



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: Kurt R. Knierim

Mailing Address: Zip: 80526

Residence: Zip: 80526

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? Outside City Limits

Current Occupation: Teacher Employer: Poudre School District

Recent and/or relevant work experience (please include dates) Non-tenure track Instructor, Department History, Colorado State University (2015-2017) Non-tenure track Instructor, Department of History, CU Succeed Program, University of Colorado Denver (2006-present)

Recent and/or relevant volunteer experience (please include dates) Leadership Team, Parks as Portals to Learning Program, Public Lands History Center, CSU (2018-present) Public Lands History Center book project, Long Exposures: Repeat Photography and Parks as Portals to Learning (2018)

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

If so, which one? Landmark Preservation Commission

Why do you want to become a member of this particular board or commission? As a government teacher for almost 30 years, I have a desire to give back to the community that has given me so much since I moved here for my undergraduate degree 35 years ago. With two degrees in history I can offer thoughtful insight on the LPC.

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 had a conversation with Jim Bertolini regarding the procedural structures and time commitment on the LPC.

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

BA History (CSU) MA History (CSU) MA Education

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) I see affordable housing both now and in the future in Fort Collins as a paramount issue. Particularly as a public school teacher, I am keenly aware of the challenges of affordability in this city. The LPC can aid with this by keeping this in mind as we promote our communities' sense of place.

- 2) A continuing challenge of the LPC is to balance the regulations and codes under Section 106 with the practical needs of the community. This would include ongoing surveys of historic places.

- 3) Another challenge facing the LPC is to increase the number of significant landmarks in the city and educating the community around these landmarks.

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

As an employee of Poudre School District I could foresee having to recuse myself if there were significant issues regarding a PSD property that came before the LPC.

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: _____ **Date:** _____

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) Word of mouth

Kurt R. Knierim Rocky Mountain High School 1300 West Swallow Road, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526 Current Position August, 1992-present: Social Studies Teacher, Rocky Mountain High School, Poudre School District, Fort Collins, Colorado. Adjunct Positions Fall, 2018: Non-Tenure Track Instructor, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Division of Continuing Education, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado. January, 2015-May, 2017: Non-Tenure Track Instructor, Department of History, College of Liberal Arts, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado. 2007-2009: Non-Tenure Track Instructor, School of Education, College of Applied Human Sciences, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado.

January, 2006-present: Non-Tenure Track Instructor, CU Succeed Program, Department of History, University of Colorado Denver, Denver, Colorado. Academic Preparation Master of Arts, Major in History, Colorado State University. Master of Arts, Major in Education, Lesley University. Bachelor of Arts, Major in History, Colorado State University. University Level Courses Taught 2018: American Civil War and Reconstruction (Osher, Colorado State University). 2015-2017: Secondary Social Studies Teaching Methods (Colorado State University). 2007-2009: Secondary Teaching Methods (Colorado State University). 2006-present: United States History to 1876/United States History since 1876 (UC Denver). High School Level Courses Taught 2012-present: We the People: Government, Civil Rights, and Civic Action. 1998-present: Advanced Placement United States History. 1994-present: United States History Survey. Other Courses Taught: Economics, World Geography and Cultures, World History Survey. Courses Developed and Introduced 2001-present: Introduction to Public History: Civil War Era Living History.

Awards and Honors 2017: Service Award for Excellence in Teaching, CU Succeed Program, University of Colorado Denver. 2011: Outstanding Promotion of History in the Community Award, Fort Collins Historical Society, Fort Collins, Colorado. 2010: History Teacher of the Year for Colorado, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, New York, New York. 2009: Senior Fellow / Teacher-Scholar of the Constitution, James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Washington, D.C. 2006: Teacher of the Year, Poudre School District Community Foundation Excellence in Education Award. Presentations and Workshops Spring 2018-present: Instructor/Facilitator, Poudre School District/Colorado State University History

Collaborative Social Studies Professional Development class, Poudre Education Association, Colorado State University Department of History. June, 2018: Presenter, Early Career Leadership, GROW: Leadership, Capacity, Influence Summer Leadership Conference, Colorado Education Association. Presentations and Workshops, Continued Spring, 2016: Keynote Lecturer, Gilpin's Pet Lambs: The First Colorado Volunteers and the Battle of Glorieta Pass, Pecos National Historic Park, Pecos, New Mexico. Spring, 2016: Presenter, Orchestrating the Social Studies Classroom: Pedagogical Lessons from the Performing Arts, State Social Studies Conference, Colorado Council for the Social Studies. Spring, 2012: Instructor, Historical Thinking as a 21st Century Skill, Poudre School District Social Studies Professional Development Class, Poudre School District, Fort Collins, Colorado. 2003-2006: Co-Instructor, Project TEACH, Teaching American History Grant, William E. Hewitt Institute, Thornton, Colorado. Selected Professional Activities 2018-present: Leadership Team, Parks as Portals to Learning, Public Lands History Center / National Park Service, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado. 2017-2018: Colorado Academic Standards Review and Revision Committee for High School History, Colorado Department of Education, Denver, Colorado. 2017-2018: Facilitator/Mentor, Early