

Jan 5, 2021

Ms. Virginia Barker
Director of National Resources
Brevard County
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building C
Viera, FL 32940

RE: Real Estate Vacancy Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee

Dear Ms. Barker,

With great interest, attached you will find my application for the vacancy on the Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee, specializing in Real Estate. As a 39-year resident of Brevard County, I have seen the slow degradation of the lagoon and am ready to do my part. As you will see in the attached application, I'm well positioned to serve Brevard County and the interests of its citizens.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Robert Beckner

Rob Beckner
4304 Preservation Way
Melbourne, FL 3234

SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

As part of the application process the Board of County Commissioners requires each applicant to answer in writing each of the following questions:

Name Robert Payton Beckner
Mailing Address 4304 Preservation Circle
City Melbourne **State** FL **Zip Code** 32934
Phone 321-863-3226
Email rob@teamlbr.com

Please complete the following questions and statements.

1. Do you reside in Brevard County? Yes ☒ No ☐ Number of Years
2. Are you willing to serve on the Committee for a minimum of two (2) years and be available to attend monthly weekday meetings? Yes ☒ No ☐
3. Please check next to one or more of the following that best matches your expertise:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics/Finance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Real Estate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lagoon Advocacy | |

**FOR THE QUESTIONS BELOW, RESPONSES MAY BE UP TO ½ PAGE EACH
AND ON A SEPARATE SHEET IF NEEDED**

4. Please list one or more reasons why you are personally interested in applying to serve as a member of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee.

5. Please provide a brief overview of your background and experience (education, professional experience, and community volunteer experience) as it relates to your understanding of the SOIRLPP and the restoration needs of the Indian River Lagoon.

6. Please describe what character, judgement, analytical, communication, and group consensus building strengths you would contribute to the purposes and duties of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

7. Please describe the importance of committee members putting public interests first and avoiding real or perceived conflicts of interest in making recommendations for expenditure of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Funds.

Application appendix-

Question 4.

The Indian River Lagoon is a vital part of the Brevard quality of life and tourism. I have been a Brevard County resident for 39 years and spent much of my childhood and adult life on the local waters. It's been very apparent over the last 10 years that water quality has changed. This change has damaged the Indian River Lagoon, St. Johns River, and near shore Atlantic coast. The Oversight Committee vacancy with experience in Real Estate is the perfect fit. Currently, I'm serving my 21st year in the Commercial Real Estate Profession. It's my opinion Brevard County should be the model for science-based decisions that affect the Lagoons water quality and set reasonable legislation moving forward. This citizen's oversight vacancy is a logical fit for my expertise and strengths.

Question 5.

Notable Current and Past volunteer organizations:

- CCA Coastal Conservation Association Space Coast Chapter Chairman
- Chairman and Board Member for City of West Melbourne, Board of Adjustments (please see attached recommendation)
- Board Member New Life Mission (please see attached recommendation)
- Executive Committee, Melbourne Area Chamber of Commerce
- Principal, Lightle Beckner Robison, Inc. Commercial Real Estate Services

My interest in the preservation of the Indian River Lagoon is multifaceted. I've had the opportunity to spend time through CCA and local outreach with qualified citizens/scientists to discuss the lagoon issues. I'm also a longtime fisherman/boater with deep roots to the local marine industry. Through this networking, I've learned and traveled the state of Florida, experienced other declining estuaries, and also experienced those renewed like the Tampa Bay Estuary Program. Professionally, my company is involved in significant development projects in Brevard County. I possess a working understanding of how the municipalities like St. Johns Water Management, Brevard County, and others deal with onsite retention and underground water flow. In addition, I have worked through existing contamination issues that have potential to affect the Lagoon and surrounding areas. All the above mentioned must co-exist with science-based facts to improve the quality of Brevard's water conditions.

Question 6.

As a previous Chairman of multiple organizations, most notable being City of West Melbourne, Board of Adjustments I've learned:

- Respectful communication with people
- Importance of communication with municipality staff
- Availability to perform the appointed job
- Running a meeting to include Sunshine Laws

In my opinion, the most important quality in a serving position is the ability to disagree, state your case, conduct respectful dialogue, resolve and move on.

Question 7.

The Indian River Lagoon is a large part of Brevard quality of life. It's in the best interest of the public that people of sincere intent are appointed to solve and implement solutions to improve this quality of life as it deals with the Lagoon. In this process, there is no room for real or perceived conflicts of interest that are not registered with the County. With a high degree of integrity, it's my intention to serve the residents of Brevard County as they have voted the Lagoon a priority and funded the Save Our Indian River Lagoon program.



