



Fort Myers Beach Town Council

**Bay Oaks Recreation Center
2731 Oak Street
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931**

Agenda

Thursday, February 15, 2024

11:00 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IV. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**
 - A. Town Council Vacancy
- V. ADJOURNMENT**

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1. **Requested Motion:**

Meeting Date: February 15, 2024

Appointment of an individual to fill the vacant seat on the Town Council.

Why the action is necessary:

Section 4.08 of the Town Charter and resignation of Bill Veach

What the action accomplishes:

Compliance with Section 4.08 of the Town Charter.

2. **Agenda:**

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

3. **Requirement/Purpose:**

Section 4.08 of the Town
Charter

4. **Submitter of Information:**

Gretchen R.H. Vose, Town
Attorney, Nancy Stuparich,
Town Attorney

5. **Background:**

Bill Veach resigned from the Town Council on December 26, 2023. On January 8, 2024, the Town Council acknowledged Bill Veach's resignation, declared a vacancy on the Town Council and directed Town staff to advertise and solicit applications from qualified individuals no later than January 30, 2024. As of January 30, 2024, the Clerk's Office received five (5) applications for appointment to the vacant seat. The individuals were: 1) James Boan; 2) Barbara Hill; 3) Salvatore Pedone; 4) Scott Safford; and 5) Edward Schoonover. A copy of the information received from the 5 applicants was provided to the Town Council for review in advance of the February 5, 2024 Town Council meeting. At the Town Council meeting on February 5, 2024, the individuals were each given an opportunity to address the Town Council and express their interest in serving as a Council Member.

Section 4.08 of the Town Charter provides that "[a] vacancy on the council, except for the position of mayor, shall be filled by appointment by majority vote of the council members remaining, and said appointment shall be effective until a successor is chosen at the next regular election." At the February 5, 2024 meeting, although voting occurred three times, no individual received a majority vote of the Town Council.

Section 4.08 of the Town Charter directs the Town Council to make an appointment; however, it does not specify a deadline for the appointment to be made. Logically, the appointment should be made prior to the election of a successor to the Council seat at the next regular election. However, a delayed appointment increases the possibility of tie votes (2-2), defeating the proposed motion.

Section 200.065(5)(a), Florida Statutes provides that in each fiscal year:

The maximum millage rate that a county, municipality, special district dependent to a county or municipality, municipal service taxing unit, or independent special district may levy is a rolled-back rate based on the amount of taxes which would have been levied in the prior year if the maximum millage rate had been applied, adjusted for change in per capita Florida personal income, unless a higher rate was adopted, in which case the maximum is the adopted rate. The maximum millage rate applicable to a county authorized to levy a county public hospital surtax under s. [212.055](#) and which did so in fiscal year 2007 shall exclude the revenues required to be contributed to the county public general hospital in the current fiscal year for the purposes of

making the maximum millage rate calculation, but shall be added back to the maximum millage rate allowed after the roll back has been applied, the total of which shall be considered the maximum millage rate for such a county for purposes of this subsection. The revenue required to be contributed to the county public general hospital for the upcoming fiscal year shall be calculated as 11.873 percent times the millage rate levied for countywide purposes in fiscal year 2007 times 95 percent of the preliminary tax roll for the upcoming fiscal year. A higher rate may be adopted only under the following conditions:

- 1. A rate of not more than 110 percent of the rolled-back rate based on the previous year's maximum millage rate, adjusted for change in per capita Florida personal income, may be adopted **if approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the governing body** of the county, municipality, or independent district; or
- 2. A rate in excess of 110 percent may be adopted **if approved by a unanimous vote of the membership of the governing body** of the county, municipality, or independent district or by a three-fourths vote of the membership of the governing body if the governing body has nine or more members, or if the rate is approved by a referendum.

- On January 30, 2012, the Florida Attorney General's Office responded to an informal request by the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County seeking an opinion on if "the membership of the governing body" in Section 200.065(a)(1) and (2) refers to the total number of members of the Board or the current number of Board members. The total number of members of the Board was 11. The current number of Board members was 10 due to a resignation. The Florida Attorney General's Office noted that While section 200.065, Florida Statutes, does not define the phrase "membership of the governing body" for purposes of the statute, the legislative history for the 2008 amendment of section 200.065, which remains current law, suggests that the correct interpretation of the phrase is the entire membership.

