



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

Board/Commission/Committee: Library Commission

Name: Nicole Filipek Preferred Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: [REDACTED] Fax Number: _____

Length of Residence in Sitka: 6 years Registered to vote in Sitka? Yes No

Employer: Three to 5 preschool

Organizations you belong to or participate in:
Library Commission, Dolly Parton Imagination Library - Sitka affiliate, Emblem Club, Woman's Club

Explain your main reason for applying:
Seeking continuation of appointment.

What background, experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?
ONE term on library commission, served both as secretary and chair, history of volunteerism w/ libraries

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.

NONE

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: February 27, 2020 Signature: Nicole Filipek

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

February 27, 2020

Dear City and Borough of Sitka Assembly and Administration,

Please consider me for re-appointment to a three-year term on the Library Commission. I began my first appointment in February 2017, while the library was under the direction of Mr. Robb Farmer and one year after the library came to occupy the renovated facility. Since that time, I have seen the turnover of three library directors. All the commissioners serving at the time of my appointment have either resigned or retired their posts. I am the longest serving member of the commission, after only one term. There has been a tremendous amount of change and upheaval during my time of service. Regardless, I have learned a great deal not only about libraries and municipal government, but what it means to serve a greater purpose.

During the tenure of Mr. Andrew Murphy, I became familiar with library operations and staff dynamics. During the tenure of Ms. Kathryn Hurlley, I came to see how the library fits in to the municipality and to the library world in general. With the departure of Director Hurlley, I became acutely aware that our library is experiencing growing pains, and that the future of the library hinges on the ability of staff, the commission, the Friends of the Library, the patrons and the citizens of Sitka to come together with a vision for the future of our library so that the library may endure, regardless who is manning the ship.

I have been serving as chair for the last 14 months, and I have recently taken the lead on researching the role of the library commission, the duties and responsibilities of commissioners, and the work we are expected to perform to advocate and support the library. There is a great deal of work ahead, and I am prepared to continue to pursue my mission. The recent hire of a new library director and the exciting work of generating a strategic plan for the future give me hope that, if granted, my next three year appointment will also experience tremendous change, for the betterment of the library and the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole C. Filipek". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicole C. Filipek



LIBRARY COMMISSION

| NAME | CONTACT NUMBERS | TERM STARTS | EXPIRES | CATEGORY |
|--|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| NICOLE FILIPEK PO Box 251 | 206-769-3685 nicolefilipek@gmail.com | 2/14/17 | 2/14/20 | Chair |
| DARRYL REHKOPF 210 Observatory Street | 738-5629 darrylrehkopf@hotmail.com | 8/22/17 5/14/19 | 4/12/19 5/14/22 | Vice Chair |
| DANIEL GUNN 204 Marine Street | 738-0738 danielforestgunn@gmail.com | 1/23/18 1/8/19 | 1/12/19 1/8/22 | Secretary |
| PAUL BAHNA 3001 Barker Street | 747-7749 623-0945 bnahna@alaska.edu | 7/24/18 | 6/13/20 | Eidler/Litman's term |
| STEPHEN MORSE 314 Tilson Street | 509-607-7327 stephen_morse@hotmail.com | 4/24/18 2/26/19 | 1/26/19 2/26/22 | |
| SANDRA FONTAINE PO Box 2114 | 623-0444 thimbleberrysam@gmail.com | 1/28/20 | 1/28/23 | |
| <i>JOSHUA THOMAS PO Box 473</i> | <i>817-471-6054 Josh0417@att.net</i> | <i>9/13/16 8/27/19</i> | <i>9/13/19 8/27/22</i> | <i>Resigned 12/4/19</i> |
| Thor Christianson 500 Lincoln Street A9 | 738-2491 assemblychristianson@cityofsitka.org | | | Assembly Liaison |
| Elizabeth O'Donnell | | | | Emeritus Member |
| Alice Johnstone | | | | Emeritus Member |

7 Members from Public 3-year terms
 Established by Ordinance 72-50, Ord. 03-1730 added 2 more members
 First Wednesday of the Month, 6:00 p.m. at Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive

OATH OF OFFICE REQUIRED

Revised: January 29, 2020