



City of Coconut Creek

Application for Environmental Advisory Board

The information requested below is for consideration of appointment to the City's Environmental Advisory Board. Please complete and return this form to the City Clerk, **WITH a brief resume** of your experience by or before Monday, April 6, 2020.

PLEASE NOTE: Florida has a very broad public records law. Documents relating to city business are public records and are available to the public and media upon request. Your information provided within this application may therefore be subject to public disclosure. If your information meets an exemption pursuant to state statute, please advise the City Clerk.

Last Name: Higgins First Phone: 9546952238
Name: Cheryl Alternate Phone: Enter alternate phone
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The Environmental Advisory Board is comprised of five regular members and one alternate member who serve a one-year term. The members are appointed by the City Commission and given the responsibility of promoting environmental awareness and activities, acting as an educational liaison to the community for environmental matters that are important to the City. They will review and provide advisory comments for special projects, programs, legislation, and environmental awareness and improvement opportunities and continuously promote and support National Wildlife Federation certifications throughout the City.

To the extent practicable, board appointments shall be based on the applicant's experience with representing environmental interests, specialties, and qualifications in the fields of Architecture, Biology, Climate change, Education, Engineering, Environmental science, Forestry, Gardening, Geology, Horticulture, Law, Sustainability, Urban planning, or Waste disposal. Preference will be given to applicants who have completed Coconut Creek Citizen's Academy.

The board meets as needed. Appointments will be made at the April 23, 2020, City Commission Meeting.

Please mark Yes OR No for each of the following questions:

- Are you at least 18 years of age and a resident of Coconut Creek? Yes No
- Are you least 18 years of age and an owner of a business located within the City with a business tax receipt issued by the city for operation at the location? Yes No
- Do you have a background in representation of environmental interests, specialties and qualifications in Architecture, Biology, Climate change, Education, Engineering, Environmental science, Forestry, Gardening, Geology, Horticulture, Law, Sustainability, Urban planning, or Waste disposal? Yes No
- Are you employed by the City? Yes No
- Are you a member of another City Board? Yes No
- Have you ever served on a City Board? Yes No

7. Will you be away from the City for extended periods of time?

Yes No

8. Have you graduated from the City's Citizen Academy?

Yes No

Signature: Cheryl Higgins

Date: 5/31/20



Cheryl Higgins

I have an established track record of strong leadership skills, community service and positive attitude that enables delivery of exceptional results. With 33 years at American Express, over 15 years Board of Director experience with nonprofits, BA in Finance and MS in Quality Management, this makes me well positioned to serve on the Coconut Creek City Board. Noteworthy accomplishments and experience include:

- Manager and Director level positions at American Express in Customer Service, Regulatory Compliance, Quality and Technology.
- Experience leading teams of up to 200 resources with a budget of \$18M.
- Ability to create and execute a strategic vision with several new software solutions including authentication, fraud case management and chat solutions.
- Created a community outreach program at American Express to encourage middle school girls to pursue education and careers in software development. The program consisted of lessons taught by Amex employees and culminated with the students coming to Amex campus to present their software projects to the Amex employees. The program has been in existence for 6 years.
- Everywoman in Technologies International Leader of the Year finalist (award ceremony held in London).
- Served on Board of Directors for Sawgrass Nature Center, SOS Children's Village and Arc Broward. Positions held include: Chair, Vice-Chair, Strategic Planning Committee Chair, Audit and Finance Committee Chair, Executive Committee Member at Large.

I grew-up in Coconut Creek and have lived in Winston Park for the past 6 years. My son, sister and parents all reside in Coconut Creek. During my free time, I enjoy spending time with my husband, kids, family and friend enjoying outdoor activities, travel and finding good restaurants.