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**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Advisory Group Application  
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## Advisory Group Application

### Step 1

#### Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Advisory Groups

##### Public Statement

**THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT:** As a candidate for a public advisory group, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All advisory group members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.

Title	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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First Name	Ryan
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Last Name	Rickerts
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Today's Date	1/13/2025
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City	Maple Falls
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Zip	98266
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Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
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Do you have a different mailing address?	YES
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### Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Group	Parks and Recreation Commission
2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?	Yes
3. Which Council district do you live in?	District 3
4. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group	No
5. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County?	No
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	No
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	<i>Field not completed.</i>
7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	I have worked 20 years as professional software developer, currently employed one year as Principal Engineer for RE/MAX LLC. I worked 12 years for a local company, Saturna Capital, who bought the old Black Mountain Boyscout Camp on north side of Silver Lake and turned it into Camp Saturna. I have volunteered to help maintain this property in the past.

I served 12 years as event director for Cascade Cross Series, promoting over 60 cyclocross races in my tenure booking venues like Civic Fields, Squalicum Creek Park (before it was a park), Cornwall Park in Bellingham, Silver Lake Park in Whatcom County, Northern State Recreation Area in Sedro Woolley, etc. I also developed a permanent course on 45 acres at the former New World Golf Course on Meridian while under the stewardship of Bellingham BMX. This required regular turf maintenance with heavy equipment, tree clearing, trail building in the forest, bridge building, blackberry pruning, etc. and coordinating a lot of volunteers.

I have organized long, group bike rides, formed cycling teams, and other civic activities around bicycles.

I volunteered for several years on the Mt Baker Ski Area event crew helping put on ski and snowboard races: course set up, scoring, etc. I also assisted the Ski to Sea organization Whatcom Events by running the event area in Hovander Park for the canoe-to-cyclocross transition (one time) and the run-to-road-bike transition at the WSDOT shed (one time).

As a more recent hobby, I have been performing volunteer trail maintenance, as I have acquired a battery-powered chainsaw and a brushing blade attachment I can shuttle into the woods by e-bike. I have assisted the WTA in maintaining Hannegan Pass trail as well as Nooksack Nordic Ski Club's new Salamander Connector trail.

I served one year on the Bellingham Mayor's Greenways Advisory Committee under Kelli Linville.

8. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this Advisory Group.

I have lived in Whatcom County for 25 years and have been very involved with outdoor activities, exploring open spaces, and booking event venues. I have a knowledge of how to collaborate across organizations and recruit volunteers to get things done. I would like to see the linkages between county properties working for cyclists, runners, and walkers which is something the Methow Valley has done a great job of by engaging the entire community - especially private landowners - and framing it as a win for everybody. I believe Parks could work with higher government agencies like the DNR and WDFW to help achieve the mission of providing recreation in the county while reducing impacts.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Sonja Max: [REDACTED] (former Chair)  
Eric Brown: [REDACTED] (head of WMBC)  
Cisco Rodriguez: [REDACTED] (founder of Bellingham BMX)  
Todd Ellsworth: 3 [REDACTED] (event organizer)  
Anna Rankin: [REDACTED] (head of Whatcom Events)

Appointment

I understand and agree

## Requirements

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Signature of applicant: Ryan J. Rickerts

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Place Signed /  
Submitted Bellingham, WA

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