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Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Historic and Architectural Preservation Board: Submitted

Have you ever been convicted or pled "no contest" to a misdemeanor offense? Yes No**Have you ever been convicted or pled "no contest" to a felony?** Yes No**If yes, have your civil rights been restored?** Yes No

Demographics**Are you a city resident?** Yes No**How long have you lived in the City of Venice?**

7 years

Question applies to Historic and Architectural Preservation Board

Are you a registered architect?

Yes No

Question applies to Historic and Architectural Preservation Board

Are you a member of Venice MainStreet?

Yes No

Interests & Experiences

Are you currently serving or have you served on a city board?

Yes No

If yes, please list:

Historic Preservation Board, since 2020

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I have been on the Historic Preservation Board for nearly three years, and have enjoyed serving the city of Venice. I'm interested in serving on the newly merged board because it offers the opportunity to help retain Venice's historic assets while also ensuring that new construction and renovations honor the Venice Historic Precedent and contribute to the city's visual appeal.

Resume of Education and Experience:

I had a thirty-year career in journalism, starting at the Washington Post and ending at USA Today, where I was travel editor. In that capacity, I have extensive experience in heritage and architecture tourism, and a strong understanding of what makes Venice so appealing to residents and visitors.

Member of the Following Organizations:

Literacy Volunteers of South Sarasota County (tutor); Meals on Wheels Sarasota (driver)

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Occupation

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Historic and Architectural Preservation Board: Submitted

Have you ever been convicted or pled "no contest" to a misdemeanor offense? Yes No**Have you ever been convicted or pled "no contest" to a felony?** Yes No

Demographics**Are you a city resident?** Yes No**How long have you lived in the City of Venice?**

10 years

Question applies to Historic and Architectural Preservation Board

Are you a registered architect? Yes No

Are you a member of Venice MainStreet?

Yes No

Interests & Experiences

Are you currently serving or have you served on a city board?

Yes No

If yes, please list:

ARB

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

Would like to continue to help preserve and define historical aspects of Venice that make it unique and desirable for residents and visitors.

Resume of Education and Experience:

BS.Univ.of Maryland, landscape architecture Volunteer with VABI as part of Keep Venice Beautiful and Bob Vedder's Bloom Team. Volunteer with Selby Gardens Past President Venice Area Orchid Society Owner of Spring Valley Farm, purveyor of bedding plants and ornamental trees and shrubs. Landscape Contractor for 45 years. Served 18 years on the Mannheim Township (York Co. PA.) Zoning Hearing Board Restored, lived in, and still own, an 1867 farm house.

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Occupation

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 Yes No**Have you ever been convicted or pled "no contest" to a felony?**

 Yes No

Demographics**Are you a city resident?**

 Yes No**How long have you lived in the City of Venice?**

9 years

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Are you a registered architect?

 Yes No

Question applies to Historic and Architectural Preservation Board

Are you a member of Venice MainStreet?

 Yes No

Interests & Experiences

Are you currently serving or have you served on a city board?

Yes No

If yes, please list:

Historic Preservation Board

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I am an advocate for preserving the history of Venice, a vital part of this city's charm and appeal.

Resume of Education and Experience:

B.A., History, Old Dominion College (now University), Norfolk, VA; Juris Doctor (cum laude), Denver University College of Law, Denver, CO; Masters of Law, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI; Colonel, Judge Advocate, United States Air Force (Retired); Attorney, Private Practice, San Antonio and Dallas, Texas (retired); Board Member and President, Preservation of Historic Winchester, Virginia (two terms); Member, Vice Chair, Venice Historic Preservation Board, 2015-present; Board Member, Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation, (2021-present); President, Venice Historic Preservation Society, d/b/a Venice Area Historical Society (presently)

Member of the Following Organizations:

Preservation of Historic Winchester, Venice Heritage, Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation, Venice Historic Preservation League, d/b/a Venice Area Historic Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation

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Demographics**Are you a city resident?** Yes No**How long have you lived in the City of Venice?**

Since 1967

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Are you a registered architect? Yes No

Question applies to Historic and Architectural Preservation Board

Are you a member of Venice MainStreet? Yes No

Interests & Experiences

Are you currently serving or have you served on a city board?

Yes No

If yes, please list:

Public Art, Historic Preservation

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

Venice is a beautiful and historic town. It needs to have public art that will celebrate its history, beauty and artistic spirit. I am happy to serve in helping build our community's art heritage and preserve Venice's architecture/history.

Resume of Education and Experience:

1970 Venice High School, 1973 Manatee Community College-A.A. Theatre Arts, 1971/1972 Asolo State Theatre/FSU Apprenticeship Program, 1975 University of West Florida-B.A. Theatre & Communication Arts.

