



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

September 16, 2021

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval the **APPOINTMENT** of **LEE BLAKE** of 29 Bonney Street, New Bedford, MA to the **PARK COMMISSIONERS**. Mr. Blake will be replacing Paula Robinson Deare who has resigned. This term will expire in May 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JFM", is written over a faint, larger blue ink signature.

Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/sds

cc: Lee Blake



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD BOARD & COMMISSION APPLICATION

The Mayor is seeking citizens who wish to serve on City Boards and Commissions established to assist and advise the City on specific matters. Please complete this application in full (attach a resume and other information which may assist the Mayor and the City Council in making its selection) and file it with the Mayor's Office. The Mayor reserves the right to reject any application. Some appointments are subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Board/Commission applying for: (see reverse side) Park Commission

Name: Lee Blake

Email: lee.blake@newbedfordma.gov

Home Telephone: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Residence Address: 29 Bonney Street

Zip: 02740

Present Occupation & Place of Employment: retired - volunteer for New Bedford Historical Society

Educational Background: BA African American Studies and Urban Policy

Memberships in Community Organizations or Professional Groups:

President, New Bedford Historical Society

AHA Board

WHALE Board of Directors

City Boards and/or Commissions on which you have previously served:

New Bedford Public Library Board

The reasons why you wish to be considered for appointment by the Mayor:

I believe my skills as an educator, researcher, and historic preservationist would be beneficial to the Parks Dept. I am also a successful grantwriter and would assist in that area.

Please detail specific areas of expertise:

Local and regional history, historic preservation, research, writing skills, educational program planning, grant writing

Please detail specific areas of interest:

I would like to work with the city and Parks Department to provide more access to youth for park programs that are engaging and tell the story of New Bedford and its neighborhoods.

Available for meetings in the daytime ☐ evenings ☐ both ☒ (check one)

Resident of the City since what year: 1952

Appointees and incumbents may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest, as required by the City Council Rules or the Mayor. The statement may require a declaration that you have no interest in conflict with the City of New Bedford. Please return your completed application to the Mayor's Office, 133 William St., Room 311, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Applications will be kept on file for two years.

**I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING
INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

Signature of Applicant: Lee Blake

Date: Aug. 5, 2021