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Gavin Buckley, Mayor
160 Duke of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-2517

AP-48-24

July 15, 2024

To: Alderpersons, City of Annapolis

From: Mayor Gavin Buckley

Re: Historic Preservation Commission

I respectfully submit for your approval the appointment of Mr. Cecil Cummins to the Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Cummins is a resident of Ward 7 and this appointment fills a vacancy on the Commission.

Cecil Cummins
1046 Hyde Park Drive
Annapolis, MD 21403

His resume is attached

Thank You.

GB/hrr

Reviewed by: <u>Economic Matters Committee</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Favorable	<input type="checkbox"/> Unfavorable
	<u>9/18/24</u>
Committee Chair	Date

Application Form

Profile

Cecil

First Name

Cummins

Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

City

State

Postal Code

Are you a resident of the City of Annapolis?

Yes No

What ward do you live in? *

Ward 7

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Historic Preservation Commission: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Are you an employee of the City of Annapolis?

Yes No

Do you do business with the City of Annapolis?

Yes No

If yes, please detail.

To date, I have not been employed by the City of Annapolis.

Are you currently serving on any city boards or commissions?

Yes No

Work experience (please answer here or attach resume or CV)

It is best to reference my website (www.cecilcummins.com) or my LinkedIn Profile (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/cecilcummins/>). I do not have a resume or CV, but can share a quick biography: Cecil serves as Senior Vice President of Hyatt Commercial, focusing on Commercial Real Estate Sales in the State of Maryland. In his first five and a half years in the Business (Through the Summer of 2023), Cecil brokered over \$155MM in transactions, across more than 745,000 building square feet, representing more than 110 clients, and in his fifth year, rose to be the number one producing broker in the company out of 19 agents. Prior to his joining Hyatt Commercial, Cecil served as a consultant, helping small businesses streamline their systems and processes, and as an economic development consultant analyst assisting cities with large real estate developments, including a 100+ acre project in Princeton, New Jersey. Cecil has a diverse background with involvement in politics, social media, logistics, operations, and event logistics. He is also an experienced public speaker having presented on stage with renowned speakers Gary Vaynerchuk and David Osborn. Cecil has served as an appointed member of the Comptroller of the State of Maryland's Business Advisory Council under Peter Franchot from 2019-2022; and contributed to multiple task forces for the City of Annapolis, including the Transportation Task Force in 2017 and the Affordable Housing Taskforce in 2020-2021, and formerly served as the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Chesapeake Baysavers Foundation. Cecil is a native of Annapolis, Maryland, and currently resides there, spending his spare time managing his real estate investment portfolio, researching geopolitics, and seeking adventure around the world with his Wife. He graduated as a triple major with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Accounting, and Business Administration from McDaniel College.

Educational background (Please answer here or attach resume or CV)

Bachelor of Science, McDaniel College. Graduated in 3.5 Years with a Triple Major. I was one of three students in my graduating class with this distinction.

Other experience (volunteer experience, memberships, etc.)

