

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Council Members

DATE: January 24, 2017

FROM: Maggie Burleson, City Clerk

SUBJECT: A-B Historic Resources Commission

Summary Statement: The consideration of a resolution appointing a member to the Asheville-Buncombe Historic Resources Commission.

Review: There currently exists a vacancy until July 1, 2018, left by Ms. Leslie Klingner.

On January 10, 2017, it was the consensus of Council to interview Gerry Leonard, Wayne Wheeler and Ed Flowers. Mr. Wheeler was unable to attend the interview.

Recommendation: Staff recommends City Council appoint a member to the Asheville-Buncombe Historic Resources Commission.

Attachments:
(1) Applications

City of Asheville
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Application Form

Applicants are strongly urged to attend several meetings of a board prior to applying

Name of board or commission: Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee ~~HRC~~

Your name: Gerry Leonard Home Phone #: 804-943-3093

Street address: 106 Addison Court City: Asheville Zip Code: 28806

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: YWCA of Asheville & WNC

Your position: Volunteer & Racial Justice Coordinator Office Phone #: 828-254-7206

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race Asian * Sex M F * Age 29 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Renter

Residence location (check one): Central _____ North _____ South _____ East _____ West

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See attached

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Post Office Box 7148
Asheville, N.C. 28802-7148

E-Mail: sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov
Telephone: 259-5839
Fax #: 259-5499

Gerry Leonard
Signed via DocuSign

Signature: _____

Date: 11/2/16

E-Mail: gerryleonard7@gmail.com

Fax #: _____

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Gerry Leonard

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December 11, 2016

City of Asheville
70 Court Plaza
Asheville, NC 28802

Dear Hiring Manager

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my application for a position on the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee. I believe that my experience in outreach coordination, community organizing, and direct-service management, tied with my passion for social justice makes me an excellent asset to this committee.

My career has been built upon working with mission-driven organizations and utilizing my diverse skill-set in a myriad of ways. In my current role as the Volunteer & Racial Justice Coordinator of the YWCA of Asheville, I organize the annual Stand Against Racism campaign designed to bring awareness to the negative impacts of institutional and structural racism, lead monthly racial justice workshops, and manage all aspects of a robust volunteer program that includes 100+ volunteers. In addition, I represent the Racial Justice Coalition, a group of 13 organizations in Asheville dedicated to improve police-community relations and to become a national model of best practices for data collection, policies, and procedures. Previously, I have worked in issues around animal welfare, immigration policy, and voting rights. I seek an opportunity on the City level that allows me to maximize over 10 years of humanitarian work and community engagement.

Among other community involvement, I currently serve on the on the board of the WNC Chapter of the ACLU and Building Bridges of Asheville, NC, which underscores my commitment to empowering individuals through education and protecting rights of people on a policy level. I also helped spearhead a community initiative to bring the Racial Equity Institute (REI) training to Asheville. This anti-racism workshop focuses on understanding how racism, and other systems of oppression, function and persist. These workshops use a systematic approach that emphasizes learning from our history, developing leadership, maintaining accountability to communities, and understanding the role of institutional gate-keeping as a mechanism for perpetuating inequitable outcomes - including affordable housing, health disparities, and living wage gaps.

I believe it is critical to understand the current systems of inequity before we can begin to tackle the homeless issue in Asheville. Chronic homelessness continues to plague our city, with an estimated 509 homeless counted in a one-day tally this year. My hope is to bring energy and commitment to the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee with the understanding that we must identify, engage, and prioritize these vulnerable people in permanent supportive housing, while also engaging community leaders.

I look forward to the opportunity of being involved in the policies that shape our government and city, and being a part of an initiative that works to help those greatest in need of social services and support that will better our community.

Gerry Leonard

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» Profile

Passionate humanitarian committed to helping others through personal development and community growth. Professional nonprofit experience focused in advocacy and social justice. Skilled in program development & implementation, project coordination, and management.

» Experience

YWCA of Asheville, Asheville, NC

Volunteer & Racial Justice Coordinator, 2014 - current

- Implement robust volunteer program to better recruit, manage, on-board and retain volunteers and interns
- Organize the YWCA's signature Stand Against Racism campaign, an initiative to raise awareness of the negative impacts of institutional and structural racism
- Maintain and developed strategic relationships with our community-based partners

Tricycle Gardens, Richmond, VA

Program Coordinator, 2012 - 2013

- Managed daily and strategic expansion of Corner Store Program, a city-wide corner store initiative, and operations for two farmers' markets that included double-up SNAP programming
- Increased program deliverables and metrics regarding food access and food skills education programs

Richmond SPCA, Richmond, VA

Volunteer Coordinator, 2009 - 2012

- Responsible for all aspects of the volunteer program, that included management of 500+ volunteers
 - Led various outreach and educational opportunities regarding animal advocacy and pet adoption
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» Education

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

Bachelor of Science in Anthropology, 2011

- Concentration in Cultural Anthropology; background in Archeology
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» Affiliations

