

VOLUNTEER ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION

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| BOARD(S) APPLYING FOR | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citizen member for the TPA (Transportation Planning Agency)• Community Redevelopment Agency |
| NAME | Richard Stowe |
| ADDRESS | Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460 United States |
| UPLOAD PROOF OF RESIDENCY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• provided |
| DO YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT MAILING ADDRESS? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No |
| PHONE | |
| EMAIL | |
| LIST ALL PROPERTIES OWNED AND/OR BUSINESS INTERESTS IN LAKE WORTH BEACH | |
| WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION? | Investor |
| EMPLOYER? | self |
| ARE YOU CURRENTLY SERVING ON ANY CITY ADVISORY BOARD? | No |
| HAVE YOU EVER SERVED ON A CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH ADVISORY BOARD? | Yes |
| IF YES, WHEN AND WHICH BOARD(S)? | City Tree Board |

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

While attending Community College in California, I took General Business, Accounting, Business Law, Statistics, Calculus, Art & Music classes, Linguistics, Political Science, while I worked at restaurants, a bicycle shop and recycling centers. When I transferred to a four year college, I studied Environmental Science. After college, I worked at a bakery, a leading California retail department store and bank before I sought out employment as an independent manufacturer's representative in the bicycle industry. Listening to owners, managers and buyers at bicycle shops, not only was I able to set record sales quarter after quarter, but I also helped the manufacturers introduce new products to meet emerging demand. Eventually, I was able to buy a studio apartment and served on the apartment building's board of directors. Later, a two bedroom apartment, where I served as treasurer on the condominium board. There, I led the board to invest in much needed re-roofing of the 61-building complex. Once I was employed after college, I started volunteer work. I became Co-Chair of Energy Cycles, a bicycle & solar energy advocacy group. As Co-Chair I advocated for converting State Street, Santa Barbara's traditional main street, into an outdoor pedestrian mall. This effort was initially supported by a number of architects, but took decades to implement. At the same time, my Co-Chair & I joined forces with the community to oppose redevelopment on the wealthier edge of the State Street retail corridor and support a more comprehensive redevelopment one block away from the center of Old Town. Also served as a Co-Chair of the 2nd Annual Columbus Day Criterium in Old Town Santa Barbara, in which I organized live music, fair and participation of recumbent cyclists in the criterium. I was then asked to serve on the City Transportation Committee, which I did for two and half years. The Public Works liaison on that Committee was Leif Ourston, PE, one of the earliest and most highly respected advocates for modern roundabouts. In fact, it was Mr. Ourston, who introduced to the concept of mini-roundabouts, which was not yet recognized by the US DOT. As Chair, I advised the City Council to support realignment of edge striping to accommodate bike lanes, much of which was eventually adopted. I also worked with the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District to test bike racks on its buses. Before moving to Florida, I lived in Connecticut, where I led an effort for the State of Connecticut, Metro-North Railroad New Haven Line and MTA to purchase the largest number of bicycle racks on commuter trains ever ordered in the United States. We influenced the Connecticut Governor, M Jodi Rell, to order the Connecticut DOT to include the bike racks in the design plans. In the process of achieving this goal, I met Tom Kehoe, a State Representative serving on the legislature's Transportation Committee, who had sponsored a Complete Streets bill. I helped build public support for this bill during the 2009 legislative session and Governor Rell signed it into law. The Republican minority leader then appointed me as an inaugural member of the Connecticut Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee. At the first CT Bike-Ped Committee meeting, I asked the State DOT to reduce the standard width for motor vehicle lanes from 12 to 11 feet when resurfacing State roads. In less than a year, Connecticut DOT announced that 11-foot standard at a bicycle conference at Central Connecticut State University. When I moved to Florida, I undertook a hands on restoration and renovation of my one-hundred year old house in which I incorporating salvaged Dade-County Pine. In 2017 received an inaugural Lake Worth Historic Preservation Awards for restoration and renovation of my house.

INTEREST/ACTIVITIES

Love to listen to live music, attend art openings, visit historical museums and botanical gardens, go out to restaurants, participate in 5k runs, hike, play chess, ping-pong, tennis and bowl.

Gardening: upon moving to Lake Worth, I joined the Florida Native Plant Society, Palm Beach County Chapter (FNPS-PBC) and undertook a native plant conversion of my front and back yards. In 2020, my yard was one of a number of Lake Worth yards selected for the FNPS-PBC Garden Tour.