Member of the Following Organizations:

Venice MainStreet, Venice Heritage, Venice Historic Society, Venice Art Center, Venice Nokomis Woman's Club, Venice Theatre, Friends of the Venice Public Library, Venice Area Beautification, Inc., Venice Area Chamber of Commerce

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Education:

1970 Venice High School
1973 Manatee Community College, Assoc. of Theatre Arts
1971/72 Asolo State Theatre/FSU Apprentice Program
1975 University of West Florida Bachelors of Theatre & Communication Arts

Family:

I have been a City of Venice resident since 1967. I'm married to Thomas B. Trammell, Tom is the Executive Vice-President of D.K.E. Inc and an ex- Marine Corps Captain. He is a Kiwanian and a leader of the Venice Civil Air Patrol squadron. We have four sons. Thomas is a realtor with Merritt Realty in Venice. Thor, a graduate of Manatee Community College with an AA in Film Production, and a B.A. in film from Full Sail, is now working on various independent film projects. Arthur received his Bachelors Degree in Hospitality Management from Johnson & Wales University and works at the Venice Company as its President. Our ward Tristan graduated from University of South Florida with a Bachelor's in Journalism and currently travels the world as a photo journalist.

Board Positions & Volunteer Activities / Past & Present

20/20 Steering & Visioning Board

Past Board Member

Arts & Culture Alliance

Member	present
Board Member	1998-2001
President	2001-2002
President Ex Officio	2002-2003

City of Venice

Chair: Public Art Advisory Board	2008-present
Historic Preservation Advisory Board	2004-present
:Vice Chair: Public Art Advisory Board	2006-2007
Charter Review Board	2000-2001
Economic Development Advisory Board	1996-2002
Airport Master Plan Review Committee	2000-2001

Community Center Review Committee	2000-2001
City Tax Oversight Committee	2000-2003
Community Development Advisory Committee	
City of Venice Representative	2001-2005
Economic Development Council of Sarasota County, Council	
Board Member	2005-2012
Chairman, Film Committee	2007-2020
Ehrhart Family Foundation	
President	1997- present
Exsultate!	
Founding Board Member	2003
Vice President	2004
President	2016-2018
Florida Theatre Conference	
Lifetime Member	
Friends of Venice Library	
Lifetime Member	
President	2018-2020
Gulf Coast Community Foundation / Venice	
Volunteer	2006- present
Arts & Education Review	original member
Women's Fund Executive Fund Chairman	1996-2002
Women's Fund	2001-2005
Youth Advisory Committee	2000-2005
Institute of Philanthropy Charter Board Member	2000-2003
Board Member	2000-2006
Vice-President	2005-2006
Hermitage Artist Retreat	
Charter Board Member	2004- present
Lifetime Honorary Board Member	2007- present

Junior Achievement		
	Instructor	2007
Lemon Bay Playhouse		
	Founding Director/Guest Artistic Director	1987-2002
PALS		
	Volunteer	Since 1975
P.J. Productions Children's Theatre		
	Vice President/Guest Instructor/Director	1992-2004
Quota International of Venice		
	Charter Member	1995
	Charter President	1995-1997
	Treasurer & Publicist	1997-1999
	President	1999-2000
	Past District 27 Secretary/Treasurer	1999
	Vice President	2001
	District 27 Lt Governor	2000-2002
	District 27 Governor	2002-2004
	President	2005-2008
Ringling Museum of Art		
	Sarasota County Ambassador	1994-2001
	(appointed by Senator Lisa Carlton)	
Sarasota Arts in Public Places		
	Jury Member	2000-2002
Sarasota Ballet Ambassadors South		
	Secretary	1997-1999
Sarasota County Arts Council		
	Hermitage Committee	2001-2005
	Grants Review Panelist	2001-2002
	Board Member	2002-2010
	Vice President	2006
	Chair of Governance Committee	2006-2007
	President	2008-2010

Sarasota County Leadership

Class of 2000

Sertoma

District Governor 2003-2005

Board Member 2007-2008

Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Sarasota County Inc.

Chairman/Parenting Committee 2001-2003

Positive Youth Activities Committee 2001-2003

Tourism & Economic Development Board

Board Member 2006-2012

Venice Area Beautification Inc.

Vice President 2001-2003

Board of Directors 1995-2004

Chairman Marketing Committee 2000-2003

Member of Fundraising/Grant Writing Endowment Steering Committee 1995-2010

Chairman of Arts Committee 2004-2010

Vice President 2007-2009

President 2009-2011

Venice Area Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors 1995-2001

Past Chair of Cultural Development

Past Chair of Tourist & Cultural Development

Marketing Committee 2004-2019

Ambassador 2003-2019

Visitor & Community Awareness Committee 2005

Board Member 2006-2012

Venice Area Historic Society

President 1999-2001

President Ex Officio 2001-2002

Representative on Year 2000 Film Project Committee 1998-2001

Member 1999-Present

Venice Mainstreet Inc

Past President, member of the Board	1993-2000	
Past Chair	2002-2003	
Board Member	2004-2010	2020
Treasurer	2004	
Vice President	2005	
President	2006-2007	
Economic Development Committee	Present	
Design Committee, Chair	Present	
Merchandise Committee	Present	
Marketing Committee	Present	

