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**Commission Application Form - Submission #4481**

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**Commission Application Form**

Please complete and submit the online form below. You will be able to print a copy of the completed form when it is submitted.

**Application deadline is Friday, January 29, 2021.**

**Commission Information**

[Notice of Commission Vacancies](#)

For additional information regarding each commission and the number of available vacancies, view the Notice of Commission Vacancies via the above link.

**City Council Interview Dates**

Applicants must be available to interview with the City Council between 5-7pm on one of the following dates:

- Monday, February 8
- Monday, February 22

**Commission Desired\***

Park & Recreation Commission ▼

**Alternate Commission Choice-Optional\***

None ▼

**If Park & Recreation Commission, select Adult or Youth\***

Adult  Youth (Ages 16-18)

**Name\***

Chaehyun Lee //

**Home Address\***

[Redacted Address] //

**City\***

Chanhassen ▼

(for mailing address)

**Zip Code\***

55317 ▼

(for mailing address)

Preferred Contact Phone\*

Alternate Contact Phone

If no alternate phone, enter "none"

Email\*

Number of years lived in Chanhassen\*

Highest level of education attained, plus degrees, if any\*

Employment History (position, employer & brief description of duties)\*

Attach resume (if desired)

 No file chosen

Reasons for seeking this position\*

I am seeking this position because I think this opportunity is the best way to give back to a bigger community and bring joy to people during this pandemic situations. As I was quarantined in my house for a long time, the short walk that I took outside everyday was the only happy moment of the day. I found that my friends were also feeling the same way, and started to contemplate how I can help to brighten their day up. While walking around nearby parks, I came up with ideas of different park decorations that could make people excited, for example, hanging signs with QR codes of different Spotify playlists by the trails for joggers. Since parks are outdoors, we could also organize outdoor community events that people can participate in; such as drawing activities for little kids with chalks at a designated area of the park, or even opportunities of service activities for high school students like cleaning and beautifying parks with various decoration ideas. I have also been a part of Earth club throughout my high school years, to discuss environmental or sustainability issues, and participated in service activities to keep our community safe and clean. Through the club experience, I learned the importance of sustainability and various efforts to keep the Earth safe. Ultimately, I just want to give back to others in our greater community because it is a way to spread positivity, happiness, and value people. As humans are social animals, we need cooperation and caring from each other; people create communities to feel united and a sense of belonging. It is natural to help out each other and co-exist in a society. I personally also received a lot of help from my community, and it inspires me to return the help back through serving others. I think the park and rec commission is a great opportunity to achieve my goal: to see the smile and joy in people's faces as I contribute to the leisure, recreation issues of our community.

**Specific qualifications for this position\***

As an immigrant from South Korea, I have analyzed the biggest different of leisure places/parks of South Korea and the US. Starting with parks, I believe South Korea has better systems for exercising tools supplied by parks. I could also provide pictures for better reference in the future, but most parks in South Korea provide simple workout equipment along walking trails so people could freely use them and have fun. Adding these advantageous components of Korean leisure facilities will help bringing new ideas in the park and rec commission; I can bring that perspective. My experiences from earth club or various service activities will allow me to contribute in discussions of how to benefit or support our community.

**Are you currently serving on other Boards, Commissions, or Committees?\***

- Yes
- No

**If yes, please list**

**Have you served on a Board, Commission, or Committee in the past?\***

- Yes
- No

**If yes, please list**

**Please list organization memberships and positions held\***

Girls Inc Council of Advocacy and Change (YMCA) Ambassador and Representative

**Please list areas of special interest\***

Health care; supporting homeless, LGBTQ+ community, racial minorities, etc.; international policies or economics; creative arts; video editing

**How did you hear about commission vacancies?\***

Select all that apply

- Chanhassen Connection Newsletter
- City Website
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Chanhassen Villager
- Other