1. Membership Benefactor to Historic Annapolis 2. I previously provided Pro Bono services per request of the Hoppy Adams Foundation to assess and value real estate for purposes of historic preservation and advancement of the celebration of African American history in the City of Annapolis. 3. I previously served as Vice President of the Chesapeake Baysavers Foundation, a former nonprofit dedicated to the environmental preservation of the Chesapeake Bay. 4. I previously served as an active advisor on the former Comptroller's (Peter Franchot) Business Advisory Council.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I have always been interested in Annapolis History. I grew up in Annapolis and attended the local public schools, including Annapolis Elementary School on Greene Street, Bates Middle School, and Annapolis High School. The history of Annapolis was always a large part of my childhood, not only in my favorite classes which were usually history, math, or economics, but also because of the proximity of my childhood home and place of education. Annapolis History was and always will be prominent and a part of my life and focus. I have been a City of Annapolis resident almost my entire life, and have always had an affinity for the historic homes of Annapolis, museums, the ties Annapolis has to our independence as a country, and the ties Annapolis has to the water. My mother was a pioneer in Oyster Farming, which, coupled with my family's love of sailing, connected me even more to Chesapeake Bay History. My mother also worked for the Smithsonian for years at their support center which gave me unprecedented access to opportunities to visit museums in Washington DC regularly and get private tours of their support centers and storage facilities where there are endless artifacts and history to observe and learn from, further encouraging my curiosity and consideration for what has come before us. She also even worked for a short while with John Petrini at Petrini's old shipyard - as a kid- that was an experience like no other. My interest was piqued more frequently in recent years when I was asked to serve on the Board of the Chesapeake Baysavers Foundation. I had an opportunity within that organization to not only help guide their vision as an organization but also to briefly work in the Oyster Recovery programs and initiatives, after helping pass legislation alongside other organizations' support and the support of our Senator, Sarah Elfreth. Being a part of that organization and learning from Watermen who have been earning a living in Annapolis for generations left a lasting impact. However- as much as I love the water - my passion remains on land- with the real estate itself. Getting licensed to broker Commercial Real Estate provided me with professional knowledge of how the economic landscape functions, and launched me into a world where I was able to be involved at a larger scale in the City, helping work with Property Owners - Historic and Non-Historic - Business Owners, and Stakeholders in the Community. My passion caught even more fire, deeply rooted in my love for this City. My profession provides me an opportunity to be involved in the commercial economic landscape of the City and potentially even help influence it. I wanted to do even more than just what my profession called for however- I wanted to be engaged in protecting our City. When I was asked to volunteer my time to help support the Hoppy Adams Foundation- I knew the opportunity was in perfect alignment with my goals to be more involved. I happily took up the chance and provided my expertise in commercial real estate to help provide the foundation the expertise they needed to gather the resources, information, and support to raise funds to bring more awareness to Hoppy Adams, and the impact he made, not only in Annapolis but across the Northeast Region with his radio broadcasts and booming presence at the Carrs Beach events. That history is so important to Annapolis. I have been so inspired by the City's efforts to revitalize those stories and bring forth a movement to pay respects to that time and preserve the culture and impact that it had on the generations to come. I was so proud when the arterial road leading to my home- Edgewood Road- was honorably renamed for historic preservation purposes - "Carrs Beach Road" - it represents incredible progress with Historic Preservation in the City that has not (to my knowledge) previously had quite the support that other Historic Aspects of our City have. Lastly- most recently, my interest was once again ignited in Historic Preservation when I was recently engaged professionally alongside two partners at Hyatt Commercial to represent ownership in their goal of selling Reynolds Tavern. Such a prominent property has so much history and so much importance in our community. It was a primary goal of ours to find the right prospective buyer for this property- one who would not only adhere to the laws preserving its History- but go above and beyond to respect, curate, and bring the history to life. While this engagement is still in process and under a confidential, legally binding contract, I can say that thus far, we have paved a path for that goal to be realized, and it brings me great pride to be able to share that.

References

John Tower: 410-260-2200 ext. 7790 - jjtower@annapolis.gov Gavin Buckley: 410-263-7997 mayorbuckley@annapolis.gov An abundance of additional references can be made available upon request.

Demographics

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Male

Sexual Orientation

Straight/Heterosexual

07/18/1995

Date of Birth

Question applies to Historic Preservation Commission

How does your experience (professional or personal) fit the following code requirement: Each member shall possess a demonstrated special interest, specific knowledge, or professional or academic training in such fields as history, architecture, architectural history, planning, archaeology, anthropology, curation, conservation, landscape architecture, historic preservation, urban design, or related disciplines. This Requirement may be satisfied either by formal training in one or more of these fields or active membership in a preservation-related organization. The requirement for membership under the category of specific knowledge may be satisfied by formal post secondary education, employment or practical experience in one or more of the above-listed fields.

I thought this question in the prompt above - maybe I wrote too much there- I apologize if so- I will share the same answer below- but also a direct answer first - I am professionally trained in Commercial Real Estate, I am an active member of the community, a property owner in the City, a Lifelong resident, and an active benefactor to Historic Annapolis. My Grandfather was also a well-known Architect in Maryland and designed some of the buildings located on the Naval Academy Grounds, amongst other designs for businesses here locally, which gave me first-hand experience in Architecture, and a vision for Urban Design. (Previous Answer that Caters to this question as well, copied again here for reference): -----

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