

Application to Serve

Committee Choice

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: Submitted

Qualifications required for the MPO SUP Advisory Committee Position.

Profile

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NUMBER OF MONTHS RESIDING ON SANIBEL ANNUALLY

12

Year Round Resident

☒ Yes ☐ No

Insurance Recovery Group, Inc.

Employer

Client Relationship Manager

Occupation

BACKGROUND: (EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE)

Required Information

Fairfield University class of 2006, BA Communications/Media Studies; Member of Lambda Pi Eta – Communication studies honor society. Current: Full-time Client Relationship Manager and National Account Manager at Insurance Recovery Group, Inc., overseeing all company client relations and client satisfaction, problem solving, company and client efficiency, marketing, project management, and sales. Previous work experience: Workers' compensation second injury fund Reimbursements Specialist/Sr. Reimbursement Specialist/Account Manager at Insurance Recovery Group, Inc.; Events team, event planning, press release writing, party planning, voice over work at Radio Disney; Street team events and promotions at WEEI/WRKO radio. I am a married father of 2 young children (ages 5 and 9), and have previously lived in Boston, MA and Denver, CO, the latter of which where we enjoyed visiting the mountains, hiking, and road-tripping to various national parks around that part of the country.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Required Information

Board Treasurer at the Children's Education Center of the Islands (current) working on the rebuild and reopen of the preschool post Hurricane Ian (duties include school storm clean up and remediation, fundraising, event planning, community outreach, campus land use decisions, building remodeling, playground planning/maintenance, event speaking, city planner liaison, project management/heading up school remodel and new build working with architects/contractors/insurance companies, employee/director hiring, budget planning/maintenance, and attending community events on behalf of the school) Sanibel School Fund member (current: gala planning, fundraising, budgeting for STEM programming) PTA member at Sanibel School (current: event planning, fundraising, working at school events such as open house) Parent-district liaison committee member at the Sanibel School (current: liaison for parents to the district and school administration with a main current objective of driving enrollment and fostering parent-school relationship) Post Hurricane Ian clean up volunteer at various island locations (Sanibel school, community church, Tahitian Gardens, houses of teachers and those in need) I also regularly attend library board meetings and was recently a candidate for the open board seat at the Sanibel Public Library

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS APPOINTMENT?

Required Information

The city of Sanibel is constituted of a vast array of age groups, from children to retirees, including full and part time residents, and tourists. All these groups have different interests, wants, and needs for how they utilize our parks and recreation related locations, programs, and events. To use the available spaces fully and correctly, those currently used and less used/unused as well as new recreation opportunities, will take planning, information gathering, and research. In addition, cultivating new ideas for use of existing locations and new projects will also be important, all while keeping the Sanibel Plan and the values of our island in mind. As a married father of 2 children (ages 5 and 9), a full-time resident, avid bike rider, beachgoer, and overall outdoor enthusiast, public spaces such as parks and other recreation sites are not only important, but the lifeblood of Sanibel. There are potential opportunities across the island for enhancements and additions that would not only support our island's generation of young families and visitors but should be planned for multi-generational use. I am very interested in learning the needs of all people who live in and visit Sanibel, and how the ideas of this to-be-formed committee can address these needs in unique, sustainable, and multi-use ways. While we have many beautifully maintained parks, beach accesses, and open spaces across the island, usability and innovation should be addressed. For example, we have a playground on Periwinkle Rd, one of a very small number on the island, and there is a field next to it that is barely used. Addressed correctly, updating current locations like this for outdoor activities and creating/setting up new locations would not only be of use and convenience for residents, but would help drive tourism in a time when the city needs it the most. Creating and upgrading playgrounds, bike paths, outdoor rec class spaces, health focused and nature-based trails, conservation and education-based opportunities, recreational programming both indoors and outdoors, open air event and outdoor music spaces, just to name a few. All of these could be great additions that could be completed in the vein of Sanibel's values and the Sanibel Plan, liven the city for current residents, bring the community together even more, and help attract visitors and financial support.

MPO Application to submit for your respective Advisory Committee

Please be certain you have completed the "Background: (Education & Experience)", "Community Involvement", and "Why Are You Interested In This Appointment?" text box fields before submitting your application. Thank you.

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7/31/2023

Name of Applicant

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