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Mr. Randy Black  
Historic Preservation Officer  
City of Columbus Planning Division  
109 N. Front Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Randy,

It has come to my attention that there is an open seat available on the Victorian Village Commission. I am writing to express my interest to serve our community by way of this position. As a Victorian Village resident, I care deeply about our neighborhood's quality of built environment at many scales. As my educational and professional background indicates, I can offer a unique and informed perspective to the increasingly complex issues that come before the commission. My focus on Urban Design as a discipline is something that could be very useful to bigger picture issues the community will have to resolve in the coming years. In addition, as my references can attest, I am collaborative, solution-oriented, organized and reliable. I would greatly appreciate your consideration of me for this important position.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Walker

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## Education

Columbia University [2005-2006]

Master of Science of Architecture and Urban Design

Ball State University [1997-2002]

Bachelor of Architecture - graduated cum laude

Bachelor of Science of Environmental Design

## Work History

AIA Camp Architecture - Columbus, Ohio [March 2011 - June 2011]

Camp Director for a day camp sponsored by the Columbus Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Worked with a committee to plan and implement a week long program focused on introducing children ages 9-14 to the world of architecture and design.

Ohio State University - Columbus, Ohio [June 2011 - August 2011]

Research Assistant for The Knowlton School of Architecture working on initiatives for a HUD Community Challenge Planning Grant.

The two-year planning initiative will propose a zoning overlay for urban agriculture in the historic Columbus neighborhood of Weinland Park and coordinate efforts to improve neighborhood employment opportunities and nutrition while supporting land remediation, housing redevelopment, school improvement, and increased mobility.

Ohio State University - Columbus, Ohio [September 2009 - Present]

Adjunct professor of architecture in the second year studio sequence. Help students realize their projects through the use of desk crits, small group pin-ups and formal reviews. Also prepared formal lectures to be presented to the second year studio class.

360 Architecture - Columbus, Ohio [August 2006 - May 2009]

Worked as project associate on a variety of project types. Responsibilities included coordinating and assisting in the delivery of design and construction documents.

Research Assistant - Columbia University New York City [September 2005-May 2006]

Worked as the research assistant for the director of the Urban Design program at Columbia University. Research included historic photos and information about the Gowanus Canal in Brooklyn. Developed pollution mappings for use in a publication about the Gowanus Canal. (Eco-Gowanus: Urban Remediation by Design)

Design Group - Columbus, Ohio [August 2003-May 2005]

Worked on a team of senior designers and project architects within the urban + civic and healthcare practice groups, assisted with all phases of the design process from planning to schematic design and preparation of construction documents.

AmeriCorps \*National Civilian Community Corps - Charleston, South Carolina [September 2002-July 2003]

Selected to serve in a 10 month national service program, completed various community service projects throughout the southeast United States with a diverse team of young adults.

NBBJ - Columbus, Ohio [January 2001- August 2001]

Worked as an Intern on a design team through the programming and schematic design of a juvenile intervention and detention center in Dayton Ohio. Winner of an AIA Dayton award in 2008

## Academic Achievements and Awards

William Kinne Fellows Prize for Study and Travel Abroad [2006]

Travel proposal was chosen to be funded by Columbia University. Completed three week trip to Brazil in May of 2007 to study ecovillages and the sustainability movement within Brazil. Attended the International Permaculture Conference as a part of the trip, which is a biannual conference on the state of international sustainability.

Honor Award for Excellence in Design [2006]

Recipient of a school wide design award in recognition of high quality work in the studio design sequence at Columbia University

Graphics Editor [2001-2002]

Served as an editor for the "glue" journal, Ball State University Department of Architecture student design journal

Ball State University Dean's List [1997-2002]

## Professional Development

LEED AP [April 2008]

Took the LEED 2.2 test and became a LEED Accredited Professional

Member of the American Institute of Architects [2003-2005]

Member of AIA Columbus Ohio Chapter. Attended monthly meetings, lectures as well as continuing education seminars and events

Institute for Classical Architecture [Summer 1999]

Attended 6 week summer architecture program in New York City that focused on classical architecture

## Community Outreach

Design Reviewer / Critic

Served as guest critic/reviewer of student work

Ball State University [Winter 2005, Fall 2008]

Ohio State University [ongoing]

Pecha Kucha Presentation [May 2010]

Presented at the local chapter of Pecha Kucha on the topic of UNESCO Cities of Design

Girl Scout Troop Leader [2009-Present]

Currently volunteering as a Girl Scout troop leader for a brownie troop in the Clintonville area

High School Design Seminar, sponsored by AIA [February 2004]

Worked alongside other architects to organize and implement a three weekend design program to introduce high school students in the Columbus area to the profession of architecture

CANstruction, sponsored by AIA [February 2004]

Participated in the design and building of a structure made entirely out of non-perishable food items to support a local food bank

Urban Design Charrette, sponsored by AIA [April 2004]

Participated in 6-hour design charrette on the issue of downtown artist work/live housing

Adopt-a-School Program [2003-2005]

Participated with other DesignGroup employees in pen pal program with a local inner city elementary school. Composed monthly letters to an elementary aged child to introduce them to the profession of architecture and design.

IDP Panel Discussion, sponsored by AIA [May 2004, October 2004]

Participated on an eight member panel for an IDP, Internship Development Program, discussion at the Ohio State University Knowlton School of Architecture

Architects Sunday Open House, sponsored by AIA [November 2003 and 2004]

## International Travel Experience

Brazil, Canada, China, England, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Russia, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey

## Computer Skills

Adobe Illustrator      Microsoft Office Suite

Adobe Photoshop      Google Sketchup

Adobe InDesign      AutoCAD

## References

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