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Mayor Don Merkes

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Dear Mayor Don Merkes,

I am writing to inform you of my interest in a position on the Landmarks commission for the City of Menasha and ask that you consider me for that appointment.

I have only been a resident of the City of Menasha since 2013, but have always had a passion for historical preservation, architectural aesthetics and community service. The City of Menasha still has a wealth of landmarks and I would like to play a part in their preservation and aesthetic restoration. Please consider my experience and qualifications:

Business Acumen:

I am Owner/Operator of Wydeven Real Estate Investments, a small rental housing business in the Fox River Valley (including rental properties in the City of Menasha since 1996). I have held licenses to practice real estate law and brokerage in the state of Wisconsin. I am a member of the Apartment Association of the Fox River Valley, dealing in landlord/tenant relationships and property management.

Community Service & Involvement:

- I am a commissioner for Chute Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District #1 in the Town of Mountain, WI
- I've had a 3 year affiliation with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Fox River Valley, providing guidance and mentorship for a child in the city of Appleton.
- I have served as a Steering Committee leader for the GLBT Youth Partnership in the cities of Appleton and Green Bay.
- For two years, I have served on the leadership team for INCLUDE, a recently formed organization embracing the GLBT Community in the Fox River Valley.

Professional:

I hold a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay and am employed as a Senior Designer for Kimberly-Clark Corporation working with national and international design agencies to develop advanced design tools in the virtual reality space. I've worked at K-C for 24 years and hold several patents as an inventor.

I believe that this mix of talents, skills, experience and community service qualifies me as a candidate for Landmarks Commissioner in the City of Menasha. I hope that you will agree and ask that you consider me for this appointment.

Sincerely,

Dean M. Wydeven