

# **Application of John Farabella**

Your name: JOHN FARABELLA

Section 3. Questions for you to complete. (If you need more space, you may attach additional pages.)

A. Please review the following requirements from the Home Rule Charter for serving on the Commission on Parks and Recreation. How do you meet those qualifications?

"Qualifications. The members shall have demonstrated experience or skills relevant to the powers and duties of the Commission including, but not limited to: sports, recreation and athletic programming; natural lands management, watershed management, and environmental protection; tourism, marketing and public relations; business and finance; neighborhood revitalization; community leadership; historical and architectural preservation; landscaping and horticulture; and fundraising. The Commission shall also be reflective of the geographic, racial, ethnic, and gender diversity within the City."

- ① BORN & RAISED IN NORTH PHILA. (HANDS) - GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, ETHNIC & GENDER DIVERSITY
- ② PLAYED FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL & SWIMMING ALL MY YOUNG LIFE } SPORTS REC. CRITERIA
- ③ LIVE ACROSS THE STREET FROM ROSSO PLAYGROUND. VOLUNTARILY KEEP THE AREA FREE & CLEAR OF DAILY DEBRIS LEFT BY OTHER CITIZENS, WHICH IS AN EYE SORE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS. } NATURAL LAND MANAGERMENTS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CRITERIA.
- ④ WORKED IN THE PAST IN A SENIOR CITIZENS COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS. } PUBLIC RELATI FINANCE; COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP CRITERIA.
- ⑤ WORKED IN THE PAST WITH A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT HOUSED & FED HOMELESS MEN. MANY WERE HIV VICTIMS. (ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY).
- ⑥ IN THE SUMMER, ENGAGE IN LAWN CARE, AROUND MY HOUSE & HAVE IN THE PAST WORKED FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, WHO ALSO ENGAGED IN HANDS ON PLANTINGS & ASSESSMENTS. } LANDSCAPING & HORTICULTURE CRITERIA.

Your name: JOAN FARABELLA

B. In these difficult economic times, what do you think the Commission on Parks and Recreation should do to support, promote, and invest in the City's park and recreation system? As a member of the Commission, what would you do to assist the Commission in achieving these goals?

SINCE I LIVE IN THE NORTHEAST PART OF TOWN, AND NEAR THE PRISON SYSTEM, I WOULD USE THESE RESOURCES, MORE WIDELY TO KEEP THE PARK SYSTEMS CLEAN.  
THIS COULD BE ACHIEVED ON A RELATIVELY MINOR FINANCIAL BASIS.

C. Please review the role and responsibilities of the Commission, which are set forth in Part I of this application. Then, please attach a statement of no more than 500 words explaining why you want to serve on the Commission Parks and Recreation and why you believe you should be nominated to do so.

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(JFP)  
4/24/2012.

Section 4. Resume: Please attach to this application an up-to-date resume. Include your name, but do not include any personal contact information (street address, phone number, e-mail address) that you do not wish to be publicly available. On the resume, please provide the following information:

- Your employment history – employers, job titles and responsibilities, and dates of employment. If you have been self-employed, include that information.
- Your education or training – schools attended, degrees attained, and dates.
- Your community and professional organizations, affiliations, and activities.
- Optional: Any additional information that you consider relevant to this application.

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April 24<sup>th</sup> 2012

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## EXPLANATION OF SERVICE TO COMMISSION ON PARKS & RECREATION

IN MY COLLEGE YEARS, I WAS AN ASSISTANT RECREATION LEADER AT SCANLON RECREATION PLAYGROUND (BOTH ICE-SKATING CENTERS - WHAT I DID, AFTER I LEARNED HOW); THOMAS A. HOLME.

PLAYGROUND

BEFORE THAT, IN MY YOUNGER YEARS, I PLAYED FOOTBALL & SOFTBALL & SWAM AT WHITIER PLAYGROUND, PLAYED BASKETBALL AT PANATTI PLAYGROUND. (NORTH. PHILA.) & HARDSMALL AT McDEVITT'S PLAYGROUND IN EAST FALLS.

WE MOVED TO NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA, DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM RUSSO PLAYGROUND. AS FAR AS MAINTENANCE OF THE LANDSCAPE, IT'S ALWAYS MAINTAINED WELL. AS FAR AS CITIZENRY IS CONCERNED IT'S LIKE THEY HAVE NO HOME. ALWAYS, ALWAYS LEAVING THEIR TRASH BEHIND. THE PARK IS HUGE, HAS SEVERAL BASEBALL DIAMONDS USE TO HAVE BASKETBALL COURTS (NOW GONE) BUT ONLY 1 MAINTENANCE MAN. HOW THEY DO IT I'LL NEVER KNOW.