Robert P. Beckner, SIOR

Principal

Office Team Coordinator

Rob Beckner, a Principal of Lightle Beckner Robison, leads the office team with over 20 years' experience in the commercial real estate industry. He has been recognized by CoStar as representing the largest market share of office space in Brevard County. In 2019 he earned his SIOR designation with specialty in office space.

Rob's professional services focus primarily on the successful marketing of office space for both lease and purchase, including tenant rep. Recently Rob brokered a significant second-generation lease in our marketplace, being 107,000 square foot, ten year plus year deal placing Thales America in their new headquarters.

Rob has become a trusted resource for his commercial real estate clients. Creativity and problem solving are his proven assets. Due to this he consistently works with clients such as Thales, L3Harris, Northrup Grumman, PNC Bank, and American Cancer Society just to name a few.

"Through your professional negotiations, Lightle Beckner Robison has been able to secure American Cancer Society several concessions, but most importantly save us just under \$800,000 in rent cost over the past 33 months and possibly an additional \$470,000 that is in current negotiation stages. Your understanding of the importance to be good stewards of our donated dollars has made the most impact"
-Doug Leist – Director of Purchasing & Facilities, American Cancer Society.

Current Organizations:

2011-Present: Chairman West Melbourne Board of Adjustments
2012-Present: Brevard Rescue Mission Board Member
2014-Present: NAIOP – National Association of Industrial and Office Parks
2015-Present: Coastal Conservation Association, Board Member, Past Chairman
2019-Present: Member of Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR)

Past Organizations:

2013 Lead Brevard, Board of Directors
2011 Melbourne/Palm Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Board Member/Executive Committee
2010 Melbourne/Palm Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee Boy Scout Development Board
Melbourne Mainstreet Application committee, 2-year board member, and vice chair.

Lifetime Achievements:

Christ Follower
Eagle Scout
2010 Florida 70.3 Iron Man
Husband and Father of 2 children



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January 4, 2021

The Honorable Rita Pritchett, Chair
Commissioner Bryan Lober
Commissioner Curt Smith
Commissioner John Tobia
Commissioner Kristine Zonka
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, Florida 32940

Re: **Consideration of Robert Beckner for Appointment to the Brevard
County Save Our Lagoon Citizen Overnight Committee**

Dear Chair Pritchett and County Commissioners:

It is my pleasure to recommend Rob Beckner for appointment to the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

Mr. Beckner served on the West Melbourne Board of Adjustment from October 20, 2009, until July 21, 2020, when he resigned due to a move outside of the city. He was elected to serve as chair by his fellow board members for each of the years from 2010 through and including 2016.

The West Melbourne Board of Adjustment is charged with hearing and deciding appeals from the city's Planning and Zoning Board, applications for conditional use permits, and variance requests. Because the Board of Adjustment acts in a quasi-judicial capacity, its members are required to hear evidence, analyze facts, apply the City codes and applicable law, and exercise judgment in deciding the cases that come before them. Mr. Beckner performed these functions admirably, as evidenced by his selection as chair for seven consecutive years. As chair, he demonstrated effective leadership, communication, and consensus building skills.

Due to the quasi-judicial nature of the Board of Adjustment, it is crucial that members put public interests first, and avoid conflicts of interest in making decisions on the cases before them. Mr. Beckner is an active and successful commercial real estate professional. As such, he occasionally had conflicts of interest, real or perceived, that precluded him from hearing a matter before the Board. In my experience, he was alert for possible conflicts, quick to disclose them when they existed, and dutifully followed the applicable requirements of the West Melbourne City Code and state law. Mr. Beckner took great care to avoid even the appearance of bias with regard to his duties on the Board of Adjustment. He also fastidiously observed the requirements of Florida's Sunshine Law.

Personally, I have known Mr. Beckner as a friend and neighbor for years. He is a man of character and integrity, and has an excellent reputation as both a real estate professional and member of the community. I also know him to be an avid outdoorsman, with a passion for protecting our natural resources.

I am confident that Mr. Beckner would be a valuable addition to the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Very truly yours,

Morris Richardson

Morris Richardson

New Life Mission

PO Box 362203, Melbourne, FL 32936



January 5, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend Rob Beckner for the Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

Rob served honorably on the board of New Life Mission (formerly known as Brevard Rescue Mission) for two 3-year terms (maximum allowed). During his tenure, he used his knowledge and skill to help us grow from one 12-unit apartment complex to 3 campuses in Brevard County.

Following his official tenure, Rob was named to be a Director Emeritus of New Life Mission, in honor of his active commitment while on our board. This allows him to continue to stay involved as a non-voting member of the board without the time commitment of required meetings.

Rob shares his wisdom readily, is respected by all, and is respectful of all, making him an ideal board member.

Sincerely,

Stacia L. Glavas
CEO/Founder

Board of Directors

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