

VOLUNTEER ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION

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BOARD/S YOU ARE APPLYING TO BE ON	· Charter Review
NAME	Wes Blackman
RESIDENCE ADDRESS	241 Columbia Drive Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460 United States
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DO YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT MAILING ADDRESS?	No
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ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES?	Yes
ARE YOU A REGISTERED PALM BEACH COUNTY VOTER?	Yes
ARE YOU A REGISTERED LAKE WORTH VOTER?	Yes
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF LAKE WORTH BEACH?	28 years
LIST ALL PROPERTIES OWNED AND/OR BUSINESS INTERESTS IN LAKE WORTH	241 Columbia Drive CWB Associates (dba) Home Occupation
WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?	Urban Planner
EMPLOYER?	Self
ARE YOU CURRENTLY SERVING ON ANY CITY ADVISORY BOARD?	No
HAVE YOU EVER SERVED ON A CITY OF LAKE WORTH BOARD?	Yes
IF YES, WHEN AND WHICH BOARD(S)?	Planning and Zoning, HRPB, CRA Various times from 2000 to 2015
DO YOU SERVE ON ANY BOARDS IN FLORIDA, OR ARE YOU AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOLDER, OR PALM BEACH COUNTY EMPLOYEE?	Yes
FLORIDA BOARDS, POSITION, ETC.	Palm Beach County Land Development Regulation Advisory Board
HIGH SCHOOL	Okemos High School (Michigan)
DATE OF GRADUATION	06/01/1979
COLLEGE	Alma College (Michigan)
DATE OF GRADUATION	06/01/1983
RESUME ATTACHMENT	· C.-Wesley-Blackman-Principal-CWB-Associates-05-12-20.pdf
WORK EXPERIENCE	30 year career as urban planner dealing with municipalities and government interaction with property owners.
INTEREST/ACTIVITIES	Historic preservation, antique automobiles, biking, swimming

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Volunteer service, Cottages of Lake Worth, Inc. President, former member of neighborhood association, board member of Palm Beach County Planning Congress

6. A - WHY DO YOU DESIRE TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD (FIRST PREFERENCE)

Experience working with the Lake Worth Beach Code of Ordinances and other municipal and local government codes. LWB Charter needs a complete review and update.

6. B - WHY DO YOU DESIRE TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD (SECOND PREFERENCE)

Desire a better quality of life for residents of Lake Worth Beach, better interactions of a positive nature between the city and residents.

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 ABOVE.

*THIS APPLICATION IS NOT VALID WITHOUT APPLICANT'S PROOF OF RESIDENCY.

SIGNATURE

Wes Blackman

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Urban Planning, Zoning, and Public Relations Professional, CWB Associates, Lake Worth, FL, 2004 to present

Advise sophisticated real estate investors, property owners, and public-sector clients on land use, zoning, development review procedures and applications, code development and research, and comprehensive planning and historic preservation issues and projects. Serve as expert witness for administrative reviews and court proceedings involving land use, zoning, and preservation, perform due diligence reviews, and maintain public relations and communication. Work on large mixed-use urban redevelopment, collaborate with allied professionals, and stay informed of changing regulations.

- Completed two separate zoning and development approval analyses for major thoroughfares in Town of Palm Beach for different clients.
- Produced report analyzing pros and cons of various development scenarios for most famous retail street in Town of Palm Beach.
- Developed subject-matter expertise in zoning, reasonable accommodation, congregate living facilities, and historic preservation.
- Successfully represented over 100 clients to date in development review applications.

Planning Director, Kilday Associates, Lake Worth, FL, 2003 to 2004

Managed four planning department employees for premier land planning consulting firm in Palm Beach County, working in fast-paced environment during boom in local land-development economy. Prepared land use and zoning applications for private and public clients and submitted to local governments across South Florida. Consulted on land use matters, made presentations, and conducted in-depth project research related to island access and sovereign submerged lands.

Director of Projects, Trump Organization, Mar-a-Lago Club and Trump International Golf Club, Palm Beach, FL, 1993 to 2003

Spearheaded planning, development, government/public relations, and historic preservation and directed restoration efforts and intricate work necessary to convert 18-acre estate from residence to private club; property included 215-acre championship golf course and clubhouse and 62-acre addition to golf course. Served as project manager for construction-related activities and collaborated with local authorities to gain approval for necessary amenities and projects to operate successful private club compliant with safety standards and local regulations; continually requested additional changes.

- Secured support for Mar-a-Lago project with Town of Palm Beach and allowed settlement of multi-million dollar lawsuit **between** Trump Organization and town. Analyzed traffic studies and presented expert testimony to Town Council **demonstrating** potential traffic impact less than originally stated and positive **long-term results**.
- Transformed Mar-a-Lago estate from residence to private club within 2 years. **Met Town of Palm Beach's** lengthy requirements, obtained necessary approvals through National Trust for Historic Preservation and Palm Beach Landmarks Preservation Commission, and secured permits through government agencies and utility providers.
- Received Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Award for Outstanding Achievement, Mar-a-Lago Adaptive Reuse and American Institute of Building Design Award for Innovative Special Construction Techniques, Trump International Golf Course.
- Provided sustainable economic engine for Palm Beach by achieving results in high-profile, high-stakes environment **within challenging political scenario, against formidable opposition and under high scrutiny from employer and regulatory agencies.**

Additional Experience:

Planner, City of West Palm Beach. Prepared traffic and utility elements of state-mandated comprehensive plan, reviewed site plans, and presented recommendations before advisory boards and City Commission.

Trump Organization, continued

Planner, City of East Lansing. Appointed to serve Planning Board, Downtown Development Authority, and Economic Development Corporation.

Consultant, Wilkins and Wheaton Engineering, Kalamazoo, MI. Specialized in community and economic development.

APPOINTMENTS

Palm Beach County Land Development Regulation Advisory Board, Chairman, 2000 to present

- Advisory Board for Florida's largest county. Review and make recommendations to Palm Beach Board of County Commissioners on Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) changes for large unincorporated areas of county.

City of Lake Worth Planning, Zoning, and Historic Resources Preservation Board, Board Member, 1998 to 2001; Chairman, 2001 to 2008

- Established historic preservation program; implemented zoning-in-progress to control residential development.

Palm Beach County Planning Congress, Board Member, 1995 to present; Treasurer, 2007 to present; and President, 2000 and 2003

- Helped to sponsor and plan twelve annual ethics conferences and participate as presenter and attendee.

Lake Worth Historic Resource Preservation Board, Chairman, 2011 to 2015

- Reviewed Certificate of Appropriateness requests for properties within six historic districts and 2,600 structures.

Lake Worth Community Redevelopment Agency, Chairman, 2008 to 2009

- Awarded \$23 million Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 grant, one of seven communities chosen.

Historical Society of Palm Beach County, Board of Governors, 2002 to 2008

- Rehabilitated 1916 County Courthouse building and converted to museum.

AFFILIATIONS

American Planning Association
American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts *cum laude*, Business Administration with Finance emphasis, Alma College, Alma, MI

CERTIFICATION

AICP Certification, current, 194 continuing education credits completed to date, including law and ethics credits