

July 21st, 2017
The Honorable Andrew J. Ginther
Mayor, City of Columbus
City Hall, 2nd Floor
90 W. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

MKSK

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Columbus, OH 43215
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RE: German Village Commission Vacancy

Dear Mayor Ginther:

I write to submit my name for your consideration to fill a vacancy on the German Village Commission. I also enclose my resume. I have lived in Columbus since 1974 when I arrived to attend The Ohio State University. In 2005 I moved to 584 S. 6th street in German Village. As a Landscape Architect and Urban Designer, I appreciate all aspects of German Village and have high regard for the community and its historic heritage. I have a great desire to provide service to my community through the German Village Commission. Through my practice as a Landscape Architect and Urban Designer I am well familiar with the Commission review process and have also served past terms on the Columbus Development Commission. I believe my experience and background can be an asset to the Commission and the City. I have spoken with James A. Panzer, Chair and Mark Ours, Vice Chair of the commission who encouraged me to submit my name.

Please let me know if you or your staff would like to meet to discuss my request further, or if I can provide additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Karen J. McCoy

cc. Zach Klein, Council President

James A. Panzer, German Village Commission Chair

KAREN MCCOY, PLA, ASLA

Principal, Landscape Architect



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Karen McCoy, Design Principal for MKSK, has provided leadership for over 25 years on many high-profile landscape architecture projects for the firm. Karen excels in crafting high-quality, detailed design approaches. Her body of work on specialty gardens and arboreturns has been recognized with numerous accolades and awards. She also has a particular interest and expertise in Urban Design, Healthcare and Academic Campus Planning. Her skills are highlighted in local Columbus Projects such as the Arena District, North Bank Park, The Brides Garden and Community Garden Campus at Franklin Park Conservatory, The Memorial Garden at Muirfield Golf Club, The Scioto Mile, The Columbus Museum of Art, The Columbus Metropolitan Main Library.

COMMUNITY

Active in the Columbus Community, Ms. McCoy has an interest in Historic Preservation and adaptive reuse, she has served multiple terms on the Columbus Landmarks Foundation Board, and is a standing member of the James B. Recchie Design Awards Committee. Ms. McCoy is also a past member of the Columbus Foundation for Architecture and Design Board as well as the Columbus Development Commission. Committed to the Arts, Ms. McCoy served for over a decade as a panel member for the Ohio Arts Council, for grants and individual artist fellowships. In addition, she has served as jury member for the selection of artists for various public art projects in Ohio. Ms. McCoy was selected as a member of Ohio's Percent for Art Program Core Advisory Selection committee, and has collaborated numerous times with Artists in Design Competitions both locally and nationally.

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University,
Bachelor of Science Landscape Architecture, 1979

REGISTRATION

Registered Landscape Architect, State of Ohio

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Landscape Architects
American Public Gardens Association

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The Center for Architecture and Design, 2013-present
Columbus Landmarks Foundation Board, 2005-'13
Ohio's Percent for Art Program Core Advisory Committee, 2005-'13
Columbus Development Commission, Past Member
Panelist for Ohio Arts Council, Past Member
Juror for Art in Public Places Artists Selection for Various Projects