Consequently, under current law if the Town Council decides to impose a higher rate than is otherwise authorized in Section 200.065(a), then condition 1 or 2 must be satisfied. If the rate is not more than 110 percent of the rolled-back rate based on the previous year's maximum millage rate, adjusted for change in per capita Florida income, the increase must be approved by two-thirds of the member of the Town Council, or 3.33 rounded to 4 members. If the Town Council decides it wants to impose a rate in excess of 110 percent of the roll back rate, a unanimous vote of the Town Council is required, or 5.

You may recall in 2023, the Town Council desired to keep the same millage rate of 0.9900 for 2023 as it was in 2022. However, the property tax values in the Town reported by the Lee County Property Appraiser increased significantly, resulting in a rollback rate for 2023 of only 0.8290. The proposed millage rate of 0.9900 in comparison to the rollback rate of 0.8290 represented a 119.42% increase, which required and received unanimous approval of the Town Council. If a vacancy continues to exist at the time the Town Council establishes the millage rate during the summer of 2024, then the Town Council would be prohibited from raising the rate in excess of 110 percent of the roll back rate, as it would otherwise be allowed to do by subparagraph (2)(a) and as it did in 2023, because there would not be 5 members on the Town Council to unanimously vote for the increase.

There are currently two bills pending in the Florida Legislature, SB 1322 and CS/HB 1195, which are similar, but not identical. SB 1322 provides that if enacted into law, any increase in the previous millage rate must be approved by at least 2/3 of the membership of the governing body. CS/HB 1195 also imposes a 2/3 voting requirement for any increase in the previous millage rate; however, the bill also states "[e]xcept as provided in subparagraph (a)(2)...", which addresses a proposed increased rate in excess of 110 percent. Both bills have an effective

date of July 1, 2024. At this time, it is unknown whether either bill will be adopted or the final language that may be contained in an adopted bill.

For the reasons stated above, it is recommended that the Town Council appoint an individual to fill the vacancy as quickly as possible in the near future to provide the Town Council with as many budgetary choices as possible.

Attachments:

1. Boan, James
2. Hill, Barbara
3. Pedone, Salvatore
4. Safford, Scott
5. Schoonover, Edward
6. PDF SB 1322
7. PDF CSHB 1195

Financial Impact:

As stated in the background information.

6. Alternative Action

- a. Take no action and continue the agenda item.
- b. Direct staff to advertise the vacancy and solicit additional applicants.

7. Management Recommendations:

None

8. Recommended Approval:

Amy Baker, Town Clerk
Nancy Stuparich, Town Attorney
Amy Baker, Town Clerk
Andy Hyatt, Town Manager

Created/Initiated - 2/8/2024
Approved - 2/8/2024
Approved - 2/8/2024
Final Approval - 2/9/2024

RECEIVED

By Amy Baker at 10:12 am, Jan 29, 2024



Today's Date: January 26, 2024

Name: James Boan

Home Address: 21067 Saint Peters, Fort Myers Beach

Mailing Address: Same as Home.

Email Address: jbam3@comcast.net

I qualify for Special Exemptions per 119.071(4)(d)3 F.S. ☐ Y ☒ N

If yes, fill out a Public Records Exemption Request form and submit to the Town Clerk with this application.

Supplemental Questions:

I fully understand and acknowledge that, if appointed, I will be required to submit a Form 6 electronically to the Florida Commission on Ethics. ☒ Y ☐ N

Describe why you wish to be appointed to fill the remaining term of seat #5 on the Town Council:

I have more than 45 years of local government experience. I am currently on the LPA and a member of "Let's Go FMB". I am retired and have the time to perform the duties of a Council member. In addition to a background in Planing and Zoning, I have extensive experience in Public Finance, Human Resources, Contract Management, Public Insurance and Municipal Litigation. I believe that my past experiences as an attorney and public official could help in rebuilding our island.

I plan to run for election in November 2024 to permanently fill seat #5: ☒ Y ☐ N

I have attached a recent copy of my resume with current references to this application. ☒ Y ☐ N

I swear or affirm that all information on this form is true and accurate.

