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Harry Klinkhamer
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City of Venice
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Harry –

I am providing the same information that was contained in my first submission of interest for serving on the City of Venice Historic Preservation Board. Thus the following is a little dated.

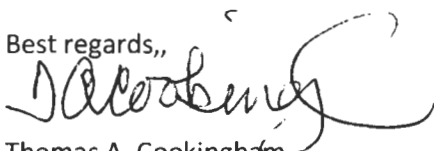
Thanks for meeting with Frank and myself yesterday to discuss my interest in serving on the City's Historic Preservation Board. I enjoyed our conversation and in particular your candor regarding the current status of the Board, its vision and upcoming issues. I hope from our conversation you realized my interest in historic preservation and how my experience and knowledge relates to carrying out the duties of the Board.

I am submitting this letter and interest, application and summary of my experience to you in to forward to the appropriate office at the appropriate time. If, upon review of the submitted material, you have any questions you may contact me at the following number and email address ...

(941) 258-1010
thomasacookingham@gmail.com

I look forward to hearing you in the near future on this matter.

Best regards,,



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Profile

Thomas

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Which Boards would you like to apply for? Historic Preservation

None Selected

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

How long have you lived in the City of Venice? 24 yrs

Interests & Experiences

45 years as urban planner - with experience in Fed and state preservation issues.

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 Statutes 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 reimagining 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

- Bay Front Regional Hospital
- Venice Main Street Downtowners
- Venice Friends of the Library