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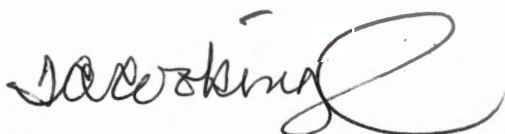
RE: Appointment to the Historic Preservation Board

Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Please accept the attached form and resume as my expression of interest of being reappointed to the City's Historic Preservation Board (HPB). As a current member of the HPB I am well versed in the current goals and objectives of HPD as well as its scope of current and planned activities. Moreover, I am familiar with the proposed rewrite of the City's Development Code to include changes to the status of the HPB, from an independent Board, to a combined Board with the Architectural Review Board. While I may disagree with some of the actions and proposals put forth by the Planning Commission and I do understand the need for a consolidated and streamlined development process for the City.

In addition to my service on the current HPB I believe my 40+ years of experience in urban planning, both in the public and private sectors provide me with a unique set of skills that can be beneficial in bridging the gap between the two existing Boards and implementing the City's future historic preservation efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the City of Venice and I look forward to the opportunity to continue this service.



Thomas A. Cookingham



Venice, Florida
"City on the Gulf"

BOARD APPLICATION
(Please type or print clearly)

BOARD: HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BOARD DATE: 05/13/2022

NAME: THOMAS A. COOKINGHAM

PREFERRED CONTACT TELEPHONE NO.: 941-258-1010

ADDRESS: 512 BEATRICE ST.

CITY: VENICE ZIP CODE: _____

CITY RESIDENT: Yes No E-MAIL ADDRESS: thomasa.cookingham@gmail.com

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN VENICE? 4+ YEARS

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

IF YES, ADDRESS: _____

OCCUPATION: RETIRED

NAME OF BUSINESS: N/A

BUSINESS ADDRESS: N/A BUSINESS PH: N/A

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

IF YES, PLEASE LIST: MEMBER HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

RESUME OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE (Attach resumé, if you prefer): SEE ATTACHED RESUME

MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS (Attach resumé, if you prefer): VOLUNTEER FRIENDS OF LIBRARY, VENICE DOWNTOWNERS & SARASOTA COUNTY CROQUET CLUB, VP. VENICE LIONS CLUB

WHY DO YOU DESIRE TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD? I AM A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD & DURING MY TENURE I BELIEVE THE BOARD AS A WHOLE HAS ACCOMPLISHED A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION CHANGES. I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE MY CONTRIBUTION AS WELL AS SEE THROUGH THE FINISH OF SEVERAL OTHERS. FURTHER WITH THE POTENTIAL COMBINATION OF THE HP & AR BOARDS MY BACKGROUND WOULD BE USEFUL

Yes No

IF YES, GIVE DETAILS:

N/A

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

Yes No

IF YES, HAVE YOUR CIVIL RIGHTS BEEN RESTORED:

Yes No

GIVE DETAILS:

N/A

I UNDERSTAND THAT IF APPOINTED, I WILL SERVE ON THE ABOVE BOARD WITHOUT COMPENSATION AND AT THE PLEASURE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AND I WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MANDATORY TRAINING ON THE SUNSHINE AND PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS.



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 FOR ONE YEAR AND ARE REVIEWED AS VACANCIES OCCUR. UPDATED INFORMATION MAY BE REQUESTED AT THAT TIME.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, PHONE NO. (941) 882-7396.

THOMAS A. COOKINGHAM, AICP

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SUMMARY

Skilled manager with strategic planning and operational expertise in urban and suburban environments; strong record of achievement in areas of contract negotiation, project management, economic development, grant acquisition and innovative program planning; demonstrated strength in data analysis, budgeting, policy development and community outreach; and excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Contract Planner

05/2014 to 05/2019

Punta Gorda/Venice, FL

Provided a variety of planning and administrative services to local governments on Florida's west coast. Clients included Sumter County, Office of County Administrator; Sarasota County, Community Development Department; and City of North Port, Planning & Zoning, Division.