Signed: James Boan

Date: 1-26-24

Resume

**This is the "bio" that was released by
the last firm I worked for**

JAMES S. BOAN (OF COUNSEL)

James Boan brings nearly 45 years of public service to the Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. team. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1973, his Master's Degree from George William College in 1978, and his Juris Doctorate from Northern Illinois University College of Law in 1983. He is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Early in his career, Jim held Superintendent and Director positions with the Bolingbrook Park District. He served as Village Administrator and then Chief of Staff in Bolingbrook from 1997 until 2001 when he became Village Attorney, a position he has held for nearly 20 years. As Village Attorney, his practice focuses on local governmental matters, real estate, finance and taxation, and planning, zoning, annexation and land use.

Jim is active in the Will County Governmental League and the Illinois Municipal League Home Rule Attorneys Committee.

He is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and was the former Chairman of the Kendall County Board. In April 2011, the Bolingbrook Park District formally dedicated 27 acres of open woodlands as the James S. Boan Woods at the Hidden Oak Conservation Area in Bolingbrook in recognition of his many years of public service. Recently, Jim was awarded the Bolingbrook Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award.

He joins the firm as Of Counsel where he will provide consultation on local government, finance, land use, zoning, and economic development matters.

Professional References

Anita Cerecedo. Chair Local Planning Agency

Roger Claar. Former Mayor of Bolingbrook, Illinois

Mary Alexander Basta. Mayor of Bolingbrook, Illinois

Burt Odelson. Founder and Senior Partner,

Odelson, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath. Ltd.



Today's Date: 1/19/24

Name: Barbara Anderson Hill

Home Address: 340 Madison Court, Ft Myers Beach, FL 33931

Mailing Address: same

Email Address: barbarahill@comcast.net

I qualify for Special Exemptions per 119.071(4)(d)3 F.S. ☐ Y ☒ N
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Describe why you wish to be appointed to fill the remaining term of seat #5 on the Town Council:

Serving in leadership positions on two of the town's advisory boards demonstrates my commitment as a volunteer. I believe my balanced perspective as a FMB resident/property owner since 2005 (and before that, as a teenager growing up on this island in the 50s) might be beneficial as a member of Town Council as we work together to rebuild our community of both businesses and residents while keeping it fun, funky and safe. I also want to nurture our unique cultural, environmental and recreational resources to benefit and enrich all residents and visitors.

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I have attached a recent copy of my resume with current references to this application. ☒ Y ☐ N

I swear or affirm that all information on this form is true and accurate.

Signed: Barbara Hill

Date: 1/19/2024

Town of Fort Myers Beach

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Received by: _____

BARBARA ANDERSON HILL
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barbarahill@comcast.net

RESUME

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

Chair, CELCAB, October 2011-present; member since 2007

Vice Chair, BORCAB, January 2020-present; member since 2019

RESIDENCY

Full time resident of Fort Myers Beach 1954 to 1962 and 2005 to present. Parents owned and operated The Shrimp Box next to the pier 1965-1973 and were full time residents of Fort Myers Beach from 1954 until their passing.

REFERENCES

Bill Veach, Anita Cereceda, Ed Ryan

EDUCATION

1994 Post-Graduate, Museum Management Program, University of Colorado at Boulder
1987 Master of Fine Arts Degree, College of Fine Art, University of South Florida, Tampa
1984 Bachelor of Arts Degree, College of Fine Art, University of South Florida, Tampa
1959 Graduate, Fort Myers Jr. Sr. High School

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Owner, Hill Fine Art Consulting 2004 to present. Clients include cultural organizations, municipal public art agencies, visual artists

Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers, FL	2015 - 2019
City of Fort Myers, FL; Consultant	2006 - 2015
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation, Inc. Traveling exhibition co-curator	2013 - 2015
Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, Edison State College, guest curator	2011 - 2012
Millennia Gallery, Orlando, FL, art advisory services	2004
Holocaust Museum, Naples, FL, museum consultant	2004

Full Time Positions

Executive Director, Edison & Ford Winter Estates Foundation, Fort Myers, FL	2005 - 2007
Executive Director/Curator, The von Liebig Art Center, Naples, FL	1998 - 2004
Public Art Administrator, City of Tampa, FL	1996 – 1998 and 1990 - 1991
Manager, Grants and Major Gifts, Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, FL	1995 - 1996
Curator Exhibitions/Collection Manager, Florida Gulf Coast Art Center, Belleair	1991 - 1994
Gallery Director, Gilman Stein Gallery, Tampa, FL	1987 - 1990