I HAVE FOR 20 OR 30 YEARS, MAINTAINED THE AREA FROM MY FRONT WINDOW, LOOKING OUT ON THE MEADOW, DEBRIS FREE. JUST TO APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S GREEN ACRES.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, I TOOK IT UPON MYSELF TO GIVE THE MAINTENANCE MAN A HAND AND WENT THROUGHOUT THE PARK PICKING UP ALL THE DEBRIS. THIS INSPIRED THE MAYFAIR BOYS CLUB (WHO HAVE AN ASSISTING INTEREST IN THE PLAYGROUND) TO DO THE SAME THING, ON A CLUB BASIS, THE FOLLOWING SPRING.

SINCE, I AM CURRENTLY RECEIVING PARTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS, AND APPLYING FOR THIS POSITION, WHICH SATISFY ONE OF MY REQUIREMENTS TO CONTINUE TO APPLY FOR MY

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( EXTENDED BENEFITS, I TAUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL.

WHO KNOWS WHAT THIS COULD LEAD TO. MAYBE EVEN.

A DECENT PAYING JOB?

**JOHN J FARABELLA**

PHILADELPHIA, PA 191364104

**EXPERIENCE**

Dec 2006 to  
Present  
~~June 2010~~

**SECURITY**  
Catholic Social Services, Philadelphia, PA

Security & Lt. Maintenance. Provided routine security for children, Grades 1-8, on a daily basis. Routine direction for program requirements, supportive service for group leaders. Additional requirements included classroom training for specific problem solving issues relating to the childrens interaction, e.g. CPR training.

Jan 2005 to  
Sep 2006

**CASE MANAGER**  
Catholic Social Services-SCSEP, Philadelphia, PA

Administered training program for low-income senior citizens in Philadelphia area.

Apr 2004 to  
Dec 2004

**INTERN/CLERK**  
Fair Housing Commission, Phila., PA

Landlord/Tenant complaints. Hearing notifications.

Apr 2000 to  
Feb 2001

**CLERK**  
U. S. Census Bureau, Philadelphia, PA

Actively participated in distribution of support materials for National Head Count. Assisted in distribution of logs (binders) for recording of all census forms direct mailing and formal interview basis.

Jun 1997 to  
Jun 1999

**CASUAL CLERK/MAIL HANDLER**  
United States Post Office, Philadelphia, PA

Bagged and shipped mail destined for postal drops state wide and nation wide. Labor intensive requiring the ability to lift and or roll heavy objects.

Jun 1992 to  
Apr 1993

**DELIVERY DRIVER**  
Amerascan Pharmaceuticals, Philadelphia, PA

Responsibilities included but not limited to delivering nuclear medicine to hospitals in the tri-state area.

## **EDUCATION**

**LA SALLE COLLEGE**  
Philadelphia, PA  
Bachelors in Business Administration

## **MILITARY**

Mar 1969 to  
Feb 1976

**ARMY RESERVES**  
Honorable Discharge

Cook, responsible for daily preparation of food for the troops.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

**ICDLUS** from Mayor's Commission on Technology  
Expires: Jan 2050

Certified in all current Microsoft Business Applications. Word.  
Excel, Access & Power-Point.

**PENNSYLVANIA DRIVERS LICENSE** from State of Pennsylvania  
Expires: Nov 2009

Class C drivers license

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.

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Your name: JOHN FARABELLA

**Section 5. Optional supporting materials.** You are invited to submit up to three letters of recommendation. You may submit them along with your application or separately. If you have not submitted them by the time that Council holds its public hearing for applicants, please bring the letters with you and submit them when your name is called.

**Section 6. Signature.** Please sign on the line immediately below. If you are submitting your application by e-mail directly from your computer, type your name instead.

John Farabella

**Section 7. Date.** Indicate the date that you are submitting this application:

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012

If you are selected to serve on the Commission on Parks and Recreation, you will be required to file the City's annual financial disclosure form. You will also be subject to ethics laws applicable to City boards and commissions (and to the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia Board of Ethics). In addition, the Mayor's Executive Order No. 3-10 requires that appointees to City boards and commissions be in compliance with tax laws and all City fines and fees; in that connection, you will be required to complete a "Tax Clearance Application," which will authorize the City's Department of Revenue to confirm that you are in compliance (or have entered into a voluntary payment agreement).

If you have questions about the application process, please contact  
Theresa Brunson at 215-686-3424 or  
Hal Fichandler at 215-686-7667.

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