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From: Discover Green
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To: City Secretary
Subject: Parks and Recreation Commission - High School Student
Attachments: Sarah Young - parks and Rec Commission.doc

Dear Mayor Coleman and City Council,

As the Youth Director for Discover Green I feel that I am in a unique position to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission. And you are in a position to do the best for the city by putting me in the position. Why? Because, I have two years left in highschool and a proven interest in the community. I am not looking at this as a way to "pad" my resume before college applications.

Just in 2012, Discover Green has held 22 event in Pflugerville, with a total of 528 volunteers with 425 youth volunteers

796 trees planted

143 bags of trash (estimated 20 pounds/bag)

715 youth as part of educational outreach

1 play house painted

75 trees mulched

1467 volunteer service hours - when we calculate hours based on other environmental service organizations -- 1435 would be at \$15.00/hour and 32 at \$20/hour.

Discover Green provided volunteer "labor" and project management with a value of \$22,165 from October to May (no projects before October)

Since the dissolving of the city Arborist position and the minimal use of the Tree Care advisory board - the trees that the city invested in during the last 4 years -- need their own Lorax. That is me! We need someone to speak for the trees, we need someone who will make sure that the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on trees in the last 4 years is not wasted because of it not being a "priority" to elected and appointed officials.

It's time to make the RIGHT choice for Parks and Rec commission -- not just the way it has always been.

Sarah Young

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. (The Lorax, Dr. Seuss)



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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 6 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

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

I would like to see the arborist position reinstated and more tree maintenance, trail programs and a way for volunteers to be involved in the park system. I would also like to see more teen and youth programs offered at the pools and the rec center.

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

Lack of tree care that has increased since the dissolving of the Arborist position.

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 ligustrium and lead naturepfest during the last 3.5 years. I look forward to bringing more youth opportunities to Pflugerville. As a high school sophomore I feel I have the opportunity to participate on the commission more than one year and bring an active youth voice to the commission for more than one year.

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

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Education

2010 –Present Discover Academy Pflugerville, Texas June 2014

Honors & Awards

Planet Connect Winner – One of 29 across the country - 2012
Presidential Service Award – Gold – 2010, 2011, 2012
Girl Scout Silver Award - 2012
4H Silver Star – 2012
4H All Star Award – 2011, 2012
Travis County Youth Show – Reserve Grand Champion – Photography 2012, 2010

Experience

Youth Director, Discover Green Pflugerville, TX 2011 - present

- Facilitated 21 projects in Pflugerville, partnering with 9 organizations and 528 volunteers
- Wrote and received grants for ecological restoration along Gilleland Creek
- Instituted trail tamers program – cleared ¼ mile of creek
- Designed website, promotional materials and press releases for various events and issues
- Working with city officials, city staff and youth to bring back the Neighborwoods program for last year

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

Clubs/Organizations/Interests/Volunteer Work

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

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