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December 3, 2007

President Lisa Borders and
Members of Atlanta City Council
City Hall, Suite 2900 South
68 Mitchell St., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Tree Conservation Commission Re-Appointment

Dear President Borders and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to re-appoint Amanda Campbell Briner to serve as a member of the Tree Conservation Commission in the Horticulturist/Botonist/Nursery Worker Category for the City of Atlanta. This re-appointment is for a **term of two (2) years**.

I am confident that Ms. Campbell Briner will continue to serve the Tree Conservation Commission with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,



Shirley Franklin

AMANDA CAMPBELL BRINER

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Education University of Georgia – BSA in Horticulture 2001
Morgan County High School – Honor graduate 1997

Work

Experience

The Atlanta Botanical Garden, Atlanta, GA; Manager of Outdoor Gardens:
Organize, participate in, and manage maintenance of all outdoor gardens and collections; organize, participate in and manage seasonal color displays; ordering of horticultural supplies and materials; assign duties and monitor completion; supervise horticulture staff of nine; develop short and long range plans for development of outdoor gardens and collections; participate in the planning and implementation of special Garden events; public relations and educational activities including teaching, writing, television interviews, and newspaper interviews; assist with budget preparation and implementation; hiring of employees; employee evaluation; horticulture staff scheduling of daily duties and timesheets; interdepartmental problem solving and coordination; maintenance and development of outdoor succulent and cactus area; customer service.
March 2004-present

The Atlanta Botanical Garden, Atlanta, GA; Horticulturist:
Develop and maintain outdoor plant collections including trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals; co-coordinator for all annual bed, pot, and basket displays; plant nutrition; pest and disease recognition and treatment; soil preparation; plant selection and design; planting and daily hands-on maintenance tasks including but not limited to watering (irrigation), weeding, mulching, top-dressing, deadheading, and pruning; special interest succulent and cacti garden keeper; provide information for garden guests; public relations; keeping plant records; volunteer coordinator for the horticulture department; participant in construction and host for Southeastern Flower Show display; contributing writer for member newsletter; staffed special garden events and festivals.
January 2002-March 2004

Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL; Community Gardening Intern:
Independently organized and supervised selected school gardens' summer maintenance programs; school garden planting; coordination of student and volunteer teams for long term maintenance; worked with a diverse population in various neighborhood community gardens in Chicago; Temporary children's garden general maintenance and activities.
May-August 2000

University of Georgia Trial Gardens, Athens, GA; Gardener:
Seed propagation, plug and seedling transplantation, garden planting, and general upkeep of the horticultural trial gardens covering the full range of maintenance activities; general guest information; supervisory position in absence of manager.
February 2001- December 2001

Licenses Georgia Pesticide Applicators License; Georgia driver's license

Honors and Achievements Appeared on various cable and local television stations representing the Atlanta Botanical Garden
Appeared in and interviewed for The Atlanta Journal—Constitution representing the Atlanta Botanical Garden

Contributing writer for Atlanta Botanical Garden member newsletter
Conducts various tours, lectures, classes, and informative sessions
Contributor for Chicago Botanic Garden's Virtual Green Thumb CD-Rom
University of Georgia Dean's List Fall Semester 1998
Participated in many volunteer opportunities and clubs at UGA

Skills

Self motivator, excellent time management, can work independently or in a group,
operation of machinery, knowledge of simple construction, excellent customer service,
learns quickly, creative, well developed problem solving skills

References

Meg Green
Trial Garden Manager, University of Georgia
(706) 583-0285

Dr. Tim Smalley
Associate Professor of Horticulture and Undergraduate Coordinator, University of Georgia
(706) 542-2471

Tom Harvey
Manager of Special Exhibits, Atlanta Botanical Garden
(404) 591-1588

Mildred Pinnell Fockele
Director of Horticulture, Atlanta Botanical Garden
(404) 591-1587