



MAYOR JERRY DYER

NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR TO BOARD OR COMMISSION

TO: City Council

THROUGH: Todd Stermer, City Clerk

BY: Mayor Jerry Dyer

 X Reappointment

 New Appointment

Name of person replaced: N/A

Name: James Sponsler

Address:

Home Phone:

Appointed to: Historic Preservation Commission

Term: Through 6/30/26

Application Form**Profile****Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Historic Preservation Commission: Submitted

James

First Name

W

Middle Initial

Sponsler

Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

Fresno

City

CA

State

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *☒ District 3

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Briefly explain why are you interested in serving on this board or commission?

As a citizen of Fresno, I feel it is my civic duty to participate in the to the utmost of my ability in the development and preservation of the city. In having a degree in Graphic Design, I bring an element that both understands current and historical elements of design and architecture. This allows for me to understand what potential impacts items brought before this committee may have on the current environment in this city. I have served in civic organizations, associations and clubs programs that have allowed for my knowledge to expand to understand plans and complete achievements goals. In addition, I have taken a hobby in the research and red discovery of lost pieces of Fresno history while researching the history of my Local Historical Property. This research has allowed for me to expand on the original designation to evaluate the original purpose of the listing. I wish to be able to assist in these other properties to better build the community fabric. I feel my knowledge and talents would be well suited and an asset to this commission. As a current commissioner, I have been able to provide information that guide the HPC to make informative decisions on local resources.

Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

Hoover High School - 1999-2003 Fresno City College - 2003-2007 - AA in Liberal Studies Southern New Hampshire University - 2016-2019 - BA in Graphic Design

Briefly explain your qualifications or areas of demonstrated expertise for this board or commission.

Having knowledge of locations and policies as well as analysis expertise to look at the whole picture to make better conscious and careful considerations to fulfill the satisfaction of all parties. I am able to review detailed information to provide for the best outcome in preservation of current and future designs. My knowledge in graphic design allows me to be able to enhance the commission in fitting up historic artwork and details that further enhance a building's character. I have also currently served on this commission since September 2021 and would like to continue to serve in a full-term capacity.

Do you or an immediate family member have any professional or financial relationship that may present a potential conflict of interest for this board, commission or similar body?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Work History

County of Fresno - Department
of Public Health

Employer

Staff Analyst

Job Title

Work Address

City, State, Zip Code

Fresno, CA

Provide 3 Personal and Professional References. Provide name, address, and phone number where they may be reached during the day.

Michaela Bethe - Program Manager, Primary Care, VA Central California Health Care System,
Steve Skibbe - Production Specialist, Fresno County
Superintendent of Schools, Craig Scharton -
Client Advisor, California Manufacturing Technology Consulting, Greenville, SC Michael
Erin Woody - Professional Engineer, Owner - Struct One Engineering & Construction, Inc,

Question applies to multiple boards

I declare under penalty of perjury the above information is true and correct.

☒ Yes ☐ No

James Wade Sponsler

Objective

To further improve skills necessary in to provide professionalism and quality to both employer, resident, and customer.

Work experience

November 2020 – Present County of Fresno Fresno, CA

Staff Analyst, Department of Public Health

- Provide contract support to different divisions in Public Health to provide program support
- Submits, reviews, and award bids for Department of Public Health contracts and quotations.
- Public Records Act keeper of the records for the Department
- Audits programs to ensure compliance with contracts, local, state, and federal guidelines and policies
- Current in many county policies
- Create and maintain databases related to COVID-19 pandemic to provide information in support of county staff and vaccine allocations

June 2019-November 2020 County of Fresno Fresno, CA

Program Technician, Department of Public Health

- Provide support to different divisions in Public Health to assist in training, technical, and electronic support
- Primary capacity is technology support with additional assistance in onboard training of individual staff to respective divisions
- Current in many county policies
- Created and maintained databases related to COVID-19 pandemic to provide information in support of county staff allocations
- Created and maintained Creek Fire information call center and was named an associate PIO during the emergency response

