

# Friends of City Park is now accepting nominations for its Board of Directors!

Board members serve for two-year terms beginning in January 2021. Any interested individual may nominate or self-nominate a candidate for **Friends of City Park Board of Directors**.

**Mission:** Friends of City Park is a regional, non-profit organization whose mission is to maintain and increase the value and importance of City Park as a place of natural beauty, culture, recreation and education for the public. All monies raised by Friends of City Park will be used for the capital needs of City Park at the discretion of the FOCP Executive Board.

**Diversity Statement:** Friends of City Park fosters acceptance and support of its board members, its employees, and its membership by recognizing the talents and commitments of individuals, encouraging participation by all regardless of gender, race, ethnic origin, religion, disabilities, age, or sexual orientation. We strive for our board and our workplace to be reflective of the population of the citizens we serve. We stand to eliminate any prejudices in the workplace, on our board and in our daily operations.

**Nominations:** Friends of City Park is currently looking for new board members. Specific areas of need – finance/CPA, legal, marketing/PR, education, volunteerism, and diversification. If you would like to nominate someone, please submit their names here for further consideration.

## **Nominees should reflect the below criteria:**

- Proven leadership ability
- Previous experience serving on boards (either for-profit or nonprofit)
- Diversity, including but not limited to gender, ethnicity, race, age, disabilities and geography
- Knowledge and experience regarding nonprofit and volunteer organizations
- Specific skills such as fund development, grant writing, real estate, finance, audit, legal, information technology, diversity awareness, governmental affairs, public relations, marketing, leadership development.

## **Commitment to Friends of City Park:**

As a FOCP volunteer board member, engagement is the cornerstone of effective Governance as Leadership. FOCP's engaged board member agrees to:

- Learn about FOCP and City Park. Keep up-to-date on FOCP programs, finances, and management.
- Attend Board Meetings and attend committee meetings when called, and participating in all such meetings, using fair, independent judgment and due care in conducting the business of FOCP.
- Avoid all direct or indirect political campaign intervention (such as supporting or opposing candidates for public office) in the name of FOCP.
- All FOCP Board Members are required to be members of FOCP. Also, an annual financial contribution according to his or her means with no minimum or maximum amount is suggested. This allows each board member to exemplify support for the financial well-being of FOCP, as he or she seeks support from the wider community. Board members are expected to employ personal or community connections, when appropriate, in fund development, encouraging volunteer service and cultivating donor participation in FOCP.
- Identify and recruit other potential board members.
- Avoid all conflicts of interest with FOCP as a member of the Board of Directors.
- Keep all FOCP matters confidential as appropriate.
- Notify the board chair and make arrangements to transfer any outstanding responsibilities to another board member in the event continued fulfillment of duties and responsibilities as a FOCP board member is not possible.



## 2021 - 2023 Board of Directors Application

This application must be received before midnight CST on Saturday, October 31, 2020.

Applications must be submitted via Word Doc or PDF to [sbell@friendsofcitypark.com](mailto:sbell@friendsofcitypark.com), along with a resume and letter of intent. Please use Board Nomination as the subject line.

No exceptions will be made for late applications. With any questions about the nominations process or to submit an application, email [friends@friendsofcitypark.com](mailto:friends@friendsofcitypark.com). No phone calls.

Friends of City Park Board Nomination Committee will consider nominations as they are submitted and, if approved, will reach out via email.

<b>Name:</b>				
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First	Middle	Last	Preferred Name	
<b>Residence:</b>				
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Address	City	State	Zip	
<b>Contact Information:</b>				
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Email	Phone			
<b>Employer:</b>				
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Name	Type of business or organization			
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Title	Address	City	State	Zip
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<b>Please list all boards and committees that you serve on or have served on. Please also list your education, training, certificates, and any awards or honors you have received.</b>				
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Role/Title</b>	<b>Dates of Service</b>		
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**Education/Training/Certificates**

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**Please list all skills, experience, and interests that you believe you possess that will be beneficial to Friends of City Park (Please check all that apply.)**

- Finance, accounting
- Personnel, human resources
- Administration, management
- Nonprofit experience
- Community service
- Policy development
- Program evaluation
- Public relations, communications
- Education
- Special events
- Fundraising, development
- Outreach, advocacy
- Real estate
- Licensed Attorney
- Volunteerism
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your interest in serving on Friends of City Park's Board of Directors!**

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