- **Building Bridges of Asheville** – *Secretary, Board Member* (2014 - present)
- **Racial Justice Coalition** – *Crisis Communication Lead Team, Member* (2014 – present)
- **WNC Chapter of the ACLU** – *Board Member* (2015 - present)
- **Asheville FM** – *Producer, News Team Reporter* (2015 – present)
- **Racial Equity Institute Asheville Planning Committee** – *Member* (2015 – present)
- **Richmond Hostel** – *Campaign Organizer* (2011 – 2013)
- **No Más Muertes** – *Desert-Aid Volunteer* (2009)

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Name of board or commission: Historic Resources Commission

Your name: Charles E. ("Ed") Flowers Home Phone #: 919-810-6390

Street address: 65 Longview Rd City: Asheville Zip Code: 28806

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Self (Charles E. Flowers, III, Attorney at Law)

Your position: Owner / Attorney Office Phone #: Same

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race W * Sex M F * Age 57 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? *

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See attached resume and cover letter.

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Fax #: 259-5499

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 12/1/16

E-Mail: eflowers@charter.net

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OBJECTIVE: Volunteer position with a non-profit or governmental historic preservation organization.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY - LEGAL

Charles E. Flowers, III, Attorney at Law, Asheville, NC
Contracting Attorney and Solo Practitioner, June, 2016 to Present

Brownlee Law Firm, PLLC, Raleigh, NC
Consulting Attorney, November, 2013 to December, 2014

Gunter and Flowers, PLLC, 617 W. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27603
Attorney and Partner, April, 2005 to October, 2013

Adkins and Flowers, PLC, Durham North Carolina
Associate Attorney and Partner, September, 2001 – April, 2005

Eagan, Eagan and Adkins, Durham, North Carolina
Associate Attorney, January, 1997 - September, 2001

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY - CURATORIAL

North Carolina Museum of History, Raleigh, North Carolina
Research Associate/Curator of Agriculture and Industry, September, 1989 - August, 1993

Performed scholarly historical research using primary and secondary sources; wrote results of research in museum planning documents; located and identified historical artifacts for museum's permanent collection; performed scholarly research on provenance of historical artifacts using secondary and primary sources and by conducting oral history interviews with donors and experts; coordinated with museum designers, educators and other museum professionals in developing museum exhibits; wrote labels for museum exhibits; conducted discussions with general public on historical artifacts and on historical topics.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY -- OTHER

Silvertip Lodges/Cry of the Loon Lodge, Anchorage, AK
Fishing/Rafting Guide; Lodge Manager, June, 1977 - August, 1986

INTERNSHIP – HISTORIC PRESERVATION

National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C.

Legal Department Intern, May, 1995 through August, 1995

Studied fundamentals of historic preservation from a legal perspective, with an emphasis on the Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines and on utilizing case law and statutes to preserve historical resources; researched and drafted position paper on the detrimental impact of urban sprawl on the historic built environment; attended court hearings related to historic preservation litigation in District Court of Washington, D.C.; met with historic preservation activists, with an emphasis on preserving historic resources in Washington, D.C.'s African American communities

EDUCATION

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Attended August, 1977 - December, 1980, 3.64 G.P.A.

Studied History and Political Science. Bernadotte E. Schmidt Award for Historical Scholarship; Political Science Department Award Scholarship

University of Alaska, Anchorage, AK

B.A. History, cum laude, December, 1985, 3.96 G.P.A.

History Department Award for Historical Scholarship; Class Valedictorian.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

MA, History, December, 1988

Studies focused on New Deal environmental practices and policies.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

J.D., May, 1996, Top 33% of Class

Law Clerk, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C., 1995.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Community Association Institute Board of Directors, 2000 - 2004

Southern Village Homeowner Association Board of Directors, 2002 – 2006

Orange County, North Carolina, Historic Preservation Commission, 2004 – 2005

Chapel Hill, North Carolina Board of Adjustment, 2005 – 2006

Community Association Institute Legislative Action Committee, 2006 – 2007

HOBBIES & ACTIVITIES

Hiking, biking, fly- fishing

Guitar/Music, especially Americana

Reading, especially biographies, history and fiction

Travel, domestic and international – I have visited 46 States and have traveled to 20 countries in five continents

REFERENCES PROVIDED UPON REQUEST

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December 1, 2016

Sarah Terwilliger
Deputy City Clerk
City of Asheville

VIA email (sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov) with attachments

Re: Application for Historic Resources Commission

Dear Ms. Terwilliger:

Please accept this letter and attached supporting materials as application for the open position on the Asheville Historic Resources Commission.

After practicing law in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area for two decades, I moved to Asheville in 2013. I was drawn to Asheville, in part, by its rich and diverse architectural heritage. I am excited about the opportunity to serve the Asheville community as a Historic Resources Commissioner.

I have attached an abbreviated resume for your review. I have received excellent academic training in history, with an emphasis on US history. After receiving my MA, I worked as a Curator at the Museum of History in Raleigh, and, as such, am very familiar with North Carolina's history. I helped to develop the Museum's collection and contributed to several exhibits. I am most proud of working with the State Historic Preservation Office to locate an extant slave cabin and adding it to the Museum's collection.

