

Memorandum



Date: May 20, 2026
To: Planning Commission Members
From: Kristen Gundersen, Planning and Community Development Director
Subject: **Construction Board of Appeals Appoints**

Background

The City is working on re-establishing the Construction Board of Appeals to hear appeals associated with the Michigan Building Codes. As part of the application process with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to allow the City the ability to contract for a plumbing and mechanical inspector, the City must demonstrate that the Construction Board of Appeals exists.

The Michigan Building Code provides information regarding the types of people that must be on the Board to qualify. This includes construction contractors, licensed trades members, design professionals to name a few. Terms are established at two-year intervals with ability to be reappointed. Members are not required to live within the corporate limits.

The building official has reached out to several individuals that meet the requirements and four applications have been received. Staff continue to work on finding one voting member and two alternate members for appointments to the Board. The recommended appointments consist of two building contractors, licensed architect and master electrician.

Next Steps

Please consider the following appointments to the Construction Board of Appeals with the following terms:

Ron Hein	2-years ending June 2028
Mike Armstrong	1-year ending June 2027
Dan Carlson	1-year ending June 2027
Kevin Baker	2-years ending June 2028



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Application for Board, Commission, Committee or Council Appointment

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Please return the completed form to the City Clerk's Office or clerk@cityofbuchanan.com

Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: Ron Hein

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

City: Buchanan State: MI Zip Code: 49107

Telephone Number: [REDACTED] Second Phone Number: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Name of Employer: Hein Electric

General Question

Are you a registered voter within the City of Buchanan? Yes: No:

Do you own property within the City of Buchanan? Yes: No:

Do you own a business located within the City of Buchanan? Yes: No:

Please explain why you are interested in being appointed to a board.

I am an electrical contractor based out of Buchanan. I also live in the township of Buchanan.

Please describe your background, ability, skills or special qualifications that would strengthen the board you are interested in.

I am a Master Electrician and work for/own Hein Electric Inc. . I have been in the electrical field since 2000.

Please explain your professional experience and background:

I have worked in the field for over 25 years. Experience in residential, commercial, agriculture, and low voltage types of electrical work.

Please explain any organizations or community groups you have been involved with:

Buchanan Chamber Of Commerce

Lake Effect Networking Group.

Have you attended a meeting, reviewed an agenda packet, visited the city's website, or talked with others to better understand the board you are requesting appointment to?

Yes

Do you have other information or thoughts you would like to share that should be considered when the application is reviewed?

What is your availability: Morning Afternoon Evening
 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

If appointed do you agree to the following:

Attend at least 75% of all applicable meetings?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Attend any joint meetings or training provided by the City?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Abide by the City's Ethics Policy?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Abide by the applicable adopted Bylaws?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>

Signature: _____

Date: 4/6/2026

Appointed Board, Commission, Committee and Council Opportunities

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Please also identify your related experience, and feel free to apply even if you do not have the suggested experience or professional background. The City needs citizens with diverse backgrounds on its boards and commissions, and we appreciate your application!

Board of Review

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking/Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Appraisal/Assessing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate/Development/Law (no agents or brokers) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate/Development/Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> Banking/Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Buchanan Area Recreation Board (B.A.R.B.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry/Landscape Architecture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance or Property Maintenance/Leasing | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness/Recreation/Sports/Coaching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Buchanan Fine Arts Council

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Budgeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Buchanan Tree Friends

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture/Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising/Budgeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing |
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Common Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Budgeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning |
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Compensation Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting and Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sector Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Policy Making | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Construction Board of Appeals

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture/Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building/Construction/Trades | <input type="checkbox"/> Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Downtown Design Review Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture/Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance or Property Maintenance/Leasing | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation/History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

District Library Board

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Policy Making | <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting/Finance/Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning/Grants and Endowments | <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of Libraries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Buchanan Farmers' Market (subcommittee of the Common Committee)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Budgeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail (subcommittee of the B.A.R.B.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling/Walking/Jogging | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Friends of Oakridge Cemetery

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> History |
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Joint Water Sewer Board