- Leadership Institute, Class of 2004
- Chair, Exhibitions Exchange Committee, Florida Art Museum Directors Assn. 2003-2004
- *Women of Achievement 2002 Award*, American Association of University Women
- *Southwest Florida's Men and Women of the Year 2001 Award*, Gulf Shore Life Magazine, Naples, FL
- Leadership Collier, Class of 2000
- Founding member, Florida Association of Public Art Professionals, 1998
- Advisory Board, U.S.F Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL 1990-1999
- U. S. Fulbright Scholarship Candidate to Norway, 1987
- Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, University of South Florida Chapter, 1984
- Founding Member, Barrier Island Group (BIG) for the Arts, Sanibel Island, 1983
- Owner, Touch of Clay School, Sanibel Island, FL 1977-1982
- President, Board of Directors, Ceramic League of Miami, Miami, FL, 1970s

Member

- Advisory Council, Institute of Research in Art, College of Art, University of South Florida
- University of South Florida President's Council Society, Tampa, FL
- Emeritus Board Member, Florida Association of Public Art Professionals

Adjunct Teaching Experience

Art Instructor, Edison State College, Fort Myers, FL	1984 - 1987
University of South Florida, Fort Myers, FL campus	1986 - 1987

Independent Curator, Florida

<i>Mally Khorasantchi: Time for Joy</i> , Dunham Gallery, BIGArts, Sanibel Island	2020
<i>Laura Waller: Rockland</i> , Tampa, NYC, Dunedin Fine Art Center, Dunedin	2019
Co-curator, <i>Art Calusa</i> , premiered Ft Myers, traveling throughout state	2013-2016
Co-curator, <i>Diana Rutherford: 13 Portraits</i> , Alliance for the Arts, Ft Myers	2014
<i>Theo Wujcik Retrospective</i> , Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, E.S. College, Ft Myers	2014
<i>Undercurrent/Overview 2</i> , Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa	1998
<i>Bicultural Identities</i> , Three émigrés from Bosnia, China and Viet Nam, Dunedin Fine Art Center, Dunedin	1998
<i>Sculpture Exhibition Program</i> , NationsBank Plaza, Tampa	1994-95
<i>Florida Woman Artists</i> , Art collection for Woman's Care of Brandon, Brandon	1990-91

Essays for Artist Publications

Mally Khorasantchi, introduction, co-editor for "Roots" publication	2019
Arturo Correa, catalog essay, "Searching", Ascasco Gallery, Miami, FL	2016
Mally Khorasantchi art writer, editor for monographs	2011, 2016, 2019
Marylyn Dintenfass, essay for <i>Parallel Park</i> , Hudson Hills Press	2011

Collection Catalog *Collection of Contemporary Art by Florida Women*, Woman's Care of Brandon, FL

1991

Exhibition Publications

<i>Port Side: Paintings by Laura Waller</i> , Clayton Galleries, Tampa, FL	2017
<i>The Working Waterfront: Port Tampa Bay, New Paintings by Laura Waller</i> , Clayton Galleries, Tampa, FL	2015
<i>Art Calusa: Reflections on Representation</i> , traveling statewide exhibition premiering in Ft. Myers	2013-2016
<i>Searching for the Image: Six Artists from the New York Studio School</i> The von Liebig Art Center, Naples; co-curator, Graham Nickson	2003
<i>Domesticity Revisited</i> , The von Liebig Art Center, Naples, FL	2000
<i>Refiguring the 90s</i> , The von Liebig Art Center, Naples, FL	1999
<i>Remnants: Installations by Five Cuban American Artists</i> , Florida Gulf Coast Art Center, Belleair, FL	1994

Presenter, Panelist

Presenter, "How Communities Succeed with Public Art", Florida Redevelopment Association Annual Conference, Sanibel Marriott	2018
Presenter, "Traveling Exhibits: Shows to Go", Florida Association of Museums Annual Conference, Ritz Carlton, Naples	2018
Lecture, "What do Jurors look for?", SWFL Pastel Society	2017
Presenter, "Artist as Entrepreneur", Alliance for the Arts, Ft Myers	2014
Selection Panel, Florida Art-in-State Buildings Program, FGCU, Estero, FL	2002, 2004, 2011
Lecturer, BIG Arts, Sanibel Island	2011
Presenter, Greater Naples Leadership Arts Day, Naples	2011
Lecturer, "Collecting Contemporary Art", Naples Resort, Naples	2010
Grant Review Panelist, Palm Beach Cultural Council	2009-2010
Public Art Committee, City of Naples Public Art Program	2001-2004
Presenter: Florida Association of Museums Annual Conference	2004
Panelist, U.S. Government Art in Architecture Program, Federal Courthouse, Tampa,	1997
Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, Cultural Program Grant Review Panelist	1996
Women's Issues Symposium, Brevard Museum of Art, Melbourne	1996
Panelist: Artist Survival Workshop, Hillsborough County Arts Council	1992

