



Town of Erie Historic Preservation Advisory Board Application

All advisory board and commission members will be expected to support the priorities and work plan set forth by the Town Council.

This board meets the **fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM**. You are required to notify your chair if you are going to be absent from a meeting. Failure to attend three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings without a leave of absence approved by majority of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board could be grounds for dismissal.

Full Name Tonya McKnight

Are you an Erie resident? Yes

Are you under the age of eighteen (18)? No

Home Address

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Primary Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Employer CBRE

Job Title/Occupation Global Project Management Director

Have you ever been employed by the Town of Erie? No

Do you work for or own a company that does business with the Town of Erie? No

What is your highest level of education completed? Highschool

Are you currently serving on a board? No

Are you applying for more than one board? Yes

Please rank your choice for this board Second

This board meets the fourth **Monday of each month at 6:30 PM**. You are required to notify your chair if you are going to be absent from a meeting. Only three excused absences are allowed per year.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission and what specific talents or expertise do you bring if appointed?

I am interested in serving on the Historic Preservation Advisory Board because historic assets are tangible connections to a community's identity and story. As Erie continues to grow, preserving meaningful structures and cultural character becomes increasingly important. Growth and preservation do not have to be competing priorities. When approached thoughtfully, they can strengthen one another.

Professionally, I bring more than 20 years of experience leading complex capital projects, including renovation, adaptive reuse, and multi-site development programs. My background in construction feasibility, cost management, procurement strategy, and infrastructure planning provides a practical understanding of what is required to preserve, restore, and responsibly integrate historic structures into modern use.

I approach projects with both respect for original design intent and a clear understanding of financial and structural realities. I would bring balanced, data informed insight to help protect Erie's historic character while ensuring preservation efforts are feasible, sustainable, and aligned with community goals.

Have you served on another board/commission in an advisory capacity? If so, please describe the board and what made serving in that capacity a good experience? What were the major concerns or issues?

While I have not served on a municipal preservation board, I regularly operate in advisory and governance roles within my professional career. As a senior leader at CBRE, I advise executive teams on real estate investments, renovation strategy, and capital allocation decisions. These environments require careful review of proposals, balancing long term value with financial responsibility.

Major considerations often include budget constraints, structural limitations, stakeholder expectations, and long-term operational sustainability. These experiences have strengthened my ability to evaluate complex proposals objectively and contribute constructively in collaborative decision-making settings, skills that translate well to historic preservation advisory work.

Please describe a situation where you were working with a small group and disagreed with the direction of the project, what did you do? What was the result?

While managing a national modernization program, I was part of a leadership group evaluating procurement strategies for renovation projects. I believed that a decentralized approach would introduce cost variability and risk. Rather than opposing the idea directly, I gathered comparative data on pricing trends and schedule impacts and presented a structured alternative.

The group ultimately adopted a standardized approach, resulting in improved cost control and consistency across projects. The experience reinforced the importance of respectfully presenting data driven perspectives and focusing on long term stewardship, a mindset that is equally important when evaluating preservation decisions that may carry financial and community implications.

If you were appointed, what goals would you like to see accomplished on this board or commission?

If appointed, my goal would be to help strengthen awareness, clarity, and thoughtful stewardship of Erie's historic assets. As the Town grows, identifying, protecting, and celebrating structures and places that define our heritage will be increasingly important.

I would also value supporting clear design guidelines and transparent review

processes that provide predictability for property owners while maintaining architectural integrity. Preservation efforts are most successful when they are collaborative, balanced, and aligned with long term community vision.

Are you aware of the time commitment, and do you have the personal time to devote to this board or commission?

It appears from my initial search that this advisory board meets monthly and the meeting agenda and materials are posted prior to each meeting so members can prepare accordingly. If this is the case, I am prepared to commit.

Upload resume and additional documents (optional)



McKnight Bio - March 2025.pdf

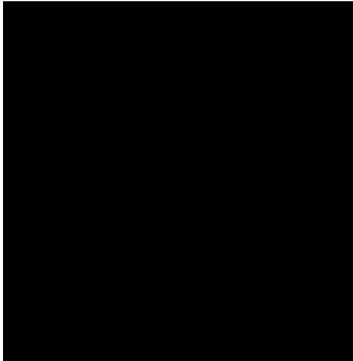
Please read and agree with the following statement:

I certify that the facts and statements contained in this Board and Commission Application are true and correct. I further understand that false statements shall be sufficient cause for rejection of this application. I further certify that I have not been convicted of a felony under the laws of the State of Colorado or in another jurisdiction. I understand that falsification, omission or misrepresentation will result in a rejection of this application. Any falsification, omission or representation is evidence of perjury in the second degree. If I become a board or commission member with the Town, this form is valid for the period of my term with the Town and the crime records may be updated periodically at the discretion of the Town. I understand that this application is considered a public record and subject to the Colorado Open Records Act.

I Agree Yes

All board and commission members must follow the rules and regulations in the Erie Municipal Code as well as the Town's policies related to harassment, anti-violence, and technology use. Yes

Acknowledgement Signature 



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Tonya McKnight

Director, Global Project Management Partner Excellence Program



Clients Represented

- **Technology:** Google, GM Cruise & Bitfone
- **Healthcare:** DaVita & Pura Vida
- **Banking:** ADP, KeyBank, American National Bank & Montgomery & Co
- **Retail:** The Wendy’s Company & Chipotle
- **Mining:** Rio Tinto

Professional Affiliations & Certifications

- Project Management Professional (PMP)
- CBRE PJM Foundations
- CBRE Women’s Network

Education

- Purdue University, Architectural Studies

Professional Experience

Tonya McKnight is a global capital program leader with more than 20 years of experience delivering complex real estate initiatives across technology, healthcare, banking, and retail sectors. She currently serves as Global Project Management Partner Excellence Program Director at CBRE, where she leads a strategic sourcing team in partnership with Turner and Townsend, leveraging enterprise purchasing power to negotiate preferred supplier agreements that drive cost efficiency, schedule reliability, and enhanced service performance across global capital programs.

Previously, Tonya served as Director of Global Complex Programs, Systems and Platforms supporting one of CBRE’s largest clients, Google, where she led development and governance of enterprise project management platforms and standardized delivery frameworks across international portfolios.

Throughout her 12 plus year tenure at CBRE, Tonya has advanced through progressive leadership roles by building governance structures, implementing cost management systems, optimizing procurement strategy, and aligning cross functional stakeholders to deliver measurable operational impact. She is recognized for analytical rigor, disciplined execution, and the ability to translate complex program requirements into scalable, sustainable solutions.

Significant Projects

CLIENT	ADDRESS	TYPE	SIZE (SF)
GM Cruise	San Francisco, CA	Technology	105,000
DaVita	National Multi-Site Program	Healthcare	800 + Locations
ADP	Allentown, PA	Corporate	243,241
ADP	Norfolk, VA	Corporate	288,662
The Wendy’s Company	National Multi-Site Program	Retail	120 + Locations
KeyBank	National Multi-Site Program	Banking	500 + Locations

Achievements

- Instrumental in drafting the CBRE at Google Contract Program Management and Project Management scope of work, leading 18 months of internal and client reviews; contributing to successful June 2022 5-year contract renewal execution.
- Designed, developed, and maintained the Google web-based project management playbook integrating multiple service lines, stakeholders, and eBuilder technology.
- Recipient of the 2024 CBRE Star Award for delivering exceptional client service and maintaining strategic focus on Google.