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Banking/Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |
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One Buchanan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting/Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |
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Planning Commission

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture or Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Banking/Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning/Land Use/Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Building/Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land or Real Estate Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |
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Zoning Board of Appeals

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture or Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning/Land Use/Zoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building/Construction or Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Land or Real Estate Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |
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Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: Mike Armstrong

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

City: Niles State: MI Zip Code: 49120

Telephone Number: [REDACTED] Second Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Name of Employer: Astrong Construction

General Question

Are you a registered voter within the City of Buchanan? Yes: No:

Do you own property within the City of Buchanan? Yes: No:

Do you own a business located within the City of Buchanan? Yes: No:

Please explain why you are interested in being appointed to a board.

I do alot of local work within the community and surrounding areas.

Please describe your background, ability, skills or special qualifications that would strengthen the board you are interested in.

Licensed GC for 12+ years, project manager for 12+ years

Please explain your professional experience and background:

Licensed GC for 12+ years & project manager for 12+ years

Please explain any organizations or community groups you have been involved with:

Buchanan High School Baseball, BYSBA, Buchanan Floor Hockey

Have you attended a meeting, reviewed an agenda packet, visited the city's website, or talked with others to better understand the board you are requesting appointment to?

Yes

Do you have other information or thoughts you would like to share that should be considered when the application is reviewed?

No

What is your availability: Morning Afternoon Evening
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If appointed do you agree to the following:

Attend at least 75% of all applicable meetings? Yes: No:
Attend any joint meetings or training provided by the City? Yes: No:
Abide by the City's Ethics Policy? Yes: No:
Abide by the applicable adopted Bylaws? Yes: No:

Signature:

Date: 4/2/26

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Board of Review

- Banking/Finance
- Real Estate/Development/Law (no agents or brokers)
- Other _____
- Property Appraisal/Assessing
- _____

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

- Construction
- Environmental Regulations
- Other _____
- Real Estate/Development/Law
- Banking/Finance
- _____

Buchanan Area Recreation Board (B.A.R.B.)

- Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations
- Finance or Property Maintenance/Leasing
- Other _____
- Forestry/Landscape Architecture
- Fitness/Recreation/Sports/Coaching
- _____

Buchanan Fine Arts Council

- Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations
- Performing Arts
- Other _____
- Finance/Budgeting
- Event Planning
- _____

Buchanan Tree Friends

- Horticulture/Landscape Architecture
- Fundraising/Budgeting
- Other _____
- Forestry
- Advertising/Marketing
- _____

Common Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Budgeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Compensation Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting and Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sector Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Policy Making | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |



Construction Board of Appeals

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture/Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building/Construction/Trades | <input type="checkbox"/> Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Downtown Design Review Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture/Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance or Property Maintenance/Leasing | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation/History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

District Library Board

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Policy Making | <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting/Finance/Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning/Grants and Endowments | <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of Libraries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Buchanan Farmers' Market (subcommittee of the Common Committee)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Budgeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail (subcommittee of the B.A.R.B.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling/Walking/Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Friends of Oakridge Cemetery

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Funeral Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> | History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Horticulture/Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other _____ | | |
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Joint Water Sewer Board

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> | Banking/Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Health |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Event Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> | Budgeting/Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other _____ | | |
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Planning Commission

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture or Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Banking/Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning/Land Use/Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> | Building/Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Land or Real Estate Development | <input type="checkbox"/> | Civil Engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other _____ | | |
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Zoning Board of Appeals

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture or Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning/Land Use/Zoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Building/Construction or Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> | Land or Real Estate Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other _____ | | |
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Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: Dan Carlson

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

City: Buchanan State: MI Zip Code: 49107

Telephone Number: [REDACTED] Second Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Name of Employer: Self Employed

General Question

Are you a registered voter within the City of Buchanan? Yes: No:

Do you own property within the City of Buchanan? Yes: No:

Do you own a business located within the City of Buchanan? Yes: No:

Please explain why you are interested in being appointed to a board.

A way to contribute to the community I live and work in.