Juror, Fine Art Exhibitions:

Fort Myers Beach Art Association; Sanibel-Captiva Art League; Marco Island Center for the Arts; Marco; Art Center Manatee, Bradenton, FL; Art Galleries of Florida Gulf Coast University, Estero, FL; Spartanburg Art Museum, Spartanburg, S.C.; Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL; Lee County Alliance for the Arts, Ft. Myers, FL; BIG Arts, Sanibel Island, FL; 2012, United Arts Council of Collier County/Rookery Bay, Naples, FL; Brevard Art Museum, Melbourne, FL; University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL; The Art Center, St. Petersburg, FL

Juror, Outdoor Art Festivals: Craftart, St. Petersburg; Naples National Art Festival, Naples; Artfest, Ft Myers; Gasparilla Art Festival, Tampa; Sunfest Art Festival, Palm Beach; Tarpon Springs Art Festival, Tarpon Springs, FL; BIG Arts Festival, Sanibel.

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Received by: _____

Today's Date: 1/23/24

Name: SALVATORE O. PERONE

Home Address: 190 JEFFERSON ST. F.M.B. 33931-3712

Mailing Address: " " " "

Email Address: SALPERONE15@G.MAIL.COM

I qualify for Special Exemptions per [119.071\(4\)\(d\)3 F.S.](#) ☐ Y ☒ N
If yes, fill out a [Public Records Exemption Request form](#) and submit to the Town Clerk with this application.

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1-25-24

Supplemental Questions:

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Describe why you wish to be appointed to fill the remaining term of seat #5 on the Town Council:

NOW IS A GOOD TIME FOR ME TO
CONSIDER THIS. I WELCOME
THE OPPORTUNITY!

I plan to run for election in November 2024 to permanently fill seat #5: ☒ Y ☐ N

I have attached a recent copy of my resume with current references to this application. ☐ Y ☒ N

I swear or affirm that all information on this form is true and accurate.

Signed: Salvatore O. Perone

Date: 1/23/24

239-699-0258

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Mr. [Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Zip]

to: [Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Zip]

DATE: [Date]

RE: [Subject]

SUBJECT: [Subject]

TO: [Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Zip]

FROM: [Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Zip]

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DATE: [Date]

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Today's Date: 1/19/24

Name: Scott M. Safford

Home Address: 189 Sabal Dr. FMB, FL 33931

Mailing Address: Same

Email Address: scott@gypsyvacation.com

I qualify for Special Exemptions per 119.071(4)(d)3 F.S. ☐ Y ☒ N
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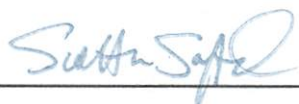
My time and experience on the Local Planning Agency (LPA) has prepared me for the Fort Myers Beach Town Council in many ways. I have developed skills in the following areas:

Understanding of Zoning and Land Use: I have a deep understanding of zoning regulations, land use policies, and urban planning principles. This knowledge is

I plan to run for election in November 2024 to permanently fill seat #5: ☐ Y ☒ N

I have attached a recent copy of my resume with current references to this application. ☒ Y ☐ N

I swear or affirm that all information on this form is true and accurate.

Signed: 

Date: 1/19/24

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Received by: 

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Understanding of Zoning and Land Use: I have a deep understanding of zoning regulations, land use policies, and urban planning principles. This knowledge is invaluable when making decisions that impact the development, recovery and growth of the town.

Community Planning Expertise: I have been involved in community planning initiatives. This experience allows me to contribute insights into creating a vision for the town's future, aligning development projects with the community's needs and aspirations.

Collaboration with Stakeholders: My role on the LPA required collaboration with various stakeholders, including developers, community members, and elected officials. This collaborative approach is essential for a Town Council position, where effective communication and cooperation with diverse groups are key to successful decision-making and positive outcomes.

Problem-Solving Skills: Working on the LPA has honed my ability to analyze complex issues related to land use and development. This skill is transferable to the Town Council, where we are faced with multifaceted challenges that require thoughtful analysis and effective solutions.

