VOLUNTEER ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION

BOARD(S) APPLYING FOR

· Historic Resources Preservation Board

NAME

Laura M. Devlin

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UPLOAD PROOF OF RESIDENCY

provided

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· Yes

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

BEACH

WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION? Customer Service Representative

> **EMPLOYER?** Enterprise Rent-a-car, West Palm Beach (PBI)

ARE YOU CURRENTLY SERVING ON

ANY CITY ADVISORY BOARD?

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

BOARD?

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

I am applying for the Historic Resources Preservation Board as a Citizen at Large. While I do not have any direct professional experience, I have always been interested in the history of architecture and preservation of the cities and towns I have lived in. While growing up in Manhattan, New York City, there were innumerable historical sites that I visited and studied in my youth. For twenty six years in Vermont, I gained a deep appreciation for the time honored traditions of preserving the environment and curtailing overdevelopment. And while living in Portland, Maine, I spent countless hours admiring and studying the centuries old architecture, as well as seeing how the city valued and preserved the character of the historic Old Port waterfront.

I've lived in Lake Worth Beach on and off for almost five years, currently at my present residence for almost three years. I love Lake Worth Beach and plan on making it my home for many years to come. I've been involved with my Mango Groves Neighborhood Association and love the unique flavor and character of all of the neighborhood associations. I've learned about the history of the Lake Worth cottages and I've seen how the city has dealt with the challenges of balancing growth and the need for structural improvements while preserving what makes Lake Worth Beach historic and unique. If selected for the HRPB, I would be honored to

be a guardian of our rich history, culture, and identity.

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INTEREST/ACTIVITIES

Outdoor activities including bird watching, photography, golf, beach, fitness/gym, especially swimming. I have an active interest in current events and politics.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

I have been involved in Mango Groves Neighborhood Association events and was asked by the President to serve on the board officers' nominating committee for our last elections. I am the President of a non profit organization in Vermont that provides horse and farm experiences for at-risk youth. I have attended Lake Worth Beach city commission meetings, community charrettes, and advisory board meetings on subjects that I have an interest in.

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

I love Lake Worth Beach and want to give something back to the city that has provided so much purpose and meaning to me. I have lived in Delray Beach and Boca Raton and there has not been a fraction of the community pride and commitment to historic preservation in those cities as compared with LWB. As mentioned above, I have always been interested in architecture and the history of the places I have lived in. I recently semi-retired and am working part time, so I have the time to devote to the work of the HRPB. I have a lot to learn, but I'm excited at the prospect of serving and contributing.

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

I previously applied for the Library Board; please refer to my application submitted separately.

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

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I have rented an apartment for nearly three years. Before that, I was a part time resident in Lake Worth Beach for over a year when I was house sitting for my friend when she was working overseas. So I have enjoyed living in LWB for about five years. I have had a PO Box in Boynton Beach since I moved to Florida almost nine years ago, but I

do receive mail at my residence.

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No

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE I have been an avid library user since I was a child in New York City. I

would spend hours there exploring and learning. I belong to the Lake Worth Beach library, the Delray, Boynton Beach, and West

Palm Beach libraries. You can see that I love libraries!

I serve on a non-profit board for at risk youth in Vermont where I lived for many years, and currently am the President of the board; I've also served as Secretary. In addition, I had a twenty year career in social work and understand how to work collaboratively to achieve

common goals.

INTEREST/ACTIVITIES Reading, primarily news/current events but I'm currently enjoying

Colleen Hoover; being outdoors including bird watching and photography; volunteering at John Prince Golf Learning Center; gym including lap swimming; beach (I have the resident permit but I

don't get there enough!)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

I have participated in Mango Groves Neighborhood Association events and was appointed by the President, Rich Raphael, to serve on a nominating committee for our last election of officers. I am a member of the LWB German Witch Dance group that performed along with Mayor Resch at last year's Halloween event at Bryant Park. I have attended City Commission meetings on topics/issues that are important to me.

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

I want to serve as a champion of our library and a guardian of freedom for choice for our young people as we see books being banned across the state and nation. Reading should be a pathway to make us think differently about things, be a source of comfort, provide education, inspiration, and sometimes even make us uncomfortable. I believe the library is a vitally important resource for our community, providing internet access and books on any subject imaginable. Our library has a great meeting space and I think we can utilize it in creative ways to draw community members in who haven't traditionally used libraries a lot.

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

The Library Board is currently my only preference.

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

See above.

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