

Profile

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning and Zoning Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Appointment to the Architectural Commission (ARCOM), Landmarks Preservation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Recreation Advisory Commission, & Underground Utilities Task Force (UUTF) requires the applicant to be a registered voter in the Town of Palm Beach. Please attach a copy of BOTH SIDES of your Voter Registration card with your application. Failure to provide the required copy of the voter registration card shall be grounds for rejection of the application.

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I am a registered voter in the Town of Palm Beach (Initial below)

yes

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Upload a Voter Registration Card in one of the accepted formats (Front)

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Verified - KMC 12-14-23

Upload a Voter Registration Card in one of the accepted formats (Back)

Senior Global Advisor for
Sothebys, Nature
photographer

Occupation

In what area of town do you live?

☒ North

Interests/Experience

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

Why are you interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission?

Palm Beach is being challenged to protect its small time feel, it's environment and architecture ever since covid arrived. Everyone seems to want a piece of our island and the sudden assault has the community desperately trying to shield itself from overdevelopment. My in-depth knowledge of the town and my desire to protect the integrity of our community, its architectural jewels, our oceans, and our way of life is what motivates me to serve. I think I can make a difference and be effective in helping make great decisions for the town going forward.

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How many meetings of the Planning and Zoning Committee have you attended in the last year?

several and have listened to many

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Are you willing and available to attend meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission as described below? Please select all that apply. *

- ☒ Meetings which last a full day (9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or even later)?
- ☒ Meetings on consecutive dates?
- ☒ Meetings which might be scheduled for multiple dates within the same month
- ☒ Meetings scheduled year-round

Please indicate if there are any periods of time for which you will be unavailable for meetings.

Palm Beach is my permanent home. I should be available throughout the year, although I do travel more in the summer.

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If you have served on any boards/commissions/committees in the Town of Palm Beach or elsewhere, please list them and include details such as length of service, attendance record, etc.

Seaview Commission in the mid 1980's The Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach 2005 -2006 National Wildlife Refuge Association, Board of Directors 2016 through 2022 Co-chair of the Beautification and Environmental Committee for the Civic Association 2020 to current Schoolyard films, co-executive producer, free educational movies for children about environmental issues 2020 to current Served on numerous committees over the years for a variety of charities, The Young Friends of the Red Cross, Kravis Center, the Heart Ball, Palm Beach Day School, Armory Art center fundraisers, Junior Committee of the Bath and Tennis Club, The Lords Place Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Board member 2017 2019

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

Do you have any experience in requesting comprehensive plan amendments or zoning approvals from the Town of Palm Beach or other jurisdictions? (Please explain.)

I have built my own home here on the island and am currently planning on building another property.

Are you a member of any of the following organizations? (Check all that apply)

- ☒ Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce
- ☒ Palm Beach Civic Association
- ☒ Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach

Present Occupation

Realtor, Nature Photographer, Co-Executive Producer

No. of years

37 years

Past occupation(s)

Former Ford Model, Greenhouse Assistant, Photographer's Assistant, Mother of 4 children Senior Global Estate Advisor with Sotheby's 37 years

No. of years

modeled in the mid 70's, Photographers Assistant 1978-1979, mother since 1980

Please provide details regarding your educational background:

Rollins College graduated 1976 with a BA in psychology Case Western Reserve Business School 1977 Cleveland State University, Photography class 1977-1978 Real Estate License 1985 Master Gardener University of FI 2023, Florida Master Naturalist University of FI completed 2023, Coastal Shoreline Restoration & Coastal Systems

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**Do you have a degree in, or have you taken courses in, any of the following fields of study:
(Check as many as are applicable) ***

☒ None

Upload a Resume

Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a crime other than minor traffic violations?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If you are currently serving on a Town board, commission, or committee, please identify in the space below and check the "I Agree" box indicating that you will resign from that position if you are appointed to the position you are seeking in this application.

I agree that I will resign from the board, commission, or committee if I am appointed to the position I am seeking in this application.

☒ I Agree

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

Why do you feel that you are qualified to serve on the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission?

I have unique knowledge of the Town of Palm Beach, having lived here for over 50 years and working in the real estate world for over 37 years. I am very familiar with the laws that govern this town and I have always taken an interest in the community at every level for decades. I am very well educated about the issues affecting our community. I have expertise in both the natural environment and the built environment. I have worked closely with conservation groups protecting Fl. water and the wild life corridors. I have recently completed courses taken through the Univ. of Florida that pertain to coastal management and restoration of living shorelines. I am a Master Gardener and a member of the Native plant society. I have great knowledge about the zoning in progress, historic preservation, the schools, housing, future development, open space, parking issues and very concerned about the upcoming commercial districts and the future development of these area. I am most concerned about protecting our island from overdevelopment, preserving the jewels that we have, and maintaining the charm and peaceful enjoyment of our island. I am knowledgeable about the towns, cultural, economic, social and historic past and most concerned of protecting the architectural character and integrity of our island. The traffic is becoming a big issue as is global warming. Palm Beach has its work cut out for itself. We have a huge host of issues that can negatively impact our community if we don't have strong leadership and knowledge. I think I can bring both of these to the Planning Board.

Question applies to multiple boards

In the event you are applying to be a Regular Member and you are not successful, will you accept appointment as an Alternate Member should the Town Council wish to appoint you as an Alternate Member?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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To enable Town Council to consider potential conflicts of interest, please list the family members who live and/or work in the Town of Palm Beach, including your spouse, parents, siblings or children.

Richard Connaughton, husband children: Cameron Lickle, Sasha Lickle, Elizabeth Connaughton, Nicole Connaughton

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Female

Physically Disabled

☐ Yes ☒ No

I hereby certify that I have read the sections of the Town Code of Ordinances for the particular board/commission/committee that I have selected above and have noted the description of the board/commission/committee and its members' duties, and further I have read the regulations concerning absences and conflicts of interests. I certify the information given by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any falsification of material facts will be grounds for rejection of this application of dismissal after appointment.

☒ I Agree

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Please provide a copy of BOTH SIDES of your Palm Beach County Voter Registration card, which shows your Town of Palm Beach address, with your application.

Please note that Commission applications will expire on December 15 of each year.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning and Zoning Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Town Council in all matters relating to municipal planning and development. The Commission is required to follow the concepts and contents of the Town's comprehensive land use plan in all planning, zoning and development related deliberations and decisions. The Commission shall also have such powers and duties as may be prescribed by Ordinance. The members of the Commission must be registered voters in the Town of Palm Beach. The seven regular members serve for terms of three years. Three alternate members of the Zoning Commission may be appointed by the Town Council who serve when called upon by the Chair of the Commission in the absence of any regular member.

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EXPERIENCE

Licensed Real Estate Agent, Palm Beach, FL
1985 - Current

Nature Photographer
Lifelong, Professionally 2005 - Current

Ford Model and Actress, New York, NY
Mid 1970's

EDUCATION

Rollins College, Winter Park, FL
1976, BA in Psychology

Case Western Reserve Business School, Cleveland, OH
1977, Business Courses

Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH
1977-1978, Photography Courses

BOARDS & AFFILIATIONS

Schoolyard Films

2020 - Current, Co-Executive Producer, *Plastic in Paradise*. Free educational films for children on environmental issues. Filmed in Midway Atoll for a series on sea level rise, plastics, and the albatross population.

Florida Master Naturalist, University of Florida
Completed 2023, Coastal Shoreline Restoration & Coastal Systems

Master Gardener, University of Florida
Completed 2023, Native Plant Society Member, Herbal Society Member

Beautification and Environmental Committee, Palm Beach, FL
2020 - Current, Co-Chair

National Wildlife Refuge Association
2016 - 2022, Board of Directors. 2022 - Current, Advisory Board Member

Harvard School T.H. Chan School of Public Health
2017-2019, Board of Directors

National Association of Realtors
1985 - Current, Member

Preservation Foundation, Palm Beach, FL
1985 - Current, Member on and off

Palm Beach Civic Association, Palm Beach FL
1985 - Current, Member on and off

Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, FL
2006, Board Member

Seaview Commission, Palm Beach, FL
Mid-1980's, Member

Served on Committees for a variety of Local Charities, Palm Beach, FL
Young Friends of the Red Cross, Kravis Center, The Heart Ball, Palm Beach Day School, Armory Art Center fundraisers, Junior Committee of The Bath and Tennis Club, The Lord's Place