

City of Piedmont
ELECTRONIC APPLICATION FOR APPOINTIVE VACANCY
City Clerk's Office – 510-420-3040

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Recreation Commission

Name Brooke Wall

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Education Furman University, Jacksonville University

Occupation Mom. Worked at Genentech for 10+ years in sales and marketing, focusing on Lung Cancer portfolio

Experience Related to this Appointment

Lifelong athlete- I grew up playing basketball, tennis, and volleyball in recreation leagues in city venues in the town I grew up in- which lead to a career in college sports. I've been an end user of city investments for so many years, I'd look forward to the opportunity to help give back.

A parent- As a parent to two young children, the parks and open spaces have meant the world to us during COVID. Additionally, we have loved the preschool programs through the Recreation department.

Volunteer Experience- PNNC Board Member, The Cancer League Member, Holly Ball Vice Chair 2021, Junior League SF member (2013-2019), PAWS Chicago Board Member (2007-2011) Volleyball Coach 2002-2004

Why are you seeking this appointment?

To serve the community in a broader manner. To give the perspective of a family with small children who intend to have a long term commitment to the city of Piedmont. To help maximize community satisfaction in and utilization of parks, tennis courts, fields, etc.

What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?

Extensive volunteer experience, Strong collaboration and communication skills, Perspective of mother and athlete.

Have you attended a meeting of this commission/committee? Yes

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Name Rebecca Posamentier

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Education BA from UCLA in World Arts and Cultures, Honors Concentration: Theater for Community, Conflict and Dialogue

Occupation CEO, California Children's Theatre International

Experience Related to this Appointment

I have dedicated my professional life to running youth enrichment programs. I've worked in arts and recreational camp programming for the past 20 years, including roles as the Camp and Family Programs Manager at the JCCSF and Founding Education Director of Bay Area Children's Theatre (BACT) where I created programming for over 3,000 students annually in after school and camp programs throughout the Bay Area. I expanded the programming at BACT from 2 classes in Piedmont to over 30 classes per week in 6 different cities, and had very close working partnerships with the large recreation departments of Pleasanton and San Ramon, with contracts totalling over \$150K year year. I'm very familiar with how recreation departments need to share limited spaces both indoors and outdoors, and must program broadly to meet the needs of the entire community of youth, adults and seniors alike. I am also very familiar with various ways Rec departments usually hire contractors and understand the legal implications of municipal work down to the details such as fingerprinting, insurance, and mandated reporting. I have children who participate in Piedmont sports including PBSF and PSC (rec) and value and appreciate the outdoor space in Piedmont. Most importantly, I believe that the recreation department is at the heart of a community. I am also co-chair of the Piedmont Arts Fund (formerly PAINTS and CHIME) and work to bring the community together through the arts and recreation, including the Community Art Quilt program which includes a virtual quilting bee in partnership with the Piedmont Rec Department.

Why are you seeking this appointment?

My experience working closely with Recreation Departments in San Ramon and Pleasanton has given me clear insight into the true juggling act that is running a department such as this. Piedmont is significantly smaller, and with limited space, capacity, and resources. I seek this appointment because I bring benchmarking experience from larger communities and understand the complicated decisions that need to be made in this committee. I also firmly believe that "recreation" needs to include a variety of activities that will serve the entire spectrum of the community and that the Recreation Commission needs a voice for the arts in addition to the focus on sports.

What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?

I have a strong background in the arts and would seek to strengthen arts offerings through the Recreation Department. I also have been sharing theater venue space for many years, in many different communities, and have a knack for complicated (color coded, overlapping!) calendars and outside-the-box thinking when it comes to allocating space. I also have served on the Facilities Oversight Committee for PUSD for the past two years and have a very solid understanding of space issues and facility costs and maintenance in town and the recent costs of renovation and construction.

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Name Mike McConathy

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Education Economics (B.S.) - Penn State/1990 ; Law (J.D.) - Golden Gate University / 1997

Occupation Attorney

Experience Related to this Appointment

Piedmont Baseball/Softball Foundation (PBSF) - Board Member (2015-2019); PBSF coach (Pinto, Mustang, Bronco levels - 7 seasons); Piedmont Rec basketball coach (2 seasons); Piedmont resident since 2012

Why are you seeking this appointment?

My 2 boys have utilized Schoolmates, Piedmont Rec, Kennelly Skate Park, every Piedmont field, the pool, and local sports programs over the last 9 years. With both now at Piedmont HS (Evan-2022; Ryan-2023), I felt it was time to use my personal and family experience to give back to our community recreational & sporting programs.

What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?

Through local sports teams and rec programs, I've learned Piedmont's facilities and worked with many program heads and coaches. As PBSF board member, I coordinated with city staff each year for field access, maintenance, budgeting and repair costs (working with Sara Lillevand when she was still Rec Commissioner). I've attended and spoken live at Piedmont committee / City Council meetings. I've been using remote access programs for court hearings over the last year, so I'm familiar with that process and using exhibits. Piedmont's after-school programs and sports activities have positively impacted my kids, and I want to use my experiences here to advance similar opportunities for others.

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Name Lisa Gardner

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Education B.A. Political Science, CSUEB, 2019.

Occupation Self-Employed-VP Marketing, Jim Gardner Construction.

Experience Related to this Appointment

For over 20 years, my living and working in Piedmont has included volunteer and fundraising work assisting organizations in my community. I've served on Piedmont Appreciating Diversity Committee, CHIME, 3 years of Spring Fling (2 as Chair or co-chair), and VP and President of Wildwood Parents' Club. I've also been a Girl Scout leader for both of my daughter's troops. Outside of Piedmont, I've volunteered or fundraised extensively for other non-profits, such as the Rotary Club of Oakland, my church, and in political organizations, such as Sister District and currently a national campaign training organization.

I'm not afraid to try new things. In 2017, as my daughters were growing up, and inspired by how our community values education, I decided to return to college and earn my B.A. in Political Science. As a result, I've discovered a passion for civic engagement and this includes investing in our community in numerous ways.

I can work with others to achieve specific goals. Through our construction company, we have remodeled several entire homes here, and outside of Piedmont. Seeing projects from start (what are usually homes in major disrepair) to finish (a beautiful, nearly new abode), often working with numerous vendors and subcontractors, has taught me how to work on a team, in time and budget driven situations.

Why are you seeking this appointment?

I am not only a volunteer or citizen, but I consider myself an investor in Piedmont. I want future generations, mine included, to enjoy the benefits of our city. We not only work in Piedmont upgrading homes, or give our time and money here, but I want to be a part of shaping and maintaining some of the best parts of Piedmont. This includes the Recreation Department and its robust program for all ages.

As a parent, I realized that I could not give my daughters everything they need and both of my daughters discovered passions through PRD that I am forever grateful for. Both daughters were so lucky to take Nancy Schneidinger's Mommy and Me music classes, ballet and countless arts and crafts, schoolmates, and attend annually held events. My older daughter, Kyra, learned how to play tennis, basketball, softball. In high school, and in club sports, she excelled in softball, earning accolades, awards, confidence and outstanding sportsmanship which began here. My younger daughter, Ginger, is more of an artist, but she did take her share of sports classes before settling on club gymnastics. Again, she started here in Piedmont and I credit those early classes with her current success.

What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?

I excel in learning new things and being a part of positive change, and this has not gone unnoticed. I am currently completing an intense campaign training, which I was one of 50, from over 2000 applicants. I earned a spot in the fundraising cohort and am currently on track to toward a new career. This new pivot has come after working for over 30 years as a Massage Therapist.

My recent college career, shows that I am no stranger to doing my homework, attending meetings prepared, and synthesizing information. As an example of this, I am recording secretary and high school liaison for Piedmont ALPS and am undertaking the task of dissolving their non-profit status. I am learning that this is no small undertaking, however I'm rising to the challenge and doing all I can to assist ALPS in this endeavor.

