

## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 4:00 PM

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### AGENDA

#### Call to Order

#### Department Head Reports

#### Discussion Items

#### City Manager's Report

- 1. Advisory Board Appointments Discussion:** Mayor and City Council will review applications received by citizens to serve on the following volunteer boards: Downtown Development Board, Planning & Zoning Board, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and the ABC Board.
- 2. Budget Amendments:** Mayor and City Council will consider approving the end of the year budget amendments.

#### Council General Discussion

#### Adjourn

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CITY OF BESSEMER CITY- BOARD APPOINTMENT APPLICATION



Board Appointment Application

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: City of Bessemer city - Planning + Zoning Board of Adjustments

NAME: Wendy Burgess

ADDRESS: 804 W. Georgia Ave Bessemer city NC 28016

TELEPHONE: HOME 704-629-5083 ~~WORK~~ CELL 803-381-8312

EMAIL ADDRESS: wburgessa@sistersofmercy.org

CURRENT: OCCUPATION: Coordinator

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Master's Degree - Business - MBA

VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Working for Sisters of mercy of Americas. They have many ministries and volunteer work that they support. Bessemer city crisis ministry + women club of bessemer city. Very active in church. Peter special delivery + Glory ministry

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:

There are many opportunities to be aware of the growing and growth in the city with Bessemer city. Being open to look and see the needs of the community

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?

Very compassionate and open willing to listen and ask questions for clarification to help make the best decision on moving forward.

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*It would be my pleasure to help serve and benefit the community as best as possible either on the board or outside of the board.*

SIGNATURE: *Wendy Byrd*  
DATE: *April 14, 2023*

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: ABC Board

NAME: Katie Love

ADDRESS: 112 Helen Avenue, Bessemer City, NC 28016

TELEPHONE: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_ CELL 980-329-7366

EMAIL ADDRESS: Katie.L.Cox@gmail.com

CURRENT: OCCUPATION: Library Branch Manager - Belmont

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BA in communication, NC State 2007 & completing Master's of library science in July, ECU (online) 2022

VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Served on the Gaston County Public Library strategic plan committee in 2018 and 2021

Volunteer at Garibaldi Festival and Juneteenth Festival (Belmont)

Provide early literacy outreach programs to schools and child care facilities

15 years of public service through full-time employment in public libraries (10 years with Gaston County)

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:

I work in Belmont, and am very involved in that community through my work, but as a resident of Bessemer City, I would like to be more active in my own community. As the ABC Board works to ensure the nonprofit ABC Store is operating successfully and generating funds for Bessemer City, I have a vested interest in the health of the business. Upon completing my master's degree this summer, I also have more time to devote to the betterment of my community, and welcome any opportunities to do so.

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?

My professional performance evaluations from the Gaston County Public Library consistently show I receive the highest possible scores in the category of "integrity." I have recently completed master's degree courses in administration and management, as well as financial management and budgeting, with a 4.0 GPA. I feel the knowledge gained from these courses could benefit the ABC Board. I also work well with everyone, appreciate different perspectives and ideas, enjoy collaboration, and have a passion for public service.

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By serving on the ABC Board, utilizing knowledge from my experience in public service and my education, I could help to ensure the board guidelines and procedures are being followed, offer a new perspective on any concerns or initiatives, and ultimately aid in the financial success of the ABC Store to generate funds that will be used to support and better the city.

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SIGNATURE: Katie Love 06/5/2023

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: Planning and zoning board of adjustments \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: **Peter M. Feldman** \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: **703 West Virginia Ave Bessemer City NC 28016** \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK **704.295.0299** CELL **704.591.3053** \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: **pmfeldman66@hotmail.com** \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT: OCCUPATION: **Warehouse Associate (facility management & receiving and shipping)** \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: **BA Psychology/Minor Information Sciences/ MBA/Paralegal certificate** \_\_\_\_\_

VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Bernstein leadership group. Volunteer Fireman. Numerous college leadership positions. School board election committee . Night

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at the inn (assist homeless)

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:

I come from a history of small town living and a family that believes in community service. I believe there should be a balance between growth, prosperity and quality of life while maintaining a small town atmosphere.

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**WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?**

My career path has taken many twists and turns over my lifetime. I have taken the path less taken to gain knowledge on many subjects

I am continually looking for ways to expand my knowledge horizons. I have the ability to weigh many options to find the correct solution.

