

City of Asheville  
**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**  
Application Form

**APPLICANTS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO ATTEND SEVERAL MEETINGS OF A BOARD PRIOR TO APPLYING AND/OR APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD**

Name of board or commission(s): African American Heritage Commission

Your name: DeWayne Barton

Home Phone #: 828.275.5305

Street Address: 31 Mardell Circle

City: Asheville

Zip Code: 28806

Mailing Address (if different):

Employer: Green Opportunities, Inc.

Your position: Co-Executive Director

Office Phone #: 828.275.5305

Resident of City Asheville

County Buncombe

Race \* AA

Sex \* M

Age \* 46

Are you a United States Citizen (check one)?

Yes

No

Residence location (check one):

Central

North

South

East

West

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain:

Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

Please indicate the area(s) of expertise that you can bring to the above board(s), and then, in detail, list education, experience, reasons for your interest, and other factors that support your interest in serving (use additional sheets if necessary).

Expertise:

Legal  Technical  Fundraising  Community Contacts  Public Speaking

Business Management (Financial)  Business Management (Operational)

Details:

See attached

Return to:

Maggie Burluson, City Clerk  
Post Office Box 7148  
Asheville, NC 28802-7148

Signature: DeWayne Barton

Date: 2/3/2014

E-Mail: [bloveproductions@bellsouth.net](mailto:bloveproductions@bellsouth.net)

Email: [mburluson@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:mburluson@ashevillenc.gov)

Telephone: 828-259-5601

Fax #:

Fax #: 828-259-5499

\* This information is requested for the sole purpose of assuring that a cross section of the community is appointed.

I bring to the table a wealth of community contacts within and throughout the African American community in Asheville (and beyond). I am the 1st Vice President of the NAACP, Asheville Branch. Partnering with a handful of other leaders in the Burton Street Community of West Asheville, I assisted in reviving the historic African American agriculture fair that E.W. Pearson started in the early 1900s. As the co-director of Green Opportunities, I work with African American (and other) leaders throughout the greater Asheville community, within the various public housing apartments, at UNCA, and in local non-profit and government organizations. I am a skilled public speaker who has been an invited guest presenter at conferences across the state and the southeast, as well as at local universities and public schools. In addition to my community connections and public speaking skills, I am a visual and performing artist. My work focuses on social, economic and environmental justice issues and in recent years has been shown at the Smithsonian Institute's Museum of African American History and Culture, Duke University, and the August Wilson Museum through the Affrilachian Artist's Project. My community work has been featured in articles that can be found in Bold Life, Appalachian Voices, and WNC Magazine.

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Name of board or commission(s): African American Heritage Commission

Your name: Marvin D. Chambers Home Phone #: 828-258-0373

Street Address: 2 Lakewood Drive City: Asheville Zip Code: 28803-2234

Mailing Address (if different):

Employer: Semi-Retired ( Presently serving as Secretary-General of Ancient Accepted Scottish-Rite Mason, PHA)

Your position: Secretary-General Office Phone #: Same as Home

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race \* Black Sex \* Male Age \* 72

Are you a United States Citizen (check one)? Yes  No

Residence location (check one): Central  North  South  East  West

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain:

Not any to my knowledge

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Please indicate the area(s) of expertise that you can bring to the above board(s), and then, in detail, list education, experience, reasons for your interest, and other factors that support your interest in serving (use additional sheets if necessary).

Expertise:

Legal  Technical  Fundraising  Community Contacts  Public Speaking

Business Management (Financial)  Business Management (Operational)

Details:

I have been active in the Asheville City and Buncombe County for many years in different areas. I have served as Grand Master of the Prince Hall Masons of NC. I am an active 33 Degree Mason and Secretary-General to Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason, Southern Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliated. Served as Chairman of the USS Asheville Committee, as well as past president and an organizer of the Kenilworth Resident Association. Served in with Group ASCORE.

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Post Office Box 7148  
Asheville, NC 28802-7148

Signature: Marvin D. Chambers

Date: January 30, 2014

E-Mail: mthedeane@aol.com

Email: [mburleson@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:mburleson@ashevillenc.gov)

Telephone: 828-259-5601

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Name of board or commission(s): African-American Heritage Commission

Your name: Viola J. SPELLS Home Phone #: 828-301-3495

Street Address: 305 Pinegmt. Drive City: Asheville Zip Code: 28805

Mailing Address (if different): #F-1

Employer: Retired

Your position: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race \* AA Sex \* F Age \* 68

Are you a United States Citizen (check one)? Yes  No

Residence location (check one): Central  North  South  East  West

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain:

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Education: B.A. Psychology  
A.M.L.S. Library Science  
B.F.A. Fine Arts/Metals

Expertise:

Legal  Technical  Fundraising  Community Contacts  Public Speaking

Business Management (Financial)  Business Management (Operational)

Details:

Born in Asheville; Helped to desegregate the public library. member of ASCORE. Very interested in

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Email: [mburleson@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:mburleson@ashevillenc.gov)

Telephone: 828-259-5601

Fax #: 828-259-5499

Signature: Viola Spells

Date: 2/5/2014

E-Mail: spellsv@hotmail.com

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Promoting African-American Heritage in Asheville. I bring a historical knowledge of the African American

Community. I was educated as a librarian and worked as a Children's librarian, branch librarian and Regional Librarian in New York Public Library and the Free Library of Philadelphia. The last job was as a Regional Librarian where I was responsible for library service to the Northeast area of Philadelphia. I supervised a staff of 70 and oversaw the collections development and programs for an area of 420,000 population.

Viola Jones Spells