### VOLUNTEER ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION

**BOARD(S) APPLYING FOR** 

· Community Redevelopment Agency

· Historic Resources Preservation Board

NAME

Jamie Foreman

**ADDRESS** 

Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460

**United States** 

UPLOAD PROOF OF RESIDENCY

provided

DO YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT MAILING ADDRESS?

· No

PHONE

**BUSINESS PHONE** 

**EMAIL** 

LIST ALL PROPERTIES OWNED AND/OR BUSINESS INTERESTS IN LAKE WORTH

Owner of 335 Cornell Drive

USINESS INTERESTS IN LAKE WORTH BEACH The Law Offices of Jamie Todd Foreman, Esq. PLLC

WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?

Attorney

EMPLOYER?

**BOARD?** 

Self

ARE YOU CURRENTLY SERVING ON ANY CITY ADVISORY BOARD?

No

HAVE YOU EVER SERVED ON A CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH ADVISORY

Yes

IF YES, WHEN AND WHICH BOARD(S)?

P&Z,HRPB, Nuisance Abatement (2006), HRPB (2022-23)

**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE** 

I am third generation Floridian born in Historic DeFuniak Springs, FL with a lifelong interest in Florida History and historic preservation. My focus in law school was on property and land use and my senior seminar and paper was on historic resources preservation law. The COVID pandemic allowed me to reevaluate my law practice after seeing so many friends, family, and neighbors caught in difficult situations without access to an attorney. Therefore, I now focus on what I call "kitchen table" issues that invariably affect everyone at some point in life, and it is rewarding to learn that for most of my clients, I am the first attorney they have sought for advice. My webpage at www.judiciouslaw.com provides more information about what I do.

**INTEREST/ACTIVITIES** 

\*Novel legal issues

\*Assisting victims of domestic abuse through legal representation

\*Avid gardener

\*Furniture designer

\*Currently creating a design collective called "Reclamation", where the goal is to create unique designs from things reclaimed. If I'm not

practicing law, I'm likely doing this.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

\*Former Pres. and 18-year member of the Palm Beach County

Human Rights Council

\*Leadership Palm Beach County

\*Longtime volunteer for Compass GLCC
\*Resident of Lake Worth Beach since 1999

## WHY DO YOU DESIRE TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD (FIRST PREFERENCE)

I first want to apologize to the mayor and commissioner for having to re-apply for my vacancy for noncompliance with the attendance policy. The missed meetings happened some months ago, and I've made a concerted effort to fulfill my obligations lately, which is why I am reapplying. The staff and board are making progress on key areas that need improving for the city. For example, we have recently had a robust conversation about the costs associated with replacing metal shingles and windows on historic homes along with maintaining the city's standing with the state by honoring our historic preservation policies. How do we make those decisions? Applicants object to costs; however, the board must have some evidence indicating the applicant does, in fact, have economic hardship. Without a uniform process for ascertaining hardship, the board is not in a position to make that decision. The staff has begun working with a few applicants on this process, and I would like to stay on the board to see this through. Also, and I am a stickler about this and always have been on the boards upon which I served. consistency in decision-making is absolutely imperative. As a quasijudicial body, we have to duty to maintain consistency and detail with specificity why any variation from the code or any standard is made. I keep this at the forefront of every meeting. Finally, I really enjoy the staff and serving on this board.

# WHY DO YOU DESIRE TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD (SECOND PREFERENCE)

I have helped every business and nonprofit with whom I've been affiliated expand and grow to become healthy and vibrant job creators. My volunteerism with Compass GLCC since 1997 when I moved to West Palm Beach to accept a staff attorney position with Florida's 15th Judicial Circuit Court provides some insight. Compass was about to close due to funding issues, but I leveraged my special event experience at the University of Florida to move its Pridefest from West Palm Beach to Lake Worth's Bryant Park where it generated significant positive revenue for the first time. It kept the doors open. As one of the attorneys advising the agency at the time, Compass sold its building, leveraged the profits, and built a new center on South Dixie Hwy in West Palm Beach. When they outgrew that space, I consulted them on a capital campaign and led the effort to create a public-private partnership with the City of Lake Worth Beach to occupy and rehabilitate what was the senior center to create what is now their current community center. It was very hard work, especially during the 2008 economic downturn, but by harnessing the will of Compass' constituents, the elected officials, and city staff, it became and still is a very successful partnership and is an excellent example of what is possible on our thoroughfares. Lake Worth Beach has very real momentum, and our corridors present so many possibilities for smart growth, which we need to diversify our tax base. I know my creativity would be an asset to the board.

#### **CONSENT**

#### ✓ I agree to the privacy policy.

I understand the responsibilities associated with being a board/committee member, and I have adequate

time to serve if appointed.

I have read the attached Ordinance No. 2010-29 and Article XIII (Palm Beach County) Code of Ethics and

understand the policy on the City of Lake Worth Beach Code of Ethics. Within 30 days after appointment. I

understand that I am required to participate in Ethics Training and submit an Acknowledgement of Receipt

form to the City Clerk's Office in order to continue to serve on my appointed board.

\*THIS APPLICATION IS VALID FOR ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE DATE SIGNED. \*THIS APPLICATION IS NOT VALID WITHOUT APPLICANT'S PROOF OF RESIDENCY. **TODAY'S DATE** 07/26/2023

**SIGNATURE** Jamie Foreman