**HOW CAN YOU POSITIVELY IMPACT THE COMMUNITY BY SERVING ON THIS BOARD?**

I have been in North Carolina for 21(Mecklenburg and Union county) years and I set down roots in Bessemer City by purchasing a home in August of 2021. As I stated my background is varied, from customer service to project management to financial analysis and assisting in the building of over 40 private homes as well as assisting real estate agents. Further at my current job not only I am responsible for the management of the warehouse I also manage the upkeep of the facility as well as working on special projects that require me to analyze cost and services. Not only do I bring many talents to the table I bring a sense of community and a genuine love of the town I have chosen as my home.

SIGNATURE: Peter M. Feldman    DATE: May 31, 2023

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: Parks and Recreation advisory board

NAME: Erika Nixon

ADDRESS: 300 Leesville avenue Bessemer city nc 28016

TELEPHONE: HOME 704-689-9599 WORK \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: Erikamillwood@bellsouth.net

CURRENT: OCCUPATION: Small business owner

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Went to college

VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

PTO president for 17 years at BCC and BCP

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:

I was on board this year, but with the fields opening late I really wasn't able to do much. I also would like to be involved in the discussion of what happens at Millwood fields.

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?

I feel I can be a benefit on the board because I as well as my kids and family have been a part of this community for a very long time and we love this town and want to see what's best for it. I may not always have the most appreciated concerns and ideas, but all of my comments always have the best for this town at heart. I feel we live in a very tough and cruel world right now, and our goal needs to be to make life as happy as possible for the kids in our community. It should be a safe place.



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SIGNATURE: Erika Nixon 5/22/2023

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: Downtown Development Board.

NAME: William R. Whitmire

ADDRESS: 310 West Virginia Avenue Bessemer City, NC 28016

TELEPHONE: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_ CELL 484-947-8230

EMAIL ADDRESS: williamwhitmire1@gmail.com

CURRENT: OCCUPATION: Director of Technology (Part Time) MxStrategies, LLC

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: AAS Electronic Technologies - AB Tech, BSEE Electrical Engineering - NC State

**VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Board of Real Estate Assessors - City of Waynesboro, VA; numerous church activities such as Sunday school teacher, youth leader and elder (PC USA), General Manager of Dupont Carpet Dealer Management System business; Director of Global Applications - INVISTA, S.a.r.l (\$10B subsidiary of \$100B Koch Industries)

**BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:**

ve been associated with Bessemer City all of my 47 years of my married life to Karol Kincaid Whitmire. Over the years, I have observed Bill Kincaid's (Karol's father) involvement in the town. Now that my wife and I are residents, I wish to continue my involvement in Bessemer City's growth in order to facilitate it's growth in a way which promotes the best long term outcomes possible.

**WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?**

My initial background as a board member on Waynesboro's real estate assessor coupled with my experience of moving over nine times within the mid-atlantic region provides me with a broad perspective about what is strategically important (long term) to a particular area with respect to a city's downtown. My global business background has given me the tools and experience to engage and work with people of various perspectives to align and achieve a common goal - the best outcome for Bessemer City.

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My desire is to influence the development / renewal of downtown in such a way as to preserve the culture and architecture of Bessemer City such that the dignity and charm of the original town is preserved as much as is practical and integrated into Bessemer City's vision and plans for its growth and transformation.

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SIGNATURE: William R. Whitmire

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: Downtown Development Board

NAME: Diamond Brown

ADDRESS: 115 W. Pennsylvania Bessemer City, NC 28034

TELEPHONE: HOME N/A WORK 800-897-5529 CELL 864-619-5121

EMAIL ADDRESS: info@diamondsbodycare.com

CURRENT: OCCUPATION: Business Owner

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Bachelors Degree in Marketing

**VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

I volunteer at Excel Village Girls STEM-FAB power summit a non-profit interactive workshop for young girls grades 5th-12th. That focus on creating exciting futures in STEM - Finance Arts, and Business.

I also mentor women in the beauty industry via my organization called Beautypreneur Brunch. Where we discuss business over brunch.

**BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:**

I am a new proud business owner located downtown Bessemer City. I see the potential the city has for growth. Yes, I'm aware of the renovations of mill however so much need to be set in place prior to that for city engagement of the downtown area.

**WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?**

I have a Degree in Marketing. I worked for a fortune 100 company in the marketing department for 17yrs prior to becoming a full-time business owner. My brand that is located in Bessemer City has partnerships with JW Marriott, Costco, several airports throughout the U.S. .Therefore I can bring my corporate knowledge/ business savvy to the board.

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I've been located in bessemer city for seven months and I have already impacted the community positively by providing jobs to local residence. Several of my customers from Charlotte and surrounding areas that never heard of Bessemer City drive here to shop with me. I would like to learn more about the city and the residents so we can properly create outreaches that can meet their needs.