Please describe your background, ability, skills or special qualifications that would strengthen the board you are interested in.

Extensive background in building and construction trades

Please explain your professional experience and background:

Construction, jobsite management

Please explain any organizations or community groups you have been involved with:

Design Review Board, DDA

Have you attended a meeting, reviewed an agenda packet, visited the city's website, or talked with others to better understand the board you are requesting appointment to?

Yes

Do you have other information or thoughts you would like to share that should be considered when the application is reviewed?

What is your availability: Morning Afternoon Evening
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Abide by the applicable adopted Bylaws? Yes: No:

Signature: _____

Date: 04-01-2026

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate/Development/Law (no agents or brokers) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate/Development/Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> Banking/Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Buchanan Area Recreation Board (B.A.R.B.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry/Landscape Architecture |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Buchanan Fine Arts Council

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Budgeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Buchanan Tree Friends

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture/Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising/Budgeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Common Committee

<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance/Budgeting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Performing Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Event Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____		

Compensation Committee

<input type="checkbox"/>	Budgeting and Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Sector Compensation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy Making		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____		

X **Construction Board of Appeals**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture/Design	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Building/Construction/Trades	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____		

Downtown Design Review Committee

<input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture/Design	<input type="checkbox"/>	Construction/Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance or Property Maintenance/Leasing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic Preservation/History
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____		

District Library Board

<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy Making	<input type="checkbox"/>	Budgeting/Finance/Fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strategic Planning/Grants and Endowments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Knowledge of Libraries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____		

Buchanan Farmers' Market (subcommittee of the Common Committee)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertising/Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Event Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance/Budgeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Entrepreneurial
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____		

Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail (subcommittee of the B.A.R.B.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Bicycling/Walking/Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment
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Planning Commission

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture or Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Banking/Finance |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land or Real Estate Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Engineering |
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Zoning Board of Appeals

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Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: Kevin Barker

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

City: Dowagiac State: MI Zip Code: 49047

Telephone Number: [REDACTED] Second Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Name of Employer: Barker Nestor Inc

General Question

Are you a registered voter within the City of Buchanan? Yes: No:

Do you own property within the City of Buchanan? Yes: No:

Do you own a business located within the City of Buchanan? Yes: No:

Please explain why you are interested in being appointed to a board.
community service for my home town

Please describe your background, ability, skills or special qualifications that would strengthen the board you are interested in.
Licensed Michigan architect of 40 years. Licensed commercial contractor in certain states self employed business owner for 30 years with multiple backgrounds.

3/18/2024

Please explain your professional experience and background:

Licensed architect in 30+ states. Commercial rehab construction company owner with completed projects from CA, to Boston, to Florida to MN over past 30 years

Manufactured aluminum building railing system for 20 years sending products across the country

Please explain any organizations or community groups you have been involved with:

previous member and chair Buchanan Planning Commission

previous member Buchanan Design Review Committee

Have you attended a meeting, reviewed an agenda packet, visited the city's website, or talked with others to better understand the board you are requesting appointment to?
it is my understanding that this is a new board being formed

Do you have other information or thoughts you would like to share that should be considered when the application is reviewed?

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Buchanan Tree Friends

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Common Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Budgeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Compensation Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting and Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sector Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Policy Making | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

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Construction Board of Appeals

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture/Design | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building/Construction/Trades | <input type="checkbox"/> Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Downtown Design Review Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture/Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance or Property Maintenance/Leasing | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation/History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

District Library Board

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Policy Making | <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting/Finance/Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning/Grants and Endowments | <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of Libraries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Buchanan Farmers' Market (subcommittee of the Common Committee)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Budgeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Friends of McCoy's Creek Trail (subcommittee of the B.A.R.B.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling/Walking/Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Friends of Oakridge Cemetery

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture/Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |
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Joint Water Sewer Board

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Banking/Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting/Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |
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Planning Commission

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture or Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Banking/Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning/Land Use/Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Building/Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land or Real Estate Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |
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Zoning Board of Appeals

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture or Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning/Land Use/Zoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building/Construction or Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Land or Real Estate Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |
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