Community Engagement: I have engaged with the local community to gather input and feedback on planning matters. This community-centric approach is beneficial for a Town Council member, fostering a sense of inclusivity and ensuring that decisions reflect the needs and desires of residents.

Project Evaluation and Approval: Having been involved in evaluating and approving development projects on the LPA, I bring valuable experience to the Town Council in assessing the feasibility and impact of proposed initiatives.

Budgeting Considerations: I have an MBA in International Finance and my understanding of budgeting, especially in the context of community planning, can be advantageous when reviewing and approving town budgets on the council.

I have lived and owned a business on the island for over 12 years. Like everyone, we were impacted by Hurricane Ian. I am committed to rebuilding both our home and business. I would like to translate my experiences and challenges into beneficial change for the island.

Scott M. Safford

189 Sabal Dr., Fort Myers Beach, Florida, 33931 | scott@gypsyvacation.com | (239) 224-9542

Professional Summary:

Dedicated and community-focused professional with a proven track record in urban planning and community development. Adept at navigating zoning regulations, collaborating with stakeholders, and contributing to the growth and vision of the community. Seeking a position on the Town Council to leverage my experience in local planning for the benefit of Fort Myers Beach.

Professional Experience:

CFO | The Sea Gypsy Inn/Sea Gypsy Vacation Rentals | 10/2012 – Present

Established and currently manage a portfolio of vacation rental properties, specializing in providing memorable and comfortable stays for guests.

Implemented strategic marketing initiatives, resulting in a steady increase in bookings and revenue year over year.

- Developed and maintained strong relationships with guests, earning high satisfaction ratings and positive reviews.
- Implemented efficient property management systems, optimizing occupancy rates and minimizing downtime between bookings.

Community Experience:

Local Planning Agency | Fort Myers Beach, FL | 11/2016 - Present

- Conducted zoning and land use analyses, ensuring adherence to local regulations and community planning goals.
- Facilitated the review and approval process for development proposals, providing recommendations to the Town Council.
- Collaborated with architects, developers, and community stakeholders to align projects with the town's long-term vision.
- Established strong relationships with community leaders, residents, and businesses to create a collaborative approach to urban planning.

Professional Memberships:

- Let's Go FMB!, Founding Board Member
- Leadership Lee, Class of 2024
- University of Dallas, National Alumni Board

Education:

MBA International Finance | Thunderbird | Glendale, AZ | 1987

BA Economics | University of Dallas | Irving, TX | 1986

Skills:

- Fluent in Spanish
- Stakeholder Collaboration
- Project Management
- Community Engagement
- Strategic Planning

References:

Bob Beville - Board Member, Captains For Clean Water

Ketih Wilkins - Former Interim Town Manager, Fort Myers Beach

Hank Zuba - Lee County Planning Agency, Lee County, Florida



Today's Date: 1/15/24

Name: Edward Joseph Schoonover

Home Address: 8180 Lagoon Rd, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Mailing Address: 8180 Lagoon Rd, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Email Address: ed.schoonover@jandjholmes.com

I qualify for Special Exemptions per 119.071(4)(d)3 F.S. ☐ Y ☒ N
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Describe why you wish to be appointed to fill the remaining term of seat #5 on the Town Council:

I have a sincere appreciation for the work the current council is doing in rebuilding our town and would like to assist the council in continuing to do so on an interim basis. I believe my extensive experience in municipal and private institutions will be a great benefit as we navigate the waters of rebuilding. I am a strong proponent of making the island more bikeable and walkable while easing traffic loads and expanding economic opportunity for entrepreneurs.

I plan to run for election in November 2024 to permanently fill seat #5: ☐ Y ☐ N

MAYBE

I have attached a recent copy of my resume with current references to this application. ☒ Y ☐ N

I swear or affirm that all information on this form is true and accurate.

Signed: 

Date: 1/15/24

ED SCHOONOVER

TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATE

CONTACT

218.820.3389

[ed.schoonover@jandjholmes](mailto:ed.schoonover@jandjholmes.com)

[.com](http://ed.schoonover.com)

8180 Lagoon Rd

Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

RECIPIENT

Amy Baker, Town Clerk

CC: Current Town Council

Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

To whom it may concern,

I was never much interested in the operations of this town in the past. It started with a desire to build an exotic pool on our property nearly 3 years ago only to be denied by the previous administration. It was enhanced after Hurricane Ian when I felt and publicly stated that we were lacking leadership in a trying time for our community by the prior administration. The "It" is my desire to serve the town's residents and provide leadership in difficult times. Let this cover letter announce my intention to be nominated to fill position #5 on the town council.

