



City of Concord, New Hampshire

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

TO: Members of City Council

FROM: Mayor Bouley

DATE: July 31, 2018

RE: Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee Appointment

I propose the appointment of the following individual to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee:

- Sarah Ward, 69 Northeast Village Road, Concord. Ms. Ward will be appointed to fill the current vacancy as the Ward Nine Representative, for a three year term to expire August 31, 2021. A copy of Ms. Ward's letter of interest is attached.

In accordance with Section 15 of the City Council Rules, this proposed appointment is being distributed to City Council as information in advance of formal action at the September 10, 2018 City Council meeting.

Sarah Ward, Ward 9
69 NE Village Rd
Concord, NH 03301

July 25rd 2018

David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director
Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
1 White Street, Concord, NH 03301

RE: Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee, Consideration for Ward 9 Public Member

Dear Mr. Gill,

Thank you for meeting with me regarding representing Ward 9 of the City of Concord's Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee. I was very pleased to receive the invitation from City Council Member, Candace Bouchard to participate in this way. I am writing to request consideration to join this committee as Ward 9's Public Representative.

I currently serve as the Vice President of Community Engagement at New Futures Inc. New Futures is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate, advocate and collaborate to improve the health and wellness of all NH Residents. Specifically, my role is to engage citizens in the legislative process to improve our states health policy. Although I conduct this professional role at the state level, the opportunity to be involved at the municipal level really excites me. I believe my values are very much in line with the values of those who participate, in the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee and I am excited to share these interests with like-minded individuals.

I returned to Concord with my Master's in Public Administration in December 2017 after multiple global fellowships and professional experiences. Many of which brought lessons that I hope to bring to the City of Concord. In the past seven months I have sought and participated in numerous neighborhood, nonprofit, and municipal wide community groups, which have only invigorated my love for our city. I am a graduate of the 2018 Concord Civics Academy and was recently selected to participate in the 2018 Leadership Greater Concord program through the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce. I intend to serve my organization and contribute to a healthy NH economy by continuing my career in the nonprofit sector.

On a personal note, not only do I return to the state where I spent my undergraduate career, and in the same city where I served as an AmeriCorps VISTA member, but I return as a young professional, and new homeowner in the city that I now know I will be calling home. Public service is my passion, and I aim to serve our community in any way that I can. My involvement as Ward 9 Representative would present me the opportunity to achieve this goal both personally and professionally.

I will strive to be a representative and ambassador for the City of Concord and for the Parks and Rec Department throughout my future career and Concord resident. I am very thankful for the opportunity to participate.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,
Sarah Ward