

**169 South Dogwood Trail
Southern Shores, NC 27949**

March 3, 2023

Mr. Cliff Ogburn
Town Manager
Town of Southern Shores
5375 North Virginia Dare Trail
Southern Shores, NC

Dear Cliff:

Attached please find a Board Volunteer Application for the Town's Planning and Zoning Board, together with a longer bio with publications. The publications are all available in pdf form on the RAND.org website (or I can email you the bio with embedded links).

While I haven't been involved specifically in municipal planning or zoning. I have spent a career in government and in policy analysis for governments, and managed large organizations and public funds. I'm happy to serve if you and the Council should need me to do so.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlie".

Charlie Ries

BOARD VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

DATE: March 3, 2023

Municipal Board(s), Commission(s), or Committee(s) interested in:

Planning and Zoning

NAME: Charles Ries

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ADDRESS: 169 S. Dogwood Tr., Southern Shores, NC 27949

OCCUPATION (Past & Present)

Vice President, International (2009-2021)
Foreign Service Officer, US Dept of State (1977-2008)

EMPLOYER

RAND Corporation
U.S. Department of State

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

| School(s) | Dates | Area of Study | Cert or Degree |
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| <u>Johns Hopkins University</u> | <u>9/68-5/72</u> | <u>International Studies</u> | <u>BA</u> |
| <u>Johns Hopkins University School of Adv. Intl. Studies</u> | <u>9/71-5/73</u> | <u>International Economics</u> | <u>MA</u> |

Specific experiences, training or interest, which you have that you feel would be useful in the work of this Board, Commission, or Committee: (Use additional pages if needed)

I have been in charge of budget, personnel and management of 55 U.S. Embassies in Europe (2000-2004)

I served as U.S. Ambassador to Greece (2004-2008)

I was in charge of U.S. assistance funding to Iraq during the surge, amounting to \$2.5 billion annually.

I led RAND Corporation's world wide policy analysis operations for foreign (non-US) governments (\$25m per annum) and its three overseas subsidiaries (UK, Belgium and Australia)

I have spent over 40 years either in senior government positions, or leading non-partisan, objective policy analysis for governments

Biographical Notes, Charles Ries:

Ambassador (Ret.) Charles Ries is currently Senior Fellow, Adjunct at the RAND Corporation. He served as Vice President, International between 2012 and 2020 overseeing RAND's three international offices, international client relationships and International Programs.

Joining RAND in 2009 as a Senior Fellow, Ambassador Ries' research has focused on the economics of development, transatlantic relations, decision-making, disaster recovery, the Middle East, and Europe. While on a leave of absence from RAND in 2010, Ries served as Executive Vice President of the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund. He was Director of RAND's Center for Middle East Public Policy (2011-12).

At RAND, Ries has been a co-author of a number of seminal studies on the intersection of economic development, post-conflict reconstruction and natural disasters, including *Improving the Energy Performance of Buildings Learning from the European Union and Australia*, *Ending the U.S. War in Iraq: The Final Transition, Operational Maneuver, and Disestablishment of United States Forces-Iraq*, *Building a More Resilient Haitian State*, *The Costs of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, *Alternatives in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, *Investing in the Fight: Assessing the Use of the Commander's Emergency Response Program in Afghanistan*, *Improving Decisionmaking in a Turbulent World* and *The Foreign Service and American Public Opinion*. He was lead author for the RAND/RAND Europe studies *After Brexit: Alternate forms of Brexit and their implications for the United Kingdom, the European Union and the United States* and *The End of the Beginning: Assessing the Potential Implications of Prolonged UK-EU Trade Uncertainty*.

Ries' three decades in the U.S. diplomatic service concentrated on economic affairs and Europe. During the Surge in Iraq, he served as Coordinator for Economic Transition at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad (2007–2008), responsible for oversight and coordination of assistance and economic policy initiatives. Before that, he was U.S. Ambassador to Greece (2004-2007), and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs (2000–2004). In earlier assignments, Ries was the Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in London, and Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs at the U.S. Mission to the European Union. He served as Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for North American Affairs and was a member of the NAFTA negotiating team.

Ries is the recipient of the State Department's Cordell Hull Award for Senior Economic Officers, the Distinguished Honor Award, Presidential Meritorious Service Award, the Rockwell Schnabel Award for U.S.-EU Relations, and several

Superior Honor Awards. He is a member of the Academy of American Diplomacy. Ambassador Ries is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University (B.A., 1972 and M.A., 1973).