

RE: Nomination of Jim Roberts for Volunteer Spirit Award

Franklin Tomorrow:

I am pleased to nominate Jim Roberts for the esteemed Franklin Tomorrow 2021 Volunteer Spirit Award.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Jim through his previous position on the City of Franklin Battlefield Preservation Commission and his current position as Chairman of the Historic Zoning Commission. As the City's preservation planner, I have watched Jim thrive as a commissioner. He has worked long hours to better his community by participating in key context-sensitive decision- and policy-making efforts. The position has allowed Jim to put his legal administration background to great use, contemplating the dynamics between private property rights and the public good, as well as evaluating the complexities of non-regulatory design guidelines enforcement within various contexts. Jim has reached out to me on numerous occasions to discuss historic preservation and its applicability to the tasks at hand.

In addition to his City of Franklin volunteer work, Jim has donated countless hours to various civic and historic preservation-minded organizations during his 40+ years residing in the community. Jim began his participation with Franklin Tomorrow in 2011 and has served on the Board of Directors. He has also been involved with the Association of Legal Administrators, is a graduate of the 2002 class of Leadership Franklin, serves on the Executive Board of Directors of the Battle of Franklin Trust, and has been active in Waves, the Monroe Harding Finance and Endowment Committee, Franklin's Downtown Neighborhood Association, and the First Presbyterian Church. While I cannot confirm all of Jim's volunteer hours with various organizations, I can confidently state that this year alone, Jim has contributed over 50 hours of service to the City of Franklin.

I am continually grateful that Jim has volunteered to serve Franklin in these various capacities. He is kind, fair, thoughtful, and well-organized, too! His commitment to the Historic Zoning Commission, in particular, is truly impressive and enviable, and it is clear that Jim feels blessed to serve his community. Jim is a rare find, and it is for these reasons that I recommend Jim for the 2021 Franklin Tomorrow Volunteer Spirit Award. Please let me know if you have any questions about Jim's contributions.

Sincerely,

Amanda Rose