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Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Heritage Preservation Commission: Archived

What district do you live in? *

☒ District 2

How did you become aware of the opening? *

☒ City of Duluth Website

Interests & Experiences

What are your qualifications pertaining to the board or commission that you are applying for?

I have a Master's degree in History, including a minor field in Public History, and have worked on a number of public history projects, including a brief stint working at Glensheen. In addition to my day job at UMD, I work as an adjunct instructor teaching online history courses for a tribal college in South Dakota. I also serve on the Board of Directors for the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, based in Moorhead. I have a significant interest in historic preservation paired with a desire to encourage our city's economic vitality. I ran for office in 2022 and learned a lot about some of the laws and issues facing historic preservation in Minnesota through engaging with groups like Rethos, who educate homeowners and others about historic preservation. Until recently relocating to Duluth, my wife and I owned a historic home, built in 1910, and lovingly cared for that house until we had to sell it.

Please comment briefly on why you wish to serve on a particular board or commission. Please be specific as to your goals and ideas about how you wish to contribute to the work of the board or commission.

The work of this board is fascinating to me. I have been a public servant for most of my career and would love the chance to apply my knowledge of history and preservation to serve the public in a new and different way. I took some time to read through some of the most recent HPC meeting minutes available and the issues discussed certainly sound like issues that I could help resolve.

Have you previously served on any boards or commissions? If so, please list.

I have not served on any boards or commissions in the City of Duluth. I do serve on the Board of the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, based in Moorhead, and previously served on the advisory board for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fargo-Moorhead.

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