



City of Coconut Creek

Application for Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The information requested below is for consideration of appointment to the City's Parks and Recreation 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.

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The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is comprised of five regular members and one alternate member who serve a one-year term. The functions of the Board include acting in an advisory capacity to the city commission by reviewing and evaluating proposals to use, change, or create parks and recreational facilities; assist with review and development of long-range plans for new and/or improved recreational equipment and facilities; working to stimulate great community awareness and encourage resident use of parks, recreation programs and services, greenways/trails, and recreation facilities; serving as a public forum for the discussion of the creation, operation and maintenance of proposed and existing city parks and recreational facilities; assisting the parks and recreation director in determining what recreational facilities and programs are most appropriate to meet the needs of the communities served.

To the extent practicable, board appointments shall be based on the following considerations:

- Full-time city residency.
- Experience in Fitness, Health, Athletics, Recreation, Parks, Special Event Planning, Landscape Architecture, Biology, Climate change, Education, Engineering, Environmental science, Forestry, Gardening, Geology, Horticulture, Sustainability, or Urban planning;
- Current or prior engagement in one or more parks and recreation activity, such as community athletic leagues, community center recreation programs, park programs, special events, volunteer activities, or fitness membership; or
- Expressed interest in recreation, athletics, fitness, parks and special events with an articulated understanding of the value of those activities.

Preference will be given to applicants who have completed Coconut Creek Citizen's Academy.

The board meets on a quarterly basis. Appointments will be made at the April 23, 2020, City Commission Meeting.

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

1. Are you at least 18 years of age and a full-time resident of Coconut Creek?

Yes No

2. Do you have experience in: Fitness, Health, Athletics, Recreation, Parks, Special Event Planning, Landscape Architecture, Biology, Climate change, Education, Engineering, Environmental science, Forestry, Gardening, Geology, Horticulture, Sustainability, or Urban planning?

Yes No

3. Are you currently or have you engaged in a community athletic league, a community center recreation program, a park program, or in any of the Parks & Rec special events, volunteer activities, or fitness membership?

Yes No

4. Do you have an expressed interest in recreation, athletics, fitness, parks and special events with an articulated understanding of the value of the activity?

Yes No

5. Do you hold a public office?

Yes No

6. Are you employed by the City?

Yes No

7. Are you a member of another City Board?

Yes No

8. Have you ever served on a City Board?

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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Date: 04/01/2020

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PERSONAL: I am a married father of two. My daughter, Emily, is a junior majoring in math and computer science at UNF in Jacksonville, and my son, Hunter, will be graduating from Monarch High School in 2020 and will be attending UCF in Orlando in the fall. I have been a resident of the City of Coconut Creek since 2003. I am self-employed, owning my business, Hoods Cleaned, Inc., since 1995.

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

In 2008, I enrolled my daughter and son to play ball with Coconut Creek Little League, which at the time ran both the baseball and softball programs for the City. I coached my son in baseball, and I have been coaching girls softball ever since.

Monarch High School
Coconut Creek, FL
Head Softball Coach
2016 – present

I have been the head softball coach at Monarch High School since 2016. During our 2018-2019 softball season, we won our District Championship and also won our Regional Quarterfinal game. Although our season was cut short in 2020, we are looking forward to getting back on the field next year.

Coconut Creek Girls Softball
Vice-President
2009 - 2014

In 2009, seeing a need for an independent girls softball league in Coconut Creek, I joined several fellow Creek residents and became one of the founding fathers of **Coconut Creek Girls Softball**. My role on the Board was originally as Coaches Coordinator and then Vice-President. Our inaugural season was in 2010, and that year, our program was recognized by the City as the official softball league of the City of Coconut Creek. By 2011, the program had doubled in size, and by 2012, we experienced another 40% increase in enrollment. The softball league continues to thrive in the City, something I am extremely proud of and am honored to have been involved in. In 2014, I stepped down from the Board after my daughter entered high school and was no longer playing recreational softball.

Boca Blazers
Assistant Travel Coach
2009

In 2009, my daughter Emily joined her first travel softball team, the 10U Boca Blazers. At the time, Coconut Creek did not offer travel softball, and this team was part of the City