

# Council Business Meeting

March 17, 2020

<b>Agenda Item</b>	Appointment of Christopher Mahan to the Housing and Human Services Commission	
<b>From</b>	Melissa Huhtala	City Recorder
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## **SUMMARY**

Confirm Mayor's appointment of Christopher Mahan to the Housing and Human Services Commission.

## **POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED**

Ashland Municipal Code (AMC) Chapter 2.19.

## **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

N/A

## **BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

This is confirmation by the City Council of the Mayor's appointment to the Housing and Human Services Commission.

## **FISCAL IMPACTS**

N/A

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

N/A

## **ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS**

I move to approve the appointment of Christopher Mahan to the Housing and Human Services Commission with a term expiring April 30, 2021.

## **REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Application



**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO  
CITY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE**

Please type or print answers to the following questions and submit to the City Recorder at City Hall, 20 E Main Street, or email melissa.huhtala@ashland.or.us. **If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Recorder at (541) 488-5307. Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

Name: Christopher Mahan

Requesting to serve on: Housing & Human Services (Commission/Committee)

Address: 482 Walker Avenue #2, Ashland

Occupation: Academic Advisor for TRiO program at SOU Personal Phone: 541-591-3708

Work Phone: 541-552-7085

Email: chrismahan3@gmail.com

**1. Education Background**

What schools have you attended? Murray State University

What degrees do you hold? BA Psychology/ BA Sociology

What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?

Several federal government trainings that assisted college students with housing and additional services and resources.

I've conducted several research studies that explores social justice issues. Also, in several capacities, I've worked with several low income populations in acquiring housing.

**2. Related Experience**

What prior work experience have you had that would help you if you were appointed to this position?

I've assisted in several non profit organizations in providing low income families housing. In several job related

capacities, I've worked on connecting college students and low income families to local housing options. I've connected to ACCESS to assist students in finding housing.

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why?

Oregon Affordable Housing Assistance Conference would be beneficial to have a broader scope of policies and procedures related to housing in Oregon

Oregon Housing Authority Conference would also be helpful in understanding the processes and eligibility for housing concerns.

**3. Interests**

Why are you applying for this position?

I am applying for this position because I see there is a housing crisis in Ashland and the surrounding communities. Even obtaining housing

for me was an issue when I arrived in Ashland 3 years ago and still is today. I also work with students on a daily basis that report besides money, Housing is an issue here.

**4. Availability**

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings?  
Do you prefer day or evening meetings? *Find out if the meeting times for each commission fits your schedule by either going to our City calendar or Commission/Committee pages at [ashland.or.us](http://ashland.or.us).*

Yes, I'm available to attend 4:30-6:30 meeting time. I'm very flexible in the evenings as I work full time during the day.

**5. Additional Information**

How long have you lived in this community? Close to 3 years

Please use the space below to summarize any additional qualifications you have for this position.

\*Co Founder of a mentoring program that served middle school boys and was active as a mentor for 5 years.

\*Served food to low income families and connected those populations to additional resources such as housing.

\*Organized a couple of fundraising events to raise money for homeless shelters for the area.

\*Served as a TRiO advisor for 3 years serving students of low income, first generation, and those with documented disabilities.

  
Signature

2/28/2019  
Date