SIGNATURE: Diamond Brown  
DATE: 06/01/2023

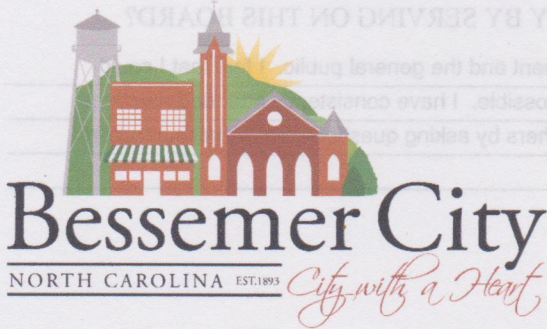
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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments

NAME: Pamela Gladney

ADDRESS: 502 East Ohio Avenue

TELEPHONE: HOME none WORK none CELL 704-689-4811

EMAIL ADDRESS: pagladn@msn.com

CURRENT: OCCUPATION: Corporate Travel Arranger

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Wake Forest BA 1976

VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

previous service including Downtown Development/Mainstreet boards

previous service non-profit organizations including Crisis Center/Community Garden/NC Master Gardener Program/ Gaston County Beekeepers

BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:

As a property owner and taxpayer in the community I have an active interest in the future planning and development of the area.

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?

My background has exposed me to a broad base of opinions concerning the possible futures of a small town in close proximity to a larger metropolitan area such as Charlotte. I believe that my ability and willingness to listen to opposing viewpoints is a strong argument for my participation.

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Transparency is so very lacking in our current relationship between local government and the general public. I feel that I could improve this situation by being informed and sharing that knowledge in any way possible. I have consistently attended meetings of the Planning Board and have done my best to relay legitimate information to others by asking questions and dispelling rumors.

SIGNATURE: Pamela Gladney

DATE: 03 June 2003

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NAME: Pamela Gladney  
ADDRESS: 502 East Ohio Avenue  
TELEPHONE: HOME none WORK none CELL 704-889-4511  
EMAIL ADDRESS: pagladn@msn.com  
CURRENT OCCUPATION: Corporate Travel Arranger  
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Wake Forest BA 1978  
VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:  
previous service including Downtown Development/Mentorship boards  
previous service non-profit organizations including Crisis Center/Community Garden/Master Gardener Program/Gaston County Beekeepers

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: Downtown Development Board

NAME: Dana J. Ijames

ADDRESS: 165 Ruthaven Drive Bessemer City NC 28016

TELEPHONE: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK 704-629-3465 CELL 704-236-0729

EMAIL ADDRESS: ijamesdj76@gmail.com

CURRENT: OCCUPATION: Practice Manager at Kintegra Family Medicine- Bessemer City

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Bachelors in Human Services-Gardner-Webb University; Masters of Divinity candidate -Gardner-Webb Univerisity

**VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

I support the community through events as a representative of Kintegra Health, Assistant Pastor of St. James Missonary Baptist, Bessemer City.

**BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:**

My love for the city of Bessemer runs deep. My grandfather was the first Black City Councilmen (Ted Williams) and my grandmother worked at the City Hall (Sherleen Williams). Both my parents, aunts, uncle, and my sons are graduates of Bessemer City High school. I am committed to supporting the growth and vitality of this beautiful community. I hope to bring gift and talents that will cultivate a sense of community, brotherly love and a zeal to see our city thrive.

**WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?**

As a Practice Manager in healthcare and our office is located in the heart of the city, I have cultivated supportive relationships with my patients who many are Besserner Residents. Through the work of a Practice Manager as well as an Operations Specialist for the North Carolina region of GoHealth urgent Care, I have experience in project management, liason, and team development.



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As a resident and spiritual servant within the community, I can impart community, love, compassion, empathy, connect to healthcare resources, spiritual leadership and pastoral care and counseling for those in the community we serve and beyond.

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO: ABC Board

NAME: Michael Meeks

ADDRESS: 812 W Virginia Ave Bessemer City, NC 28016

TELEPHONE: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_ CELL 678-596-4030

EMAIL ADDRESS: mikemeeks49@yahoo.com

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: # Some College

**VOLUNTEER/CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Bessemer City Crisis Center, Gaston County Veterans Council  
ABC Board, Board Member + founder of Crisis Centurion  
Gaston County Honor Guard, Weekend Backpack, Deliver Meal on wheel  
member of Veteran Court

**BRIEFLY STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR COMMITTEE:**

I have been on The ABC Board for The Last  
7 years, I have the Experience To serve.

**WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THIS BOARD?**

President of BC Crisis Center, Chairman of Gaston County  
Veteran Council, President of Veteran Relief Fund. I have Received  
Numerous City and County Awards

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Continuing To Interact with The Citizen in the  
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