

Village of Cottage Grove Board
Application for Appointment to Village Commissions/Committees

If you are interested in serving the community as a committee member, please complete this application form and return it by email to the village clerk: lkalata@village.cottage-grove.wi.us or you can mail it to Village Hall, c/o Lisa Kalata, 221 E. Cottage Grove Road, Cottage Grove, WI 53527. Committee applications are kept on file and reviewed as necessary to fill vacancies. For more information about committees, please refer to our website: www.village.cottage-grove.wi.us. If you have additional questions, please contact Village hall at (608) 839-4704, or Lisa Kalata at lkalata@village.cottage-grove.wi.us. Thank you for your interest!

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Choose a Committee(s)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ad Hoc Architectural Review Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Ad Hoc DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)	<input type="checkbox"/> Peer Court Steering Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Ad Hoc Glacial Drumlin Bike Path Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Police Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Government Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Works & Properties Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance and Personnel Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Flynn Hall Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourism Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Task Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals
<input type="checkbox"/> Library Planning Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance Review Committee	

Background (related experiences, skills or qualifications):

Why you are interested in this committee(s):
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Village of Cottage Grove
Finance and Personnel Committee-Community Member Application
May 21, 2021

Dear Ms. Kalata and Committee:

Please accept my application for the position for the community member on the Village's *Finance and Personnel Committee*. I am interested in this role because as a community member and taxpayer as I am interested in the quality and growth of the Village.

1. Background (related experiences, skill, or qualifications)

Professionally, I am a scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where I have my own National Institute of Health-funded laboratory studying vocal communication dysfunction in Parkinson disease. I am the primary investigator on over \$6.3M in federal funding. My scientific training over the past 10+ years has provided me with the tools to think critically, ask a lot of questions, think outside the box and brainstorm, as well as write successful grants, manage funds and people's time. I currently have two full time researchers, 2 part time, and 7 undergraduate students. I write job postings, hire, and supervise and I believe these skills would be useful as part of the committee. I also serve on various community committees and organizations, including the Village's Library Planning Committee.

Community Volunteer Positions:

- Chair, Cottage Grove Library Development Committee
- Monona Grove School District
 - Community Engagement, Communications and Government Relations Committee
 - Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee
 - Subcommittee on Sustainability Summit
 - Subcommittee evaluation of district resources and electrical consumption/solar installation
 - Subcommittee on school engagement collaboration group
 - Successfully funded: \$300,000 PSC Energy Innovation Grant (January 2021)
- Cottage Grove Fire Department Hot2Trot Assistant Race Director, January 2018-present
- Parent Teacher Organization/Monona Grove, Vice President

2. Why are you interested in this committee?

My primary motivation for applying for this committee is to continue being involved with the Village. I am interested in helping suggest decisions that will benefit all of Cottage Grove. I have limited experience with budgets for municipalities, but I have had the opportunity to review the 2020 financial management plan. Through the work with the library planning committee, I've had the opportunity to meet with Ehlers and I've come to realize, in part, how the plan and budget for the village work.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information. Thank you for considering my application for the role, and I look forward to learning more about the position if the opportunity arises.

Sincerely,



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