Cycling: While I lived in Santa Barbara, I rode from Santa Barbara down the Baja peninsula to Cabo San Lucas at the tip of Baja. Two years later with the some of the same set of friends, we rode from San Diego to Denver, Colorado. After that I flew Santa Barbara to Miami International Airport and rode from Miami Beach to Santa Barbara. While I lived in Connecticut, I raised money for the inaugural Climate Ride and bicycled to Washington D. C. in four days, met with Congressman to discuss Climate issues, then volunteered as a marshal in Bike DC before setting out a 4 day ride back to Connecticut. Since I moved to Florida, I've ridden from Lake Worth to destinations between Stuart and Opa-Locka.

Swimming: spent two summers as a lifeguard and raced in 2-mile open water swim on one of my days off. swam (and biked) in a half-ironman triathlon, my first girlfriend in Santa Barbara helped organize; also swam in one-mile races in Encinitas and LaJolla's "Rough Water Swim."

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2023 - Elected to Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group Executive Committee and now serve as Energy Chair.

2021-2023: Organized neighbors and friends to support FDOT District 4 to carry out Complete Street changes to Federal Highway as a part of FDOT resurfacing (RRR) and safety improvements. With the support of the City Commission, this public effort has resulted in a commitment by FDOT to carry out lane repurposing ("road diet") in two segments of North Federal Highway.

2019-2023: Co-organizer of effort to save contributing historic structures in Old Town Local Historic District. To date with the support of the City Commission, it appears five of these contributing structures should be saved. In 2021, I submitted an 11 to Save nomination for Lake Worth's Old Town Commercial District, which was selected by the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation for its 2021 11 to Save list

<https://www.floridatrust.org/_files/ugd/5fbefe_ca87e79faeab4f4397947b4446d09829.pdf> Additionally in January 2023, former Tree Board member Monica Bilotti and I met and contracted with Chris Lockhart of Habitat Specialists, Inc. to identify the plant mix, create lists and write up a summary report of the CRA properties in the Old Town Local Historic District. The findings were concerning.

2020 - Co-organized two CNU of the Palm Beaches Earth Day webinars during COVID-19 pandemic with Co-Chair Heather Danforth and assistance of Anne Fairfax on April 18, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7tCbM6e4_s> and April 22, 2020 <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=48ew21FvEsY>>

2013-2022: Served on City Tree Board. As Chair of the City Tree Board, organized six Festival of Trees (2014-2019) at the Cultural Plaza, which featured speakers including award winning landscape architect Raymond Jungles (2019) and urban planners Victor Dover and Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk (2018.) Organized numerous Tree Board Talks at the Lake Worth Beach Public Library and three clean-ups at the city-owned 17th Avenue North Natural Area.

2014-2016 Along with former City Commissioner JoAnn Golden and Alice McCall I co-founded Dark Sky Lake Worth, a local chapter of International Dark Sky Association. Our efforts focused on Executive Briefings, featuring Kirt Rusenko, PhD an expert on the effects of artificial light-at-night and sea turtles, with Mayor Triolo, City Commissioners, City Manager Bornstein and Siemens officials to educate about the benefits of utilizing 2700K LED street lights.. We educated City officials and Siemens that the City could seek a variation from the 4000K working standard set by FDOT for state roads. We also educated the public about light pollution through the screening of "The City Dark" and presentations by Dr. Rusenko and Alice McCall. The City Commission and FDOT ended up approving our 2700K correlated color temperature (CCT) request. Received Dark Sky Defender award in 2016 from the International Dark Sky Association for work on dark sky education and associated results achieved in Lake Worth.

2014-2016 Served two years on Parrot Cove Neighborhood Association Board as vice-president and secretary. Convinced Parrot Cove Neighborhood Association board to move its monthly meetings to The Beach Club.

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

The CRA's district boundaries include some of the most important properties and transportation corridors in Lake Worth Beach. I have read most of the CRA's Redevelopment Plan and some of the relevant sections of the Lake Worth Beach Code of Ordinances (municode.) I have attended and provided public comment at numerous CRA meetings. I've participated in charrettes hosted by the CRA on the TPA's US 1 Multi-Modal Corridor Study and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's Downtown Development (L & M) planning. I have reached out to organizations such as Florida Main Street, Florida Division of Historical Resources, Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group seeking out ideas to help improve our downtown. Serving on the CRA board will allow me to contribute to problem solving and bring a fresh new perspective to many of the critical issues facing the City such as providing affordable housing, appearance, optimizing investments, the health of Dixie Highway and Lake and Lucerne and transportation and parking strategies.

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

I would like to not only serve on the CRA Board, but also serve as Citizen member for TPA (Transportation Planning Agency.) Serving as a citizen member of the TPA will strengthen what I can offer in my service as a Community Redevelopment Agency Commissioner. I have attended and provided public comment at the Transportation Planning Agency meetings in person and virtually. I have also bicycled up to Stuart to attend to three Treasure Coast Regional Planning Agency meetings. At the meeting I offered substantive public comment on transportation issues and opportunities.

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

Richard Stowe