I have a unique view and can speak to the importance of maintaining our Recreation Department. As a former Massage Therapist, I experienced (literally hands on) how important physical activity is. When you don't use your body to its full potential, you lose it. Also, next to learning how to meet people where they were on an intensely personal level, my being in a service industry taught me the importance of customer service, listening to what people

want or need, practicing patience with the rare difficult client, and shifting gears, if one technique doesn't work to achieve a successful outcome.

Finally, for my work with my husband, in our construction company, I have worked on time and budget constrained projects. Also, as VP of marketing, I've taken on the roll as the voice of public relations, conveying various message to multiple types of people. You can find our articles, addressing current home renovations concerns, monthly in the Piedmont Post. I look forward to bringing these aspects to the work on the Recreation Commission.

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Name Caroline Davis

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Education Bachelor of Arts (cum laude); Master of Public Policy

Occupation Self-employed/management consultant

Experience Related to this Appointment

I grew up in Piedmont and moved back to the city with my family in 2014. As a parent, I have come to truly appreciate the breadth of PRD's scope and the important role PRD plays in making Piedmont a special place to live and raise a family. I was also involved in the "reinvention" of the Schoolmates program several years ago, which gave me insight into PRD's organizational culture and willingness to be nimble but practical in designing a more sustainable Schoolmates program.

Why are you seeking this appointment?

I have been fortunate to know firsthand -- as a Piedmont kid and now a parent -- how important PRD is to all residents. I would welcome the opportunity to pay this back by serving on the Recreation Commission to help shape PRD's work.

What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?

I have had a long career in public service and with public programs. I understand and deeply value transparency in the public sector and the importance of maintaining the public's trust. I have extensive experience facilitating meetings and engaging with others in constructive dialog to determine priorities, advance new initiatives and address challenges. I would also bring my perspective as the mother of an elementary school child and active user of PRD's programming.

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Name Derek Cheung

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Education August 2018-June 2020: San Francisco State University, Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies; Summa Cum Laude; Undergraduate Honoree August 2015-June 2018: Diablo Valley College, Associate of Arts in Communication Studies; Academic Excellence Scholarship Recipient

Occupation Recruitment Specialist

Experience Related to this Appointment

While attending Piedmont Middle School and Piedmont High School, I completed the Piedmont Recreation Department's Counselor-in-Training program. After graduating high school, I spent three years as a Recreational Leader with the Piedmont Recreation Department and at the Havens Schoolmates site.

Why are you seeking this appointment?

During this challenging year, the Piedmont Recreation Department leadership and staff have exceeded expectations by delivering quality service, programming, and outdoor spaces to the City of Piedmont. In this era of COVID-19, I plan to work with the Recreation Department to help people of all ages remain healthy and sane by getting outdoors to enjoy our parks, fields, and programming safely. As a Recreation Commissioner, I would continue to advance the superb work that has been accomplished by the Commission. As a former Piedmont Recreation Department employee who was a participant in programs such as Schoolmates and camps, I would bring a unique perspective and be able to suggest new ways to strengthen programming efforts through firsthand experience.

What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?

Collaboration, Commitment, Communication, Community Engagement, Creativity & Passion, Leadership (an Eagle Scout), Overseeing PRD Camps and Programs

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Park Commission
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Name Jenny Feinberg

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Education BA @ UCLA MBA @ Northwestern

Occupation marketing

Experience Related to this Appointment

I served for 5 years on the board of Earth Corps which worked closely with Puget Sound area municipal park services to restore natural plants within urban recreational parks. These efforts were managed by youth leaders in conjunction with the AmeriCorps program.

Why are you seeking this appointment?

The recreation department and Piedmont parks have had a tremendous positive impact on our family through out the pandemic. As a third generation Piedmont family, I would like to support these wonderful institutions as they continue to serve all members of our broader community.

What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?

I have experience serving in finance, marketing, fundraising and governance capacities for non-profit organizations.

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