



APPLICATION FOR BOARD OR COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

ATTACHMENTS TO APPLICATION MUST BE LIMITED TO TWO PAGES
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT

If you have questions or need more information, contact:
City Clerk's Office (300 LaPorte Avenue) at 970.416.2525

Eligibility Requirements - 1 year residency within the Fort Collins Growth Management Area

Board or Commission: Landmark Preservation Commission
Name: Alexandra Wallace
Mailing Address: Zip: 80524
Residence: Zip:
Home Phone: Work Phone: Cell Phone:
E-Mail Address:

Have you resided in the Fort Collins Growth Management Area for at least one year? [X] Yes [] No

Which Council District do you live in?

Current Occupation: Historic Preservation Specialist Employer: Colorado State University

Recent and/or relevant work experience (please include dates) CSU's Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands, Historic Preservation Specialist (August 2009-Present) Poudre Landmark Foundation, Board Member (January 2013-Present) Rocky Mountain National Park, Museum Technician (June-August 2009) Tatanka Historical Associates, Researcher (May-August 2008, January-March 2009)

Recent and/or relevant volunteer experience (please include dates) Unpaid internships include: CSU's Avenir Artifact Researcher (April-May 2009) Loveland Museum and Gallery, Museum Curator Assistant (June-August 2008, January-April 2009)

Are you currently serving on a City board or commission? [X] Yes [] No

If so, which one? Landmark Preservation Commission

Why do you want to become a member of this particular board or commission? I have served one term on the commission and it seems like I've only scratched the surface. I enjoy helping the community in which I was raised and I feel that my background in architecture and historic preservation is a good match.

Have you attended a meeting of the board or commission you are applying to or talked to anyone currently on the board? [X] Yes [] No

If yes, please share your experience:

I have served on the Landmark Preservation Commission since 2012 and I think I have positively contributed to the commission as a preservation specialist. Another layer of experience includes my background as a Fort Collins native from a family

List any abilities, skills, certificates, specialized training, or interests you have which are applicable to this board or commission:

M.A. History, Public History Concentration with specialties in historic preservation and museum studies B.A. History, 2006

Briefly explain what you believe are the three most important issues facing this board or commission, and how do you believe this board or commission should address each issue?

- 1) The LPC faces the task of negotiating between historic preservation and community wants and desires. Preservation is a key part of Fort Collins' distinctive community, but when citizens do not want to retain certain historic elements, the LPC is often put at the crossroads of deciding what to save and what to demolish. The LPC must hold on to preservation and Land Use Code standards, but find ways to integrate community opinions. There is no simple or one-size-fits-all solution to these struggles and the LPC members must weigh and balance these concerns according to individual cases.

- 2) Historic Old Town is booming and with it are alterations to historic properties. Although new construction may benefit the economy, there is a concern for changing the character of historic areas. The LPC is tasked with recognizing that Fort Collins does not exist within a bubble, and that certain properties will (and should) be altered. However, the LPC should continue to retain the general character and spirit of historic neighborhoods and the Old Town area as they speak not only the history of the community, but contribute to Fort Collins' charm.

- 3) Fort Collins supports many properties that date to the Cold War era and as more changes are made to these properties, the LPC will likely be flooded with more requests for alterations and demolitions. Perhaps the LPC can work with the city to develop a historic context and examine ways to perform a reconnaissance survey of the high-potential neighborhoods before these properties overwhelm city planning and preservation dockets.

Please specify any activities which might create a serious conflict of interest if you should be appointed to this board or commission:

The LPC has encountered a couple of cases that relate to Colorado State University and the fact that I am a CSU employee is the only foreseeable conflict of interest. To date, I disclose my employment status and since the LPC has only provided professional opinions rather than decisions on CSU alterations,

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (except for minor traffic offenses that resulted only in a fine)? Yes No
If yes, please explain in complete detail. State the nature and approximate date of the conviction, the sentence imposed, whether the sentence has been completed, and any other information you consider to be relevant

Upon application for and acceptance of appointment, board and commission members demonstrate their intention and ability to attend meetings. If appointed, frequent nonattendance may result in termination of the appointment.

By typing your name in the space provided, I submit my electronic signature and application to the City of Fort Collins and swear or affirm under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of Colorado:

- that I meet the eligibility requirements of the position sought and
- that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Alexandra Wallace **Date:** Sep-23-2016

Optional: How did you learn of a vacancy on this board or commission:

- Newspaper Cable 14 City News (Utility Bill Insert) Website
- Other (please specify) Term expiring