# Submit Date: Jan 29, 2025

# **Board and Commission Application**

# Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Tree Advisory Board: Submitted

All advisory board and commission members will be expected to support the <u>priorities</u> and work plan set forth by the Board of Trustees.

# **Board and Commission Meeting Days and Times**

- Airport Economic Development Advisory Board meets on the Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- Board of Adjustment meets on an as needed basis.
- Historic Preservation Advisory Board meets on the Fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- Open Space Trails Advisory Board meets on the Second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission meets on the First and Third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- Sustainability Advisory Board meets on the First Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- Tree Advisory Board meets on the Second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Profile				
Taylor		Thomson		
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name		
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Erie			СО	80026
City			State	Postal Code
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Primary Phone	Alternate Ph	one		
Agency Within LLC	Head of	Finance		
Employer	Job Title			
Are you an Erie residen	t?			
⊙ Yes ⊙ No				

Question applies to Sustainability Advisory Board, Tree Advisory Board

Are you applying as a youth member? (16-20 years of age)

○ Yes ⊙ No

Question applies to Tree Advisory Board, Sustainability Advisory Board

If yes, on what date will you turn twenty-one (21) years old?

N/A

Have you ever been employed by the Town of Erie?

○ Yes ⊙ No

If so, please explain your employment with the Town of Erie.

Do you work for or own a company that does business with the Town of Erie? If so, please explain.

No

## **Interests & Experiences**

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

I'm interested in serving on this particular board because I believe that Colorado Front Range towns have a commitment to improving the life of the community through greenery and trees. We previously lived in a town that had a tree commission and a tree warden - I was able to see firsthand the impact that committee had on the community. As the city of Erie expands its footprint and builds new residences and neighborhoods, I believe it imperative that the city continues to promote and advocate for increased tree life. Specifically, I can bring an extensive background in financial management and planning, business development, operations, and technology. I can help identify opportunities for improved financial and resource management. In addition, I graduated from UVA-Darden with an MBA with a focus in Finance and ESG & Social Impact, which I believe provides me a unique perspective on the importance of resilient communities and communicating the importance of that.

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?

I have previously served on the Young Professionals Leadership Council of the United States Soccer Foundation. The board isa 9-member committee of young professionals who are committed to the expansion and growth of the game of soccer in the US, and providing accessible spaces for youth in the US to cultivate their love of the game. I am passionate about soccer, which made this board a great opportunity to be involved in helping evangelize something I care deeply about.

# 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?

During my Masters program, I was in a number of small group settings working on projects and assignments. One was a valuation exercise as a final project. It was a team of 6 people. We had a number of challenges: apathy from group members, contentious and strong differing opinions, and distance (as the program was partially remote). At one point, I disagreed with the way we were allocating work and resources, which I felt was leading to a lot of inaction and inability to get things done. I approached individuals on the team to identify some of their challenges and issues, in the hopes of doing some due diligence and understanding their point of view. Then, I brought that information back to the team and expressed my point of view while encouraging others to share their perspectives, which I knew they'd already shared with me and would feel comfortable expressing. The result was that we were all able to come back together and refocus our efforts on finishing the project. People who were unable to work nights or on weekends were able to take on work that suited their schedules, while others were able to leverage other teammates to help them where they were struggling but previously hadn't communicated it.

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

I would like the board to develop a robust tree planting program and develop broader incentives for encouraging residents to plant and maintain the urban canopy. I would set an annual tree planting goal for the community and provide opportunities for residents to donate or create memorial tree plantings to create more community involvement. In addition, I would want to create more resources for educating residents about native Colorado trees so as to also protect Colorado's native wildlife and encourage sustainable urban forestry.

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

Yes. I work from home and primarily East Coast hours, so I can commit the time needed to be an active member of this board.

### Questions

# **Demographics (optional)**

The following questions are optional. This information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

# Ethnicity ✓ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic Gender ✓ Male Sexual Orientation ✓ Straight/Heterosexual 09/05/1992 Date of Birth Highest Grade or Degree Completed and Major

Masters Degree in Business Administration

Trade School or Licenses/Certifications? If so, please list.

### **Resume and Additional Documents**

2025\_1\_29\_Taylor\_Thomson\_TAB\_Resume\_Summary.pdf

Upload a Resume

# Please Agree with the Following Statement

I certify that the facts and statements contained in this Board and Commission Application is 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 is 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