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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

All information provided in this application is public information pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act.

The Parks and Recreation Commission annually submits a 5-year comprehensive park plan; makes recommendations regarding the management, maintenance, use, and improvement of all parks and public recreational facilities owned or controlled by the City; makes recommendations concerning acquiring real property and concerning donations, legacies, and bequests; and makes recommendations regarding recreational programs and events. The Parks and Recreation Commission is composed of 6 members serving 2-year terms, and 1 high school student and 1 alternate member serving 1-year terms. The alternate member may vote if a regular member is absent.

Candidates are required to be registered voters of the City and to have resided within the corporate limits for at least twelve months preceding the appointment and must not be employed by or hold any other position in the City's government. The student member is not required to be a registered voter. All appointments are made by and at the discretion of the City Council. Because vacancies may arise before the next regular appointment period, all applications are kept on file until the next application period.

Name: Sarah Young Telephone:

Residential Address: 1000 Purple Martin Drive, Pflugerville, TX 78660

E-mail Address: Alternate Telephone:

Resident of the City of Pflugerville for 7 years.

Are you are a registered voter of the City of Pflugerville? Yes No Voter Registration No.

Have you attended a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission? Yes No

Does any potential conflict of interest exist which may interfere or inhibit you to carry out the duties of a Parks and Recreation Commissioner? Yes No (If Yes, please explain.)

How often do you use parks facilities in Pflugerville?

During the summer I swim at the Pflugerville pools regularly, and during the school schedule I host service projects once every two weeks at Pflugerville park, and Gilliland Park. During the spring I used the Windemere clubhouse, and I enjoy walking and hiking on the trails.

Which facilities do you use?

Gilliland Pool, Gilliland Park, Scott Metzger Pool, The Green Red Barn, The Heritage House, Windermere Pool, Windermere Clubhouse, Pflugerville Park, the bike and hike trails, Lake Pflugerville, the Rec Center

Please list the programs offered by the Parks Department.

Senior programs, Bohls house-heritage programs, drop by drop, rec center teams and classes, hike and bike trail, lake Pflugerville, community garden, pools - aquatic programs and teams.

Youth sports – soccer, etc – parks, deuchenfest, summer camp, Nature Pfest, Concerts in the Park

What areas or programs would you like to see improved or expanded?

Trails and Tree care, is a section that needs to be improved, but not only by the maitnace staff but by volunteers. We need to have volunteers more involved in the beautification of the parks and trails. I would like to see more teens and youth programs offered at the rec center, that isn't just sports. Outdoor/nature workshops and classes, a "club" offered to teens/youth instrested in learning about the environment. I would also like to see moved forward, a Pflugerville Outdoor Nature Center, currently were the Bielie House is, a place that could easily be transformed into a lakeside spot that schools, families and groups could visit for more outdoor education and pfun.

What are the biggest challenges that you see facing Parks and Recreation in Pflugerville in the next 5 years?

Keeping up with population growth in Pflugerville, working with existing homeowner association parks, pools, etc., facility improvement on current budget, program expansion without additional staff, offering programs in collaboration with school district at a size that is appropriate to our population.

Please provide any additional information you feel would be useful to the City Council in considering your application. Please use additional sheets as necessary. A cover letter and/or resume may also be submitted with the application.

Attached is my resume: I have been volunteering with Parks and Rec to plant trees, remove ligustrum and lead naturepfest during the last 4.5 years, I look forward to bringing more youth opportunities to Pflugerville. As a high school junior at age 15 I feel I have the opportunity to participate on the commission for a couple more years and bring an active youth voice to the commission.

By signing this application, I hereby affirm that I am aware of the requirements for the position and certify that I meet those requirements.

Applicant Signature: *Sarah Young* Date: 5/30/12

Sarah Young
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Education

2010 –Present Discover Academy Pflugerville, Texas June 2014

Honors & Awards

- Girl Scout Gold Award – 2013
- International Women’s Day Finals – 2013
- Texas Recreation and Parks Conservation Award-State – 2013
- Texas Recreation and Parks Conservation Award-Regional – 2012
- Planet Connect Winner – One of 29 across the country – 2012
- Presidential Service Award – Gold – 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
- Girl Scout Silver Award - 2012
- 4H Silver Star – 2012
- 4H All Star Award – 2011, 2012
- Travis County Youth Show – Reserve Grand Champion – Photography 2010, 2012

Experience

Youth Director, Discover Green Pflugerville, TX 2011 - present

- Facilitated 27 projects in Pflugerville, partnering with 15 organizations and 748 volunteers
- Wrote and received grants for ecological restoration along Gilleland Creek
- Instituted trail tamers program – cleared ¼ mile of creek
- Facilitated the Texas Trash off in Pflugerville parks and trails
- Designed website, promotional materials and press releases for various events and issues
- Worked with city officials, city staff and youth to bring back the Neighborwoods program (planning on doing it again next year)
- Helped facilitate the M.Y Little Tool Shack, gave out over 4,000 tools in 2012 for environmental service projects in Central Texas
- Started in 2012 Its My Park-Day Pflugerville, National Family Volunteer day
- Initiated Tree Maintenance Plan

Water Quality Monitor, Lower Colorado River Authority Austin, TX 2011-present

Clubs/Organizations/Interests/Volunteer Work

Awarded five grants for Environmental Service Projects – 2011, 2012, 2013
Secretary, Discover 4-H – 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

Skills

- American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer 4/2012
- American Red Cross First Aid 4/2012
- American Red Cross Babysitting 10/2009
- Proficient in MS Office, comfortable with learning new software and new computer equipment
- Comfortable with public speaking