

Application for Teton Valley Parks and Recreation District

Board Appointment

Applicant's Name: Katie Garlick

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Why do you want to serve on this Board?

Recreation is something very near and dear to my heart, which is probably not an uncommon sentiment in a place like Teton Valley. I also love this community and have been looking for ways to be involved in a more meaningful capacity both to help shape and give back to the community. This Board position really struck that for me, it feels like the timing, passion, and position just all align. While I have been here for six (6) years and absolutely adore everything this community has to offer, I do think there is so much we can add and consider when it comes to recreation. I am from Durango, Colorado originally, and I feel like recreation is just more far-reaching there with more access provided for all different types of people. I want to ideally be a part of creating more opportunities and access for everyone and expanding on what our natural landscape already has to offer us as a playground.

Please describe your qualifications for serving on this Board:

My background to me feels like a perfect fit. While personally, I get outside and recreate daily in all the ways, my professional experience is what will really help me here. I have a master's degree in social work, and this degree provides a ton of education on advocacy, leadership, and policy development. There is a large macro component to the degree that most people don't quite understand unless they have taken social work courses. This education will help me in establishing a Parks and Recreation District from the ground up and developing short and long-term goals for the agency, while eliciting community input, which is a hugely important step when you are serving a community.

After receiving my master's degree, I worked as a paralegal and project manager for years until I eventually landed at Tributary to work for the HOA. In both my HOA and paralegal / legal project manager roles, I have experience working with diverse teams, managing projects, developing budgets, working with attorneys to draft legal documentation and agreements. Tributary is an evolving and developing community, so I am skilled at working with a diverse team to create a vision and slowly implement the building blocks to realize that vision, while carefully revisiting what might need to be reconsidered. I imagine that the board role would be very similar, but with a vision I feel incredibly passionate about.

Describe your experience with local government:

In my capacity as HOA manager at Tributary I have the pleasure of liaising with City of Driggs personnel such as Jade and Doug. I mostly come to them with questions relating to my role on the Development Review Committee at Tributary or ensuring that our HOA rules and documentation align with local ordinances and regulations etc. I have always been interested in local government and feel very strongly that it is the level of government that impacts me the most. I want to be more engaged and involved with it than I am currently.

What skills do you bring to the Board?

My legal background and experience is unique and helps me to really understand and interpret written policies and legal language as well as develop my own when necessary. I am skilled at working with diverse teams and on committees, which will be important in developing a vision for the new board. My skills as a project manager will also help me in building something from the ground up. I also happen to be very good at recreating.

What is the first thing this Board needs to accomplish?

As the board will just be getting established, it will be important to identify short- and long-term goals and priorities for the agency based on input from the community as well as establish an administrative structure. In doing that, it will be important to develop governing documents for the agency, which is an area where my background and experience will be hugely helpful.

Other Comments:

I appreciate you considering me for this opportunity and would be eager and excited to take on this role. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me should you have any questions or concerns.