



CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA
BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPLICATION

Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Lincoln Street, Floor 3
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Submit this completed application AND either a letter of interest or resume to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For: Parks and Recreation Committee

Name: Manoj Battar

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Length of Residence in Sitka: 4 years

Registered to vote in Sitka? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Employer Business Name and your position: SEARHC, Physical Therapist

Organizations you belong to or participate in:
SEARHC

Explain your main reason for applying:

I appreciate the purpose of this committee and believe I can offer insights primarily as a recreational athlete and a physical therapist

What experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?

I have a doctor of physical therapy degree, and practice primarily with athletes and active sportsfolk and outdoorspeople. I have also participated in basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer, and ultimate frisbee since I have moved here.

Appointments are typically made during Assembly meeting open sessions. 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

Potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment must be disclosed. These may include, but are not limited to, a substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment, or an immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment. **Do you have any potential conflicts of interest to disclose?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

I understand this is a volunteer position appointed by the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly and requires regular meeting attendance. I further understand this application is public information and the merits of my appointment may be discussed at a public forum. In addition, my name may be published in media outlets. If I am appointed to serve, I will follow all laws, procedures, and practices associated with my appointment.

I certify that the information in my application is true and accurate.

Date: 10.07.2025

Applicant Signature: *M. Battar*



Manoj Battar, PT, DPT



Dear members of the Sitka Assembly,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the open seat on the Parks and Recreation Committee. I am a physical therapist by occupation who has practiced in Sitka for the past four years and counting. In addition to my profession, I am an avid beneficiary of the the spaces and activities offered to our town under this committee I participate in city league basketball, softball, community orchestra, and volleyball, as well as in recreational ultimate frisbee and soccer. I frequent Sitka's many outdoor spaces with my wife, two dogs, and many friends. I am also heading into my second year as an assistant coach for the Mt. Edgecumbe Lady Braves basketball team. It is my firm belief that recreation and the related programs are integral to helping individuals and communities stay healthy.

The breadth of my participation in Sitka's Parks and Recreation programs, as well as my involvement in the community through my physical therapy practice, may offer some unique perspective to the considerations occurring in the committee. As a physical therapist, it is a core tenet of our profession that "motion is lotion." Even though this is not a clinical setting, I see serving on this committee as an extension of that idea: helping folks get, and keep, moving. As a multisport athlete (generously speaking), I feel I can represent many of the folks we might consider when discussing our athletic facilities. In the bigger picture, community recreation plays a larger part than just providing exercise. In the midst of chronic public health epidemics such as sedentary lifestyles and adult loneliness, I've seen how these spaces foster activities for people to pursue wellness beyond athletics, whether cognizant of this benefit or not. It would be an honor to serve on this committee, which strives to sustainably maximize inclusive access to these spaces and facilities.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, the connections I make with people could bring a lot of value to the committee. I have built relationships with many different folks across the community through my participation in all of these activities. These relationships provide me with many different perspectives on issues that may come to the committee. I would be happy to amplify their voices in this setting.

I hope to learn from and work with you all and I appreciate your consideration for this position. Thank you, regardless, for your hard work to improve the health and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

Manoj Battar, PT, DPT

