



Venice, Florida
"City on the Gulf"

BOARD APPLICATION
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BOARD: Economic Development DATE: 5-21-2012

NAME: Susan I. Stewart (formerly Susan Stewart Meeker) PHONE: 941-484-7462

ADDRESS: 126 Preserve Place

CITY: North Venice (Nokomis) ZIP CODE: 34275

CITY RESIDENT: Yes ☐ No ☐ EMAIL ADDRESS: susanstewart027@gmail.com

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN VENICE? 9 Months but a frequent visitor for the past 10 years

DO YOU OWN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF VENICE? Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, ADDRESS: 126 Preserve Place

OCCUPATION: Retired (see attached resume)

NAME OF BUSINESS: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____ BUSINESS PH: _____

ARE YOU CURRENTLY HOLDING AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICE FOR ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY (INCLUDING CITY OF VENICE BOARDS)? Yes ☐ No ☐

IF YES, PLEASE LIST: _____

RESUME OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: see attached resume

MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS: see attached resume

WHY DO YOU DESIRE TO SERVE ON THE ABOVE BOARD? My professional leadership in economic development in the City of New York coupled with my desire to assist the City of Venice be a self-sustaining and vibrant community serve as the reason I desire to serve. I believe that to be successful a community, a partnership between the residents and the business community is necessary.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OR PLED "NO CONTEST" TO A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE?

Yes ☐ No ☒

IF CONVICTED OF A FELONY, HAVE YOUR CIVIL RIGHTS BEEN RESTORED: Yes ☐ No ☐

GIVE DETAILS: _____

I UNDERSTAND THAT IF APPOINTED, I WILL SERVE ON THE ABOVE BOARD WITHOUT COMPENSATION AND AT THE PLEASURE OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Susan L. Stewart
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

PLEASE NOTE:

MEMBERSHIP ON THE FOLLOWING BOARDS REQUIRE THAT AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM BE FILED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1ST OF EACH YEAR: FIRE PENSION BOARD; MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD; PLANNING COMMISSION; POLICE PENSION BOARD; AND VENICE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

APPLICANTS OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS ARE REMINDED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES AS APPLICABLE TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. ALL BOARD APPLICATIONS ARE KEPT ON FILE AND ARE REVIEWED AS VACANCIES OCCUR. UPDATED INFORMATION MAY BE REQUESTED AT THAT TIME.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, PHONE NO. 486-2626, EXTENSION NO. 23003.

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Goal: To take the experience and knowledge gained from the past to bring clarity and direction to new challenges.

EXPERIENCE:

- 1983 - 2011 **West Brighton Community Local Development Corporation**
Staten Island, New York
Executive Director of a private not-for-profit corporation established in 1980 to address the economic decline of the North Shore of Staten Island.
Responsibilities:
- Development and administration of all programs of the corporation.
 - Preparation of proposals, promotions, events, and curriculum for seminars.
 - Reporting of programmatic and financial compliance for contracts.
 - Representation of Corporation to public and private interests.
- Highlights:***
- Award winning Castleton Avenue **Commercial Revitalization Project** which leveraged public and private funds to bring businesses back to West Brighton.
 - Development projects for both the automotive and the wood related industries of the North Shore of Staten Island.
 - Quality of life projects that include annual street fairs, parades for area youngsters, and graffiti clean-ups.
 - The Staten Island Business Outreach Center that provides technical assistance, business plan development and loan procurement for business owners through out Staten Island.
 - Satellite office of the SBA Women's Business Center where in addition to business technical assistance we were the designated Staten Island office that processed applications for the Women and Minority Certification for New York City, New York State, and several large corporations within the region.
- 2005 – 2011 **Forest Avenue Business Improvement District**
Staten Island, New York
Executive Director of a 501 (c) (3) organization with legislated authority to assess property owners along a commercial corridor to accomplish the goals of the organization. (more detailed information available upon request).
- 2008 – 2011 **Wagner College**
Staten Island, New York
Adjunct Professor: Masters of Business Administration Program
Courses taught: Not -For-Profit Management, Marketing, Entrepreneurial Studies

EDUCATION

- 2005 Columbia University Graduate School of Business, New York, New York
Institute for Not-For-Profit Management Executive Program
- 1978 - 1980 New School for Social Research, New York, New York
Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology
- 1976 - 1978 Florida International University, Miami, Florida
Magna Cum Laude in Psychology
- 1962 - 1964 Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo Michigan
Merit Scholar in Philosophy

CERTIFICATIONS

- 1981 Institute for Legal Assistant & Paralegal Training
Wagner College, Staten Island, NY
- 1993 The National Development Council: Economic Development Financing

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Current Board Member of:

Interfaith Outreach, Inc.; Vice Chairman Venice, Florida

Past Board Member of:

Business Outreach Center Network, Inc.: Treasurer 1996-1997
Community Housing Resource Board of Staten Island: Chairman 1990-1991
Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art: Chairman of the Board of Trustees 1999-2000
Lynne Robbins Steinman Foundation: Secretary 1990-91; President 1992-1994
Mid-Island Rotary: President 1999-2000
Staten Island Chamber of Commerce: Executive Committee
Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Staten Island Chapter
Richmond Senior Services: Secretary 1998-1999

Committee Membership:

College of Staten Island Office of Continuing Education and Business Development:
Advisory Committee
Project Hospitality: Advisory Committee for Job Training Project
Snug Harbor Cultural Center: Chaired the 1995 Mistletoe Ball
Staten Island Children's Museum Business Luncheon Committee
Staten Island Continuum of Education: Small Business Advisory Committee
Staten Island Urban League: Economic Development Committee
Epilepsy Foundation Annual Brunch Committee

Awards and Honorariums

Mayor of New York's Small Business Award for organizing the first and only Business
Improvement District on Staten Island
Business Leadership Award – Staten Island Chamber of Commerce
Small Business Leadership Award – The New York Daily News
Neighborhood Housing Services Community Service Award
New York State Department of State Main Street Award
Brooklyn Union Gas Company Cinderella Award
Staten Island Advance/Chamber of Commerce Business Leader Award
Adult Literacy Media Alliance National Innovation in Literacy Training Award

References Upon Request