



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No: 30196

RESOLUTION

R - 2021

Introduced by the Administration on May 5, 2021

Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

City Council does hereby give advice and consent to the following appointment to the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB).

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (HARB)

AJ Jordan - Old Allentown Historic District

1144 W. Turner Street

Allentown, PA 18102

Term Expiration: 05/05/2024

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Ce-Ce Gerlach	X	
Daryl Hendricks	X	
Cynthia Mota	X	
Joshua Siegel	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Julio A. Guridy, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 30196 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 5th day of May, 2021, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.



City Clerk

(This form is fillable with any smart device.)

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

DATE 4/6/2021

AUTHORITY, BOARD OR COMMISSION YOU ARE REQUESTING APPOINTMENT TO: Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)

NAME: AJ Jordan

ADDRESS: 1144 W Turner St., Allentown, PA 18102

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 1060 Lehigh St., Allentown, PA 18103

TELEPHONE NO. (RESIDENCE) 513-704-1917 **BUSINESS** 888-253-8333

EMAIL: AJRidesTransit@gmail.com

PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY: Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA)

JOB TITLE: Manager of Planning and Scheduling

EMPLOYMENT (Prior): Michael Baker International, Harrisburg, PA

EDUCATION:
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE: YES NO
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY GRADUATE YES YES NO
DEGREE/FIELD OF STUDY _____

BS in Architecture, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Graduated 2011

Master in Community Planning, University of Cincinnati. Graduated 2015

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS AND OFFICES: _____

PAST ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICES HELD: _____

Harrisburg Keystone Rotary Club. 2017-2019

Harrisburg Architectural Review Board (HARB). 2016-2020

Certified Tourism Ambassador for City of Cincinnati. 2012-2016

DO YOU LIVE IN THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN: YES NO

DO YOU HAVE A SIGNIFICANT "BUSINESS" OR "PROPERTY" INTEREST IN ALLENTOWN? PLEASE EXPLAIN:

I manage Planning for LANTA and would need to recuse myself from any transit related projects in the City. I also own one property in the Old Allentown Historic District.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER: YES NO

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS APPOINTMENT? BE SURE TO INCLUDE WHAT VALUE YOU WILL BRING TO THE BOARD:

I have always cared about architecture and the urban environment. One of the reasons I shifted from Architecture to Urban Planning in my schooling path is because I found myself caring just as much about how each building I designed affected it's surroundings as the building itself. My professors all told me I'm an urban planner at heart. I care about the material details as well as the scale and massing of projects in historic districts. The historic districts of Allentown are the urban environments with architectural details that I've always dreamed of. It would be an honor to serve the City and work with property owners to find ways to maintain and improve these districts as well as help those around us see their beauty.

DO YOU ANTICIPATE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY SERVING AS A MEMBER OF AN AUTHORITY, BOARD OR COMMISSION: YES NO

IF YES,

EXPLAIN: I've confirmed with HR at my agency that there is no conflict as long as I recuse myself from decisions regarding transit assets.

IF YOU ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR REAPPOINTMENT, PLEASE INDICATE HOW MANY TERMS YOU HAVE SERVED _____ AND THE YEAR YOU WERE FIRST APPOINTED _____.

NOTE: This information will be used for making appointments to authorities, boards and commission and in the event you are appointed/reappointed, it may be used as a news release to identify you to the community.

AJ Jordan

4/6/2021

Signature

Date

Please forward this request for appointment, along with a resume to:

**Historic Preservation Officer
Planning & Zoning Bureau
Allentown City Hall
435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18101**

AJ Jordan
1144 W. Turner St., Allentown, PA 18102
(513) 704-1917 AJRidesTransit@gmail.com

Education

Master of Community Planning Graduated May 2015
School of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning – University of Cincinnati

Bachelor of Science in Architecture
Certificate in Urban Design Graduated May 2011
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Professional Experience

LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, Allentown, PA
MANAGER OF PLANNING AND SCHEDULING October 2019-Present
Manage staff of the Planning and Scheduling department, overseeing all fixed route public transit in the Lehigh Valley. Perform regular short-, medium-, and long-term evaluations of transit delivery across the region and determine proper allocation of resources. Approve and manager bus operator schedules as well as public facing bus schedules. Present planning initiatives at various business and community events.

MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, Harrisburg, PA
MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNER September 2016-October 2019
Consulted on planning, analysis and design of multimodal transportation projects including bus and rail transit, bicycling, pedestrian enhancements, and new mobility technology. Drafted and edited deliverables for clients. Performed community meetings. Collected and analyzed data.

SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (METRO), Cincinnati, OH
OPERATIONS PLANNER/SCHEDULER May 2014-September 2016
Analyzed and scheduled daily bus and rail service operating out of Metro's Bond Hill, Queensgate and Streetcar divisions. Created run-cuts for operator picking. Performed running time analyses. Led public meetings related to planning initiatives. Fielded service adjustment requests.

Awards:

- **Metro Star Award** Received July 2015
Award given by SORTA Board President for exemplary service to the organization. First award received by a Planning Department employee in company history.

AMERICAN LEGACY TOURS, Cincinnati, OH
OFFICE MANAGER and TOUR GUIDE April 2012-September 2016
Managed and scheduled walking tours of the historic Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, OH. Performed public and private tours of historic and contemporary locations within and around the neighborhood. Advocated for the redevelopment of the neighborhood through community engagement in the built environment.

Key Contributions:

- **Jackson Brewery Tunnel Excavation**
Assisted with the discovery and excavation of formerly lost tunnel systems underneath the neighborhood of Over-the-Rhine. Helped bring the tunnel system up to code in order to give public tours.

Volunteer Work

HARRISBURG ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD, Harrisburg, PA

BOARD PRESIDENT

November 2016-July 2020

Providing guidance and granting approval or denial to applicants as part of the City of Harrisburg approval process for building permits in designated historic districts.

Awards:

- **Mayoral Proclamation**

Received July 2020

Proclamation of Appreciation for service to the City of Harrisburg as President of HARB.

HARRISBURG KEYSTONE ROTARY CLUB, Harrisburg, PA

MEMBER and SERVICE VOLUNTEER

November 2017-March 2019

Assisted with numerous neighborhood cleanup and volunteer service events across the Harrisburg region.

OVER-THE-RHINE MUSEUM, Cincinnati, OH

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

October 2015-September 2016

Steered objectives for the branding strategy of the fledgling non-profit museum dedicated to the Over-the-Rhine National Historic District. Assisted in site selection and needs assessment for a brick and mortar location. Developed outreach and funding opportunities.

HISTORIC MILWAUKEE INCORPORATED, Milwaukee, WI

TOUR GUIDE

Summers 2009-2011

Tour guide through Milwaukee's Historic Brewers Hill and Beerline B Neighborhoods, delivering history on various houses, warehouses, and historic breweries.

Certifications

CERTIFIED TOURISM AMBASSADOR, Cincinnati, OH

Certified Tourism Ambassador Network

April 2012-September 2016

Certified to give tours and be a resource on the history of Cincinnati and present amenities available to tourists and visitors to the City.

CERTIFICATE IN URBAN DESIGN

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Received May 2011

Certification of successful completion in the study of urban design, including the history and best practices in the layout and organization of street furniture, cartways, transportation systems, zoning regulations, lighting, vegetation, and other urban systems.