Key Accomplishments

- ❖ Under Sumter County Administrator set-up economic development office; wrote Office policies and procedures manual; revived Economic Development Council; successfully applied for County's first State Enterprise Zone designation; supervised consultant developing Economic Development website and prepare website content; and worked with site consultants, realtors and IT staff to develop "Property Search" application for developed and undeveloped industrial properties.
- ❖ Worked with various Sarasota County departments on rewriting and updating various elements (i.e. Coastal Disaster Management, Land Use, Economic Development, Parks, Preserves and Recreation, Transportation, Capital Improvements and Intergovernmental Coordination) of the Comprehensive Plan; made presentations to the County Planning Commission and County Commission.
- ❖ Contract Planner for special projects assigned by the Manager of the Planning and Zoning Division, City of North Port. Worked with various department and planning staff to update various elements of the City's Comprehensive Plan, to comply with State Statues and to respond to changes in local conditions as required by the State's Evaluation and Appraisal process. Special projects include Transportation Impact Fees for Braves Stadium; Transportation Impact Fee Agreement, West Villages; Inter-local Agreement with Sarasota, Annexations, Revision Principles of Agreement, Annexation of Thomas Ranch (aka West Villages); Façade Rehabilitation Program, Low Income Housing, prepared position competencies statements for all positions in planning division and process development permits.

Director of Development

03/2010 - 02/2014

Desoto County, FL

Responsible for monitoring compliance with and administering the County's Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code; provided technical data and analysis to ensure adequate infrastructure and basic services are available to support new development; assisted customers in complying with the County's Land Development Regulations, Comprehensive Plan, and related ordinances through a managed review process; and provided staff analysis and recommendations for land development proposals.

Assistant Director of Community Development

01/2006 - 03/2010

City of Bradenton, FL

Administered personal and operational functions of 24 person with budget of \$3.5M budget that provide a full range of technical, mapping code enforcement, housing grant administration, and building code services for a 13-square mile city with a diverse population of 53,000. As the urban center and county seat the City faced issues of reimaging and

redeveloping its urban core, upgrading infrastructure, updating its comprehensive plan and land development regulations, and reorganizing and revitalizing the housing and community development program. Day-to-day management of

Director of Community Development

01/2000-01/2006

Charlotte County, FL

Directed the overall operations of a 100-person department with a budget of \$4.5. The department provided planning, zoning, land development, code compliance, GIS mapping/addressing and building services for a 621-square mile county with a population of 175,000. As a rapidly developing area issues related growth, economic development, transportation, aging infrastructure, and provision of timely services to customers.

Director Community Development/ Executive Director Redevelopment Authority 02/1996-01/2000

Managed overall operations of the department and redevelopment authority staff of 45 and a budget of \$6.4M. Provided planning, zoning, historic preservation, housing, code enforcement and building and economic development services for a 11-square mile city with 87,000 residents.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Director of Planning, Cortland County, NY
- Director Planning, City of Ithaca, NY
- Fitzgerald, Cookingham & Assoc.
- Senior Planner, Gruen Associates, Los Angeles, CA
- Manager of Environmental Studies, Jacobs Engineering Group, Los Angeles, CA
- Associate Planner, City of San Diego, CA

EDUCATION

- MBA – Public Administration, IMPAC University, Punta Gorda, FL
- MA – Regional Planning, UC Northridge, Northridge, CA
- BS – Geology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- FEMA National Incident Management System, Command & General Staff Training (IS 100 – 800)
- National Development Council (CED)
- American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)

AFFILIATIONS

- American Institute of Certified Planners
- American Planning Association (National & FL chapter)
- Florida Planning & Zoning Association
- Urban Land Institute (SW Florida Chapter)

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE

- Bay Front Regional Hospital
- Venice Main Street Downtowners
- Venice Friends of the Library
- City of Venice Historic Preservation Board
- Venice Lions Club (Vice President)