

Application to Serve

Committee Choice

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: Submitted

Qualifications required for the MPO SUP Advisory Committee Position.

Profile

Richard

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Middle Initial

Last Name

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NUMBER OF MONTHS RESIDING ON SANIBEL ANNUALLY

12

Year Round Resident

☒ Yes ☐ No

Retired

Employer

Occupation

BACKGROUND: (EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE)

Required Information

Education: University of Texas , BS 1971. Electrical Engineering University of Texas MSEE. 1973. Electrical Engineering, Computer Science Career Background: Retired in 2009 from IBM as VP of Corporate Development. Among many accomplishments, I developed a venture capital fund investment strategy that yielded a >20% IRR. My 36 year career with IBM included 16 years investment, 20 years of operational and strategic planning experience. Since 2009, I served as a Senior Advisor to 4 venture funds and 1 investment bank. I chaired the investment fund of a Technology fund. I served on the board of a tech company. I was CEO of a startup Biotech company. I was selected and served as a White House Fellow in 1981-1982. I receive a national award from the EEEI as Outstanding Young Engineer in 1978 Inventor of several advancements in the computer industry, holding 13 patents and over 70 international filings.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Required Information

Rotary - member and volunteer SCCF - member and volunteer Sanibel Pier - raised money to restore old, obtained funding from Lee County for new Pier Porch, Shell museum, Community House - member, donor

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS APPOINTMENT?

Required Information

I am interested in serving on Parks and Recreation committee to assist in facilitating the restoration of our parks and recreation infrastructure to its pre- hurricane state and provide enhancements where possible. Parks and recreation facilities create enhanced satisfaction regarding our island for both tourists and residents. Enhanced satisfaction creates enhanced opportunity for economic growth. I have experienced success in using public-Private partnership and non traditional government funding sources to enhance our parks.

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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7/30/26

Name of Applicant

Richard Birney