Enclosed is my Resume and list of professional references that have agreed to take calls on this matter. Letters can be provided by request.

Sincerely,



Edward J Schoonover

ED SCHOONOVER

Town Council Candidate

CONTACT

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33931

PROFILE

I have nearly 25 years of experience working in a municipal government. I spent most of my time working in the Parks and Recreation Department but have spent time in various other departments including: Planning, Engineering, Surveying and Public Works. I then spent time managing and assisting operations for a large family YMCA. My latest chapter has been in property management as our companies own and operate 29 properties in both the residential and commercial realms. We are proud of our laundromat and services chain of stores that covers the North Central Minnesota Area. We have been full time residents of Fort Myers Beach since 2018.

EXPERIENCE

Owner/Property Manager and Development Coordinator

2013 – Present JMKs, J2, Chip, JMK and Sons Properties

Our companies own and operate a variety of properties. We have had HUD/HAP properties that required us to have extensive knowledge in Section 8 and affordable housing plans. Also included in our property profile are several group homes serving developmentally disabled adults and children. Our commercial side includes office buildings and a chain of service-related storage units and wash facilities.

Maintenance and Operations Director

2010 – 2013 Brainerd (MN) Family YMCA

I managed and oversaw all aspects of building operations. Some aspects of management included: Manage staff, coordinate barrier removal for ADA compliance, seek and award bids for projects with various contractors, I participated in the complete remodel of a Gymnasium floor and the reconstruction and remodeling of two pools.

Operations Specialist

1982 – 2008 Brainerd Area Civic Center

Assisted in management and operations under the auspices of both nonprofit and municipal management. Major focuses were: superior customer service, maintaining playing surfaces and facilities to an NHL type standard, implementing utility saving projects reducing water and electricity expenses.

Ed Schoonover

Town Council Candidate

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REFERENCES

Chuck "Gringo" Grillo

Retired NHL teams front office

218.821.8400

Mr. Grillo is the former vice president and director of player personnel for the San Jose Sharks (NHL). Mr. Grillo was the Head Scout for the Pittsburgh Penguins (NHL) and has won a Stanley Cup in that role. Mr. Grillo was one of our major tenants at Brainerd Area Civic Center and can testify to my work ethic and attention to detail

Bob Motzko

Head Coach Minnesota Golden Gophers Men's Hockey (NCAA)

320.291.6431

Mr. Motzko serves as head coach of the perennial top ten in the nation Gopher men's hockey teams. Mr. Motzko has won an International Gold Medal leading the men's junior hockey team. Mr. Motzko served on the LSVB board with me and can testify to my leadership and ability to get things done.

Randy Klinger

Special Education Teacher, Sarasota, FL

218.839.0990

Mr. Klinger was the Executive Director of the Brainerd Family YMCA and worked closely with me on various major projects. Mr. Klinger is currently a special ed teacher with life experience of helping others succeed. Mr. Klinger can testify to my management abilities and experience securing quality contractors to complete major projects under cost and on time.

By Senator Ingoglia

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2 An act relating to millage rates; amending s. 200.065,
3 F.S.; prohibiting any increase in the millage rate
4 from going into effect until it has been approved by a
5 specified vote; providing an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9 Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (5) of
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11 200.065 Method of fixing millage.—

12 (5) In each fiscal year:

13 (c) The previous millage rate may only be increased if
14 approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the governing
15 body of the county, municipality, or independent district.
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17 Any unit of government operating under a home rule charter
18 adopted pursuant to ss. 10, 11, and 24, Art. VIII of the State
19 Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the
20 State Constitution, which is granted the authority in the State
21 Constitution to exercise all the powers conferred now or
22 hereafter by general law upon municipalities and which exercises
23 such powers in the unincorporated area shall be recognized as a
24 municipality under this subsection. For a downtown development
25 authority established before the effective date of the State
26 Constitution which has a millage that must be approved by a
27 municipality, the governing body of that municipality shall be
28 considered the governing body of the downtown development
29 authority for purposes of this subsection.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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9 Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (5) of
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11 200.065 Method of fixing millage.—

12 (5) In each fiscal year:

13 (c) Except as provided in subparagraph (a)2., the previous
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