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re: Arlington's Community Preservation Committee

Nine years ago my wife, daughter and I moved to Allen Street in Arlington. When we first arrived and drove to the circle at Spy Pond, I remember being struck by how close this natural open space is to our home. Its then recently completed park allows multiple entry points to experience the pond, and we spent many hours with our toddler wading in at the "beach". Arlington has the rare quality of being densely inhabited with plenty of breathing room. We enjoy both aspects of living here---public open space that allows us to experience our natural surroundings and density which fosters cultural richness.

Practicing as a registered architect for fourteen years, I believe I can contribute specific architectural skills to the Community Preservation Committee: I am knowledgeable in project budgeting, reviewing construction estimates, and weighing options during value engineering. I have worked in the field of affordable housing and housing generally, and understand the metrics of what makes for good places to live. I also have experience on adaptive reuse projects and am currently involved in a historic preservation project. Maintaining historical heritage makes fiscal, environmental and cultural sense.

My training in urban design would bring a perspective of how proposed CPA projects could fit within and contribute to Arlington as a whole. And having served two years as a Town Meeting Member, I understand that this committee will need to ensure that Arlington spends its taxpayer dollars wisely, and that these investments mindfully resource and strengthen the town.

Thank you for considering me for one of the open positions on the committee,

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Mar, 2013-present Project Architect, **Wilson Architects**, Boston, MA
Projects:
- Thayer School of Engineering Basis-of-Design Study, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
 - Contributed to the conceptual development of the study, a 150K sf building and 400 car garage
 - Assisted in creating the final study, client workshops, population programming, cost estimation
 - UMass Amherst Physical Sciences Building, West Experiment Station reconstruction, Amherst, MA
 - Contributed to the design development of the 20K sf historical reconstruction project, an element of the larger 80K sf research building
 - Assisting in creating the construction documents, Structural and MEP coordination
 - Hult International School of Business, 60K sf renovation, Cambridge, MA
 - Education First, 200K sf New construction and fitout, Cambridge, MA
- Sep, 2006-Mar, 2013 Project Architect, **Elkus Manfredi Architects**, Boston, MA
Projects:
- Alexandria Center at Kendall Square (ACKS), Cambridge, MA
 - Produced documents for and participated in the successful 2.5 year zoning and Special Permit process for the 1.7M sf Master Plan
 - 100 Binney Street, 400K sf lab/office core & shell, Cambridge, MA
 - Contributed to the conceptual and design development of the project, a building within ACKS
 - Assisted in creating the construction documents, client contact, product research, Structural and MEP coordination, VE process and construction contract administration
 - Boylston West, 600K sf Mixed-use core & shell, Boston, MA
 - NJIT Campus Gateway Master Plan, Newark, NJ
 - Multiple master planning and building studies
- Jan, 2005-Sep, 2006 Project Architect, **Bargmann, Hendrie + Archetype**, Boston, MA
Projects:
- Preservation Study for the former Civilian Conservation Corps camp at Upton State Forest, MA
 - Green Street Condominiums, 21 units of market-rate housing, Jamaica Plain, MA
 - Lofts on Capitol, 113 units of market-rate housing, adaptive re-use of a mill building, Hartford, CT
- Aug, 2003-Jan, 2005 Project Architect, **Mostue & Associates Architects** (now Davis Square Architects), Somerville, MA
Projects:
- Cathedral Hill Apartments, 48 units of tenant-owned housing, Springfield, MA
 - Chestnut Avenue Condominiums, 4 units of market-rate housing, Jamaica Plain, MA
- Summer, 2002 Internship with the **Harvard Green Campus Initiative** (now Office for Sustainability), Cambridge, MA
Project: A building performance audit to be used to evaluate Harvard's existing buildings with regards to energy and water efficiency
- Nov, 1998-Oct, 2001 Designer and Project Architect, **Jeremiah Eck Architects** (now Eck MacNeely Architects), Boston, MA
Projects:
- 4-6 Athens Terrace, a 2-Family residence, Harvard Planning and Real Estate, Cambridge, MA
 - 17 Grant Street, single family residence, Harvard Planning and Real Estate, Cambridge, MA
 - several private single-family homes
- Mar, 1993-Nov, 1998 Notable additional Architecture Offices
Leo A. Daly, Architects, Engineers, Planners, Interiors, Washington, D.C. (July '97-Nov'98)
- Cheung Kong Centre, a sixty-story commercial high-rise in Hong Kong
- Anthony M. O'Neill**, Architect, Landscape Architect, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, Ireland (Oct'96-Feb'97)
- Boyne Valley Visitor Centre for the Neolithic Passage-grave sites of Newgrange, Knowth, and Dowth
- Professor Josef Paul Kleihues** (Mar'93- Mar'94), Berlin, Germany
- The Museum of Contemporary Art, an addition to and renovation of the former Hamburg Train Station

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Fall, 2002- **Tufts University** in affiliation with the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Spring, 2007 **Visiting Lecturer:** Taught (in the evening) the Architectural Design Studio, a requirement for a Major in Architecture Studies, 12 students, 6 hours/week (typically fall semester, occasionally spring)
- Jan, 2000- **Boston Architectural Center**
May, 2002 **Instructor:** Taught a range of Foundation Design Studios required for a Bachelor of Architecture degree

EDUCATION

- June, 2003 **Harvard University Graduate School of Design**
Cambridge, Massachusetts
• Master of Architecture in Urban Design (**MArchUD**), degree conferred with Distinction
- May, 1992 **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**
Blacksburg, Virginia
• Bachelor of Architecture (**BArch**)

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS / AFFILIATIONS

- Registered Architect in Massachusetts, License # 10725
- Member of the American Institute of Architects, #30296770
- Member of the Boston Society of Architects
- LEED accredited

INTERESTS

- Arlington, MA Town Meeting Member since 2014
- Year round commuter cycling
- Driveway gardening