



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON - LIBRARY

## Citizen Advisory Boards & Commissions Interest Form

The purpose of this form is to obtain information to use in making appointments to Multnomah County Citizen Advisory Boards and Commissions, ad hoc committees, task forces, etc. If you have a resume, please attach it to this form. **Please note that, with the exception of the confidential section, information provided in this document is public information.** Thank you for your interest in participating in County government.

Name: *John R. Potter*

Address: *3344 SW Hamilton St.*

City: *Portland*

State: *OR*

Zip: *97239*

Daytime Phone: *503-872-5288*

Email Address: *johnrpotter@yahoo.com*

Are you a resident of Multnomah County? Yes: *X* No: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: *Park Manager*

Please check board/commission of interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Review Committee             | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Board of Review                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Service Advisory Board                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Control Advisory Committee               | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenspaces Review Committee                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audit Committee                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development Commission            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Property Tax Appeals                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Investment Advisory Board                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City/County Sustainable Development Commission  | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Bicycle & Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Budget Advisory Committees              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library Advisory Board                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Involvement Committee                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Merit System Civil Service Council                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commission on Children, Families & Community    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Health Council                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Multnomah County Planning Commission                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Compliance & Rate Regulation Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Arts & Culture Council                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elders in Action Commission                     |  |

Please list employment and volunteer activities that may relate to your service on boards/commissions.

<b>Dates (from/to)</b>	<b>Employment/Volunteer Activity</b>
<i>May 2007 – present</i>	<i>Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, employed</i>
<i>Feb 1998 – May 2007</i>	<i>NYC Department of Environmental Protection, employed</i>
<i>Sept 2007 – Nov 2007</i>	<i>Bridlemile Soccer Club, volunteered</i>

REFERENCES: (Please list two or three people who can be contacted as personal references.)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Daytime Phone</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
<i>Dave Wright</i>	<i>Salem, OR</i>	<i>503-986-0718</i>	<i>employer</i>
<i>Duane Link</i>	<i>Portland, OR</i>	<i>503-222-2900x3</i>	<i>landlord</i>
<i>Rob Bruce</i>	<i>Portland, OR</i>	<i>503-913-0725</i>	<i>soccer club</i>

### **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

The following information is confidential and optional. You are under no obligation to provide this information. This information will be used for statistical purposes, such as tracking the geographical diversity of board and commission appointees. By providing this information, you will help ensure that appointments represent a broad cross-section of our community.

**Age:** 42

**Gender:**  Male  Female

**Race:**

African-American

Asian

Caucasian

Hispanic

Native American

Pacific Islander

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My signature affirms that all information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation of credentials or misstatement of fact may result in this application being disqualified from further consideration.

**Signature:** *John R. Potter*

**Date:** *1/22/2008*

**Please note that most appointees to Multnomah County Citizen Advisory Boards and Commissions are subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners during a regular Board meeting.**

**Return this form to:**

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Multnomah County Library  
205 NE Russell St.  
Portland, Oregon 97212  
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## **John R. Potter**

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### **Employment History**

*Assistant Director of Operations* May 2008 – present  
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Salem, OR

Direct statewide park operations, capital improvements, and the management of natural, scenic, and historic resources for Oregon's state park system.

*Region Two Manager* May 2007 – April 2008  
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Portland, OR

Directed the maintenance and operation of more than 140 parks, waysides, and recreational properties in the Willamette Valley, Columbia Gorge, and Western Cascades.

*Director of Land Management* Feb. 2003 – May 2007  
NYC Department of Environmental Protection, Kingston, NY

Responsible for the ownership and management of 128,000 acres of multiple-use water supply lands across a 2,000 square mile watershed region in eastern New York State.

*Stewardship Program Manager* Feb. 1998 - Feb. 2003  
NYC Department of Environmental Protection, Kingston, NY

Directed and implemented all activities related to the stewardship of newly acquired watershed lands including due diligence and design of access for 826 land acquisition contracts on 59,000 acres of land.

*Land Superintendent* Feb. 1992 – Feb. 1998  
Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission, Edgartown, MA

Responsible for planning, implementing, and administering a public land management program for a system of 34 parks and conservation areas in six Massachusetts towns.

*Community Land Manager* June 1981 – Feb. 1992  
Land's Sake, Inc., Weston, MA

Responsible for farming, forestry, and environmental education projects on suburban farmland and forests in the Boston metro area.



June 13, 2008

Ted Wheeler, Chair  
Multnomah County Board of Commissioners  
501 SE Hawthorne, Suite 600  
Portland, OR 97214

RE: Recommendation for Library Advisory Board Appointment

Dear Chair Wheeler:

On behalf of the Library Advisory Board, I would like to submit **John Potter** and **Sola Whitehead** for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for service on the Library Advisory Board (LAB). Attached please find Mr. Potter's and Ms. Whitehead's resumes and completed Interest Forms.

Mr. Potter is the Assistant Director of Operation for the State of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. His educational background, understanding of the library's relationship to its patrons, and familiarity with Multnomah County Library are indeed assets for service on the Library Advisory Board.

Ms. Whitehead is a Grants Program Specialist for the Portland Veteran's Association Medical Center Research & Development Office. Ms. Whitehead's educational background, knowledge of and interest in the library's programs as a patron, and the manner in which she prepared for her interview with the Nominating Committee are assets for service on the Library Advisory Board.

The Library Advisory Board's Nominating Committee has interviewed both Mr. Potter and Ms. Whitehead and highly recommended them to the full LAB.

Mr. Potter's appointment to a four-year term will begin on November 1, 2008 when he fills a vacancy that will be left when Joe Arellano leaves the LAB after serving two four-year terms. Ms. Whitehead's appointment to a four-year term will also begin on November 1, 2008 when she fills a vacancy that will be left when Stephen Feltz leaves the LAB after serving two four-year terms. Pending the Board of County Commissioner's and your approval, Mr. Potter's and Ms. Whitehead's terms will expire on June 30, 2012.

If you have any questions about the Library Board's recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for allowing the LAB to make this recommendation to you and the Board of County Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly Raphael".

Molly Raphael  
Director of Libraries

cc: Barbara Willer  
Tara Bowen-Biggs  
Ruth Langlois  
Deborah Bogstad