Manager

- Assisted in tour operations for private tours in the National Parks.
- Wrote extensive web copy for the company website

Cirque: Journal of the Pacific Rim **San Francisco, California** **Autumn 2012**
Associate Editor

- Reviewed and selected manuscripts for publication

826 Valencia **San Francisco, California** **June 2012-Dec. 2012**
Writing Tutor

- Tutored high school students on writing personal essays and college entrance essays
- Assisted middle school students with writing articles for their school magazine

Kosciusko County Jail **Warsaw, Indiana** **June 2009 - June 2010**
Literacy Teacher

- Taught poetry, story-telling, and essay-writing to one class of incarcerated men and one class of incarcerated women each week

Giverny Fitness Studio **Winona Lake, Indiana** **Jan 2010 -**
June 2010

Yoga Teacher

- Taught two engaging and dynamic weekly yoga classes

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Flagstaff, Flagstaff, Arizona **Sept 2008 - Mar 2009**
Director of Religious Education

- Oversaw and helped design curriculum for grade school age children at church
- Met monthly with and taught new volunteers



PLANNING COMMISSION

NAME	CONTACT NUMBERS	TERM STARTS	EXPIRES	CATEGORY
CHRIS SPIVEY PO Box 312	747-6636 w 738-2524 c spi3050@yahoo.com	12/11/12 1/28/14	2/8/14 1/28/17	CHAIR
DARRELL WINDSOR PO Box 1973	738-4046 c dwindsor@gci.net	6/28/11 6/24/14	6/28/14 6/24/17	VICE CHAIR
RICHARD PARMELEE 405 Hemlock Street	747-3077 w 738-0606 c 747-3461 h rjparmelee@gmail.com	5/8/07 4/27/10 4/23/13	5/8/10 4/27/13 4/23/16	Would like to resign once a replacement is found
DEBRA POHLMAN 506 Arrowhead Street	623-0417 dpohlarbear@gmail.com	6/25/13	6/25/16	
RANDY HUGHEY 220 Lakeview Drive	738-2999 c randywhughey@gmail.com	2/24/15 10/13/15	10/23/15 10/13/18	
Michael Scarcelli Senior Planner	747-1815 michael.scarcelli@cityofsitka.org			Staff Liaison
Maegan Bosak Planning and Community Development Director	747-1824 maegan.bosak@cityofsitka.org			
Samantha Pierson Planner I	747-1814 samantha.pierson@cityofsitka.org			Secretary



5 members from public, 3-year terms
 Established by Ordinance 74-118/SGC2.18 & Charter Article VIII
 Must be registered to vote
 First and Third Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. – Sealing Cove Business Center

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Revised: October 14, 2015