During my second year of law school, I clerked with the National Trust for Historic Preservation's legal department in Washington, D.C. I provided litigation support and wrote a position paper on the impact of urban sprawl on historic properties. I was treated to "behind the scenes" preservation work at Mount Vernon and Woodlawn and interviewed preservation activists in traditional African-American neighborhoods in that city.

After law school, I served on the Orange County, North Carolina Historic Preservation Commission and the Chapel Hill Board of Adjustment. The rigors of family and running a private practice interfered with long-term commitments to those obligations, but as I am now semi-retired I look forward to once again becoming involved in historic preservation.

I look forward to bringing the administrative skills developed from practicing law, as well understanding of history and historic preservation and would ask for your consideration in being appointed to the Historic Resources Commission.

Sincerely,

Charles E. ("Ed") Flowers

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Name of board or commission: Historical Resources Commission

Your name: Wayne Wheeler Home Phone #: (828) 225-5572

Street address: 3 Highland Pl., Asheville, NC 28804 Zip Code: _____

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Retired

Your position: President Office Phone #: _____

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Wayne C. Wheeler

Education - 1962 BFA Syracuse University

1963 Graduate of U. S. Coast Guard OCS

Attended various service aids to navigation schools

as well as an electronic aids to navigation course at UCLA

Associated with the U.S. Coast Guard for 23 years as an officer (12) and civilian (11) - servicing as Assistant Chief, and later Chief, Aids to Navigation Branch, 12th Coast Guard District (northern Calif.). He has had extensive aids to navigation experience in the field of minor and major aids to navigation (including lighthouses) and electronic aids (LORAN A & C, OMEGA and radio beacons). Served as navigator and executive officer of two buoy tenders, assigned to two different district offices, a Coast Guard base and Coast Guard Headquarters (wrote the LORAN 70's Program and was Coast Guard representative to the Pentagon (J-6) to develop the National Navigation Plan and develop NAVSAT (now known as GPS).

Past member - Board of Governors, Navy, Marine Corp, Coast Guard Museum on Treasure Island, San Francisco; Board member National Maritime Alliance; Member - Big Sur District General Planning Team Advisory Committee, Member - Board of Trustees, American Youth Hostel (Golden Gate Chapter), Member - San Francisco Bay Harbor Safety Committee, Member - Board of Governors, East Brother Light Station, Member, and Chair for two years, Asheville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Asheville Parks Department representative to the Asheville Area River Redevelopment Commission. Past President Highland Gate Homeowners Association.

Member - Asheville Autumn Players. President and Founder, U.S Lighthouse Society, Board Member National Lighthouse Museum, Staten Island, NY., development committee of the new Coast Guard Museum to be constructed at New London, CT in 2018.

Wayne is an accomplished lecturer on the history of lighthouses, lightships and aids to navigation, he has presented various versions of his talks "The History of Lighthouses", "Lighthouses, An Endangered Species" and "From Bonfires to Satellites" all over the country during the past 35 years: Block Island Historical Society, Key West Historical Society, various government seminars, lighthouse conferences in Maine and Florida, Shed Aquarium of Chicago, Mariners' Museum in Newport News, VA, lectured at the California Academy of Science, teaches a 6 to 8 week course annually at UNCA (senior center, OLLI), two Rhodes Scholars events and numerous yacht clubs and other groups.

He has published articles in the California Historical Society's *Courier*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Bay and Delta Yachtsman* and numerous historical articles (for 30 years) in the Society' magazine *The Keeper's Log*.

He has appeared on numerous radio and television shows around the country including

National Public Radio (All Things Considered), KCBS (San Francisco several times), CBS Good Morning America, PBS, and most recently in an hour interview in September 2015 on Martha's Vineyard TV (MVTV).

In 1984, Wayne founded the U.S. Lighthouse Society (a 501(c) (3) organization) to promote the history of that important part of our maritime heritage through the society's magazine, archives, library and with research.

Presently the Society has 4,000 members representing every state of the nation and several foreign countries. The Society publishes a quarterly Bulletin in addition to the 48 page quarterly journal *The Keeper's Log*. Recently the Society completed the restoration of the former Coast Guard lightship LV 605 and donated it to a non profit engaged in developing maritime skills for young men at risk. The Society is presently restoring two lighthouses in Chesapeake Bay. There are three chapters of the Society.

Yearly the Society sponsors numerous domestic and a few foreign lighthouses educational tours. An annual Lighthouse Preservation Fund has been developed to provide funds to worthy lighthouses restoration projects.

In 1986, the society was awarded the U.S. Department of Transportation's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Historic Preservation. The Society has also received a commendation Resolution from the California State Senate and the 2003 Phoenix Award from the American Society of Travel Writers for Outstanding Accomplishment in Conversation and Preservation (given to Wayne). The Foundation for Coast Guard History presented him the Contribution to the Heritage of the Coast Guard Award in 2003.

Wayne is married and lives in Asheville, NC