August 2015-June 2019 County of Fresno Fresno, CA

Program Technician, Department of Public Works and Planning

- Research and Program implementation of Solid Waste and Recycling Program Section
- Working education outreach environment and having constant over contact with residents on a variety of topics
- Regular research in county databases for currently and historical information regarding solid waste policy
- Provided research and web design services for Fresno County Parks
- Current in many county policies

August 2014-August 2015 County of Fresno Fresno, CA

Eligibility Worker, Department of Social Services

- Determine eligibility of Fresno County residents to public assistance such as Food Stamps and Medi-Cal
- Working in call center environment and having constant over the phone contact with clients and representatives
- Discuss with clients the best options to determine their case and to optimize public assistance benefits for them
- Current in many county policies

Sept. 2009-Feb. 2014 White House Custom Colour Fresno, CA

Customer Service Representative

- Built occasional layouts and designs to be used internally company wide
- Assisted customers in the ordering, designing and correction of orders
- Worked trade shows and company tours to further customer knowledge of products
- Assisted in the beta testing of in house Customer Relations Manager (CRM) software

September 2005-August 2009 New Image Designs Fresno, CA

Graphic Designer/ Large Format Printer Operator/Sales Rep

- Maintained, operated, and repaired large format printers and plotters
- Specializing in artwork design
- Interacted with customers on orders and artwork to ensure good Customer Service & Satisfaction
- Began Sales January 2008 as an additional duty to my artwork and printer roles

July 2001-August 2007 Sequoia Council, BSA Fresno, CA

Camp Counselor/ Program Area Director/ Head Commissioner

- Originally served under guidance of a director to instruct youth Scouts in merit badges
- Educated and trained youth and adults in various aspects of the Scouting curriculum including rank badges and safety awareness
- Created a program area and served as director. Oversaw the instruction and lesson plans of several employees
- Served as Head Commissioner, a liaison between staff and participants, in June 2005 to August 2007

Education

Jan. 2016 – Feb. 2019 Southern New Hampshire University
Manchester, NH

Bachelors Degree

- Bachelors Degree in Graphic Design
- Included in this degree is design work and classes in historical art styles and architecture

Aug. 2003 – Dec. 2006 Fresno City College Fresno, CA

Associates Degree

- Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts – 74 units completed
- Also have taken courses in Photoshop CS-CS6

Aug. 1999 – May 2003 Hoover High School Fresno, CA

High School Diploma

- Also was able to work on school computers and network. Diagnosed and repaired any errors on these machines or networks
- Also in charge of the newspaper layout and photos all four years

**Summary of
qualifications**

In pursuit of this position, I am informed and review both county and city agendas extensively both historically and current. I have formal training in graphic design with knowledge in architecture. In addition, I am currently restoring a historic home in the city of Fresno which has required extensive research on the home, historical permits pulled, how it was constructed, and the owner of the home.

References

Miguel Arias

Councilmember, District 3, City of Fresno

James Beebe

Trainer, Regional Training Center, Fresno Police Department

Michael Bethel

Program Manager, Primary Care, VA Central California Health Care System

Matthew Hood

Social Services Program Supervisor, Department of Social Services, County of Fresno

David Pomaville

Director, Department of Public Health, County of Fresno

Craig Scharton

Client Adviser, California Manufacturing Technology Consulting

Michael Erin Woody

President, Civil Engineer, Struct One Engineering & Construction

**Extracurricular
activities**

August 1993 – Current Boy Scouts of America Fresno, CA

Eagle Scout June 2000

Wood Badge – Leadership Development Trained February 2014

March 2011 – Current Lowell Neighborhood Association Fresno, CA

September 2018 Project Management Training

October 2019-Current County of Fresno Historic Landmarks & Records
Commission

September 2020-Current District 3 Project Review Committee (Chair
2021)