Venice Nokomis Women's Club

President	2019-2020	
Membership	2013-	present

Venice Theatre

Past Chairman, Stage II, Venice Little Theatre		
Board Member and Secretary		
Returned to Board May 1999 as 2nd Vice President of Arts & Education		
Past Director of Stage II and Theatre Camp		
Guest Artistic Director		
President	2000-2005	
Board Member	1999-2005	2020
Vice-President	2007-2008	2020
President	2009-2012	

Venice Heritage

Board Member	2002-Present	
President	2002-2004, 2017-2019	

Sarasota Film Commission	2005-2020	
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Community Recognitions:

1985 Venice Little Theatre, President's Award

1986 Venice Little Theatre, Volunteer Hall of Fame
1997 Sarasota Co. School Board, Moment of Pride
Sarasota County Commission on the Status of Women, Women of Impact
1998 Woman of Distinction Award
Marie Kaufman President's Award, Venice Area Chamber of Commerce
2001 Pillar of Our Community Award, City of Venice
National Leadership Award, National Republican Congressional Committee
Wanda Frey Joiner Founder Award, Quota International, Inc.
2002 Congressional Business Commission Member
Republican Gold Medal
Arts & Culture Alliance, President's Award
Arts Champion, Businessman of the Year
2003 National Republican Congressional Committee
Florida MainStreet, Outstanding Supporter
Rotary, Doc Matson Award for Community Service & Leadership
2005 Sarasota County Community Archives, Honoree
Daughters of the American Revolution, Community Award
Arts & Culture Alliance, Philanthropist Award
2007 Venice Little Theatre, Volunteer of Distinction
Women's Council of Realtors, Award of Excellence
2011 - present Queen Jean Blog / Venice Magazine

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Demographics**Are you a city resident?** Yes No**How long have you lived in the City of Venice?**

40 + years

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Question applies to Historic and Architectural Preservation Board

Are you a member of Venice MainStreet?

Yes No

Interests & Experiences

Are you currently serving or have you served on a city board?

Yes No

If yes, please list:

Archetctural

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

i enjoyed the Archetctural board. Also I am familiar with the buildings on Venice Avenue, and have owned two Historic houses.

Resume of Education and Experience:

High School Some College State Licened builder CBC owned and opperated a Donut Shop, A sandwich shop in Npkomis, A men's clothing on Venive avenue Registered X-Ray Technician, Set up Isotope Labs, Etc.

Member of the Following Organizations:

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Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Historic and Architectural Preservation Board: Submitted

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N/A

Have you ever been convicted or pled "no contest" to a felony? Yes No**Give details:**

N/A

Demographics**Are you a city resident?** Yes No**How long have you lived in the City of Venice?**

4+ years

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Are you a registered architect?

Yes No

Question applies to Historic and Architectural Preservation Board

Are you a member of Venice MainStreet?

Yes No

Interests & Experiences

Are you currently serving or have you served on a city board?

Yes No

If yes, please list:

Historic Preservation Board

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I believe historic preservation provides a valuable physical continuum that links the past to the present. It is important for ensuring a sense of place and permanence in times of change. Viable historic preservation also provides a catalyst for tourism and an economic incentive for reinvestment in the community. My education and professional background (45+ years) in urban planning, historic preservation and economic redevelopment) has provided me with a unique blend of experiences and skills that will enhance the overall effectiveness of the new Historic and Architectural Preservation Board. beneficial to the in bridging

Resume of Education and Experience:

Thomas A. Cookingham 941-258-1010 thomasacookingham@gmail.com 1807 Ashley Dr. Venice, Fl 34292 Profile Retired Urban Planner with over46 years of public and private sector experience, with the last 17 years being in Florida. Accomplished administrator/manager with excellent oral and written communication skills. A good listener with a high degree of success as a consensus builder. In depth knowledge of Florida land use planning and historic preservation law. Experience Retired — 2016 - PRESENT Active in community local service organizations (Vice President Venice Lions, Vice President Kiwanis (Punta Gorda, FL), volunteer Venice library book store, Venice Downtowners, member of Punta Gorda Main Street, Peace River Hospital and member of Venice Historic Preservation Board. PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS — 2015 - 1973 Planning Consultant, Cookingham and Associates, Punta Gorda, FL Director of Planning, Desoto County, FL Assistant Community Development Director, City of Bradenton, FL Director of Community Development, Charlotte County,FL Executive Director Community&Economic Development, City of Reading, PA Director of, Cortland County, NY Director of Planning, Tioga County, NY Project Manager, JACOBS Engineering Grp., Los Angeles, CA Principal Planner, GRUEN Associates, Beverly Hills, CA Senior Planner, Ventura County, CA Assistant & Associate Planner, City of San Diego, CA Education UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA - BS - 1973 CSU, NORTHRIDGE - CERTIFICATE (Policy Analysis) - 1979 IMPAC UNIVERSITY - MA - 2002 SKILLS Oral and written communication Good listener Consensus builder In depth knowledge of Florida planning and historic preservation law Comprehension and understanding of technical information

Member of the Following Organizations:

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)

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