



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: Mariah A. Groshek

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Length of Residence in Sitka: 6 months currently, 5 years 2018-2023

Registered to vote in Sitka? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Employer Business Name and your position: Stay-at-home Mother

Organizations you belong to or participate in:

Sitka Elks Lodge #1662 member, Grace Harbor Church

Explain your main reason for applying:

I'm applying as an active community member—a mother, neighbor, and advocate for safe, inclusive public spaces. Sitka's parks and recreational opportunities have recently drawn my husband and I back to raise our children, and I want to help preserve and enhance them.

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

As a parent, I utilize Sitka's parks and recreational facilities daily. I see firsthand how these spaces shape childhood experiences, foster community-connectedness, and support both mental and physical health. I have also worked as a certified group fitness instructor (2014-2017).

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: 9/17/2025

Applicant Signature: [Signature]

Mariah Groshek



City and Borough of Sitka Assembly
100 Lincoln Street
Sitka, Alaska 99835
907-747-1800

Dear Assembly,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Committee. I bring a deep personal investment in the well-being of our community as a mother, neighbor, and advocate for safe and inclusive public spaces. Sitka's parks and recreational opportunities have recently drawn my husband and I back to raise our children, and I want to help preserve and enhance them.

As a parent, I utilize Sitka's parks and recreational facilities daily. I see firsthand how these spaces shape childhood experiences, foster community-connectedness, and support both mental and physical health. I've spent countless hours in these areas, observing not only their strengths, but opportunities for improvement. I believe that my perspective as a mom will offer a unique lens on safety, practical usability, and the everyday realities that families face.

Throughout my college career, I worked as a certified group fitness instructor. My classes brought people from all walks of life together through movement. I was able to witness the value of accessible programming and the role that recreation plays in public health and community cohesion. As Sitka strives to maintain a working-aged population, I know that the quality of the parks and recreational opportunities here will be near the forefront of that mission.

I approach this opportunity with humility, curiosity, and a genuine passion for making our parks and recreation services the best that they can be. Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to serve and help shape the future of Sitka's recreational spaces.

Sincerely,

Mariah A. Groshek