APPLICATION FOR CITY BOARD OR COMMITTEE

Thank you for your interest in serving on a Board or Committee. The purpose of this form is to provide the City Commission with basic information about applicants considered for appointment. NOTE: Completed applications are included in the City Commission agenda packets. The information included on this form is open to the public. All Board and Committee members are subject to the provisions of the Ethics Ordinance (Chapter 2, Article IX of the City Code).

Information on various Boards and Committees and a list of current openings can be found on the City website at www.bhamgov.org/boardsopportunities.

(Please print clearly)

Board/Committee of Interest: Baldwin Library Board member

Specific Category/Vacancy on Board: Vacancy of Rob Tera (see back of this form for information)

Name: Karen G. Rock

Residential Address: 465 Pilgrim Avenue

Residential City, Zip: Birmingham, 48009

Business Address: ____________________________________________________________

Business City, Zip: ____________________________________________________________

Home Phone: 248-540-9203; Cell Phone: 248-219-2096

Email: KGRock13@gmail.com

Length of Residence: 9 years

Occupation: Retired

I have lived in the Birmingham area since 1984.

Reason for Interest: Explain how your background and skills will enhance the board to which you have applied

I've been active in board positions for several organizations, including financial reviews, and I served on the Books & Bites fundraiser committee in 4 different years.

I am a longtime Baldwin Library card holder, attended Baldwin classes, and participated in summer reading programs.

List your related employment experience:

- Birmingham Public School District (11 years);
- Detroit Edison (9 years);
- Financial reports and legislative analysis.
- Frito Lay Finance Co. (5 years);
- U.S. district finance mgr.

List your related community activities:

- Oakland Literacy Council Volunteer;
- Birmingham Musical Executive Board;
- Baldwin Library Books & Bites;

List your related educational experience:

- MBA - University of Detroit;
- AB - University of Michigan.

To the best of your knowledge, do you or a member of your immediate family have any direct financial or business relationships with any supplier, service provider or contractor of the City of Birmingham from which you or they derive direct compensation or financial benefit? If yes, please explain: ____________________________________________________________

Do you currently have a relative serving on the board/committee to which you have applied? No

Are you an elector (registered voter) in the City of Birmingham? Yes

Signature of Applicant: Karen G. Rock

Date: February 8, 2021

Return the completed and signed application form to: City of Birmingham, City Clerk’s Office, 151 Martin, Birmingham, MI 48009 or by email to clerk@bhamgov.org or fax to 248.530.1080.

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From: Karen kgrock13@gmail.com
Subject: Application for Library Board position
Date: Feb 8, 2021 at 2:11:11 PM
To: Rebekah Craft rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org

Hello Rebekah,

As I mentioned previously, I am very interested in the Library Board position.

Attached are 3 scanned documents for my application for the Baldwin Public Library Board position that is opening:

1) Resume
2) Response to the question: How would my involvement on the Library Board benefit Baldwin Public Library?
3) Application For City Board or Committee

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Karen Rock
How would my involvement on the Library Board benefit Baldwin Public Library?

I have lived in the Birmingham area for over 55 years. During that time, I attended Birmingham public schools, the University of Michigan and University of Detroit for undergraduate and graduate degrees, and retired after working in positions involving financial analysis at Detroit companies (Fruehauf and Detroit Edison) and 11 years in community education at a Birmingham elementary school. I have observed numerous changes that occurred in the community and at Baldwin Public Library over time. Also, I’ve participated in Baldwin Library events and classes, and I was an active member of the Books & Bites committee for four different fundraiser evening events. My volunteer experience working with others on several Boards and work experience involving financial analysis, business operations, and community education would be valuable in my work as a Baldwin Library Board member. Baldwin Public Library is an important part of Birmingham and plays a significant role in providing a variety of services for all ages. I would like to be a member of the Baldwin Library Board where I would have an opportunity to work with Board members to maintain Baldwin Library’s activities and vital role in the community.

Karen Brock
Karen G. Rock
465 Pilgrim Avenue
Birmingham, MI 48009
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248-219-2096

Retirement Activities
2010-Present

-Oakland Literacy Council: Trained in ESL tutoring and small group discussion leadership, followed by 4 years of one-on-one ESL tutoring and leading an online discussion group of ESL parents during COVID-19.

-The Birmingham Musicalet: Member of women’s chorus, Assistant Corresponding Secretary, and Chair of Bylaws Committee.

-Quarton Lake Neighborhood Association: Member of the Board and “Quacker” newsletter editor for several years.

-Ann Arbor Condominium Homeowners Association: Board of Directors’ positions as president and secretary.


-Other Activities: Quarton School work as a substitute for office staff; book club member; reading; 100+ Women Motown; piano keyboard lessons; violin; travel; and genealogy.

Employment
1999-2010

Birmingham Public School District, Birmingham, Michigan
Community School Organizer, Quarton Elementary School
Managed the preschool, kindergarten enrichment, and latch key programs, after-school classes, and evening community-school activities. Established policies, set tuition rates, developed and maintained staff and parent handbooks, staffed the programs, followed state licensing requirements, marketed and advertised programs, created budgets, purchased supplies and equipment, handled tuition payment collection, maintained the program websites, and worked with a parent committee to develop a grade-level K-5 community service program.

1980-1988

Detroit Edison Company, Detroit Michigan
Prepared financial analysis reports for Michigan Public Service Commission electric rate cases and wrote analyses of pending legislative bills.


1976-1980

Fruehauf Corporation, Fruehauf Finance Company, Detroit, Michigan
Analyzed financial data for loan requests and reviewed credit and office compliance with loan and lease procedures at various U.S. Fruehauf branches.

-Regional Finance Manager, Southwest Region (1978-1980)
-District Finance Manager, N. Central Region (1976-1978)

Education

University of Detroit, Graduate School of Business Administration
Detroit, Michigan

Master of Business Administration, December 1979.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan