

Advisory Board Application Form

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Phone Numbers

Business:

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Board or Committee: Land Acquisition Advisory Committee

Category: Not indicated

Place of Employment: retired

How long have you lived in Collier County: 5-10

How many months out of the year do you reside in Collier County: I am a year-round resident

Have you been convicted or found guilty of a criminal offense (any level felony or first degree misdemeanor only)? No

Not Indicated

Do you or your employer do business with the County? No

Not Indicated

NOTE: All advisory board members must update their profile and notify the Board of County Commissioners in the event that their relationship changes relating to memberships of organizations that may benefit them in the outcome of advisory board recommendations or they enter into contracts with the County.

Would you and/or any organizations with which you are affiliated benefit from decisions or recommendations made by this advisory board? No

Not Indicated

Are you a registered voter in Collier County? Yes

Do you currently hold an elected office? No

Do you now serve, or have you ever served on a Collier County board or committee? No

Not Indicated

Please list your community activities and positions held:

Education:

Experience / Background

John Psaras Supplementary Information to support Advisory Board Application

Representation of Interest:

ENVIRONMENTAL & CONSERVATION

I have worked for 20 years in the Chemical Industry (Allied Chemical & Monsanto) in various engineering and management positions. During that time in the early EPA days we had to have intimate knowledge of the waste stream (liquid and gaseous) requirements in designing and operating a new and existing chemical process.

Later on during my career with the Department of Energy, as Chief Scientific Officer of Nuclear Waste Management, this experience extended to both toxic and nuclear soil, water and atmospheric emissions that had to be implemented through DOE rules and procedures to comply with all EPA zones.

Land conservation and cleanup of DOE facilities was an important parameter in the development for every Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA).

AGRICULTURAL & BUSINESS

I have developed and demonstrated considerable business experience in managing and operating units and divisions of the Chemical Industry. This also involved land acquisition and zoning for new planned chemical facilities. In the early nineties as president of my parish church in Annapolis, MD I spearheaded the land acquisition for a new church complex.

EDUCATIONAL

It is my firm belief that education is the best asset anyone can have in one's life. Personally I have continued my education through formal classes in topics that have enriched both my business and personal experience. I continue to be involved through the Alumni Association of my alma mater (Imperial College, London UK) and maintain contact with professors in mechanical and chemical engineering. I also remain active in Minoan Archeology that has been my life's avocation.

GENERAL CIVIC & CITIZEN

I have served on the Parish Council and been president of parish churches in Annapolis, MD and Naples, FL. I have also served as a board member of several condominium associations. I am currently a board member of the United Nations group of the NCWA and member of the Great Decisions program. I am a member of the Men's Cultural Alliance (MCA) of Naples and of the International Men's Club.

I also belong to the critical thinking group of the Renaissance Academy.

Individual Member Expertise, Knowledge or Interest:

ECOLOGY

This is an area that has drawn my interest when working in Industry and DOE in terms of the damage of the ecosystem from any industrial development. We try to mitigate this by developing EIS and EA's but are not always successful. I have also seen this during archeological digs on the island of Crete.

CONSERVATION

As mentioned earlier in the Environmental and Conservation section I have had considerable experience in the development of EIS and EA's and assessing the results in particular through the DOE. I also have firsthand experience in the conservation of archeological sites.

REAL ESTATE AND LAND ACQUISITION

I have had some land acquisition experience in Industry through the acquisition of land for a new chemical facility and the acquisition of land for a new church complex in Annapolis MD. On a personal level in acquiring several homes and building one.

LAND APPRAISAL

No direct experience in this area other than reading reports. Definite interest

LAND MANAGEMENT

Experience limited in being responsible for the overall management of a chemical facility site and in reviewing, assessing and commenting on DOE site management.

ECO-TOURISM

Only experience was in developing plans for excavation of archeological site and explaining the site to visitors.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Over time have attended a number of formal courses, especially in DOE. Have had an interest in global warming, studied the subject and made presentations on the subject including earlier in 2016 for the Great Decisions program of the NCWA.

Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee

Summary of Applicants

No.	Name	Representation of Interests				Individual Member Expertise, Knowledge or Interest						
		Environmental and Conservation	Agricultural and Business	Educational	General Civic and Citizen	Ecology	Conservation	Real Estate or Land Acquisition	Land Appraisal	Land Management	Eco-tourism	Environmental Education
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Notes:												
<i>Representation of Interests</i>												
Staff coded this section to indicate an applicant's stated interest as "s.i." Where an interest was not explicitly stated, an "x" is shown in the "General Civic and Citizen" category.												
"w.e." is shown where an applicant has demonstrated work experience on the application.												
<i>Individual Member Expertise, Knowledge or Interest</i>												
Staff coded this section to indicate an applicant's formal training ("f.t.") and work experience ("w.e."). A "v" was placed in the appropriate section where volunteer efforts were noted or in the Conservation category where an applicant has served on a County advisory committee dealing with environmental matters.												
"S.i." was used to note an applicants stated interests.												