

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
VACANT ELECTED POSITION
ASHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER¹**

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 541.552.2084 (p) or 541.613.0194 (c). **Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

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1. What do you think are the biggest issues facing the Parks and Recreation Commission currently?

Answers to this and the following questions are attached.

2. Do you have experience working with local government, paid or volunteer?

If yes, please describe:

3. Do you have past non-governmental volunteer experience?

If yes, please describe:



¹ Article XIX of the City Charter establishes the position of Park Commissioner as an elected position. Article XXII establishes the Recreation Commission and states that the positions of Recreation Commissioner shall be filled by the elected Park Commissioners.

4. What is your educational background?

Please describe:

5. Why are you interested in this position?

2/4/22

Date

Jim Bach

Signature



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**Attachment: Answers to Questions 1-5
Jim Bachman**

1. The most critical issue facing the APRC is creating and executing a long-term financial sustainability plan that supports the missions of the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Divisions. The second issue that I believe needs attention is resolving the long-running Daniel Meyer Pool repair/replacement debate. I am a staunch advocate for community pools in general, and for Ashland in particular. Teaching kids to swim, providing a place for serious swimmers to train, and meeting seniors' needs for water-based exercise and therapy will be best served, in my opinion, by a community pool within Ashland's city limits. Finally, continuing and expanding opportunities to engage the full range of the APRC's stakeholders is extremely important.
2. Both. I am currently serving on the City's Citizens' Budget Committee, taking an active role during the last two budget cycles, as well as serving on subcommittees including the Ad Hoc Cost Review group. I worked as a teacher and site/district administrator for Valley Center-Pauma Unified School District in San Diego County, including working very closely with members of the VCPUSD Board.
3. Yes. I served as a board officer for the Valley Center Kiwanis Club, being heavily involved with fundraising to benefit our community's youth. Similarly, I also served on the Valley Center Youth Soccer League (as well as coaching) and was a member of the Valley Center High School Foundation board. I am currently in my third year volunteering to co-manage the Ashland Creek Park Community Garden.
4. I graduated from Yreka High School in 1971, UCLA in 1976 (BA-Psychology—emphasis on the physiological determinants of behavior), pursued an MBA at SDSU (1978/79), and completed various public education credentialing programs in the early 1990s.
5. Throughout my life I have been a "consumer" of public outdoor spaces, from the baseball fields, basketball courts and community pool within walking/cycling distance of my childhood home, to county, state and national parks, beaches and waterways. I think easy access to these places is essential—and I use this last term in the context of the City's ongoing budget conversation—to the emotional, mental and physical wellbeing for everyone, particularly those with limited financial resources. Before my unsuccessful run for the APRC in 2018, I attended nearly every public APRC meeting for well over two years, gaining invaluable institutional knowledge and a sense of APRC and staff management cultures. Combined with three years on the CBC, my accumulated life experiences, and my commitment to constructive engagement, I will hit the ground running if selected for this position.