

Planning Commission Application Form

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Status: Open

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Will Rottler

Due Date: Open

If you have any questions about the application or would like a paper copy, please contact City Administration at 763-706-3610.

* First Name Catherine	* Last Name Vesley
Phone	* Email
Address	
How Long Have You Lived in Columbia Heights? 29 years	
Educational Background BA, MA and Doctoral work at U of M	Occupation/Employer
Preference for Remaining Term Length ☐ Concluding on March 31, 2027 ☒ Concluding on March 31, 2028	
Are you fluent in any languages besides English? If so, what are they? I read Italian and German	
Volunteer, Civic, Professional and Community Activities: 20+ years Columbia Heights Library Board - Donor Minneapolis Arts Commission Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission Chair of the Citizens Commission for Hennepin County Garbage Burner	
Professional Designations/Awards/Honors/Previous Government Service: College Teacher for 28 years - Anoka Ramey Community College; Metro State University; Macalester College; Hamline College - Art and Architectural History, Women's Studies and Native American Art and Culture.	
Please describe why you are interested in serving on a board or commission and why you feel you are qualified: Extensive travel - personal interest dating back to reading Jane Jacobs The Death and Life of Great American Cites and teaching architectural history for years.	

What unique qualities, perspectives, and life experiences would you bring to this board/commission and the City?

See above and involvement in the Columbia Heights library building project - including a public office campaign - consistent interest in community service!

Please list three references (do not include the Mayor or Councilmembers):

How did you hear about the position? If someone recommended you to apply, may we contact them? If so, please provide their contact information.

Email about new openings.

Minnesota law requires that you be informed of the purpose and intended use of the information you are providing on this application. Per Minnesota Statute 13.601, subd. 3a, your name, address, occupation, education, training, civic affiliations, qualifications, experience, and veteran status are available to anyone who requests the information.

This information will be used to identify you as an applicant, enable us to contact you when additional information is required, send you notices, and assess your qualifications for appointment. This data is not legally required, but refusal to supply the information requested may affect the City Council’s ability to accurately evaluate your application.

Should you be appointed to a City of Columbia Heights Board or Commission, your residential address and either a phone number or email address where you can be reached will also become public information (per Minnesota Statute 13.601, subd. 3b). The purpose is to list contact information for Board/Commission members on a public roster.

Please select which of the following you will allow listed on a public roster (you must select either email or phone number).

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Phone Number
- ☒ Both

By typing my name, I certify that I have read and understand the Data Privacy Notice and certify that the statements in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

* Type Your Name Here

Catherine Vesley

Date

09/21/2026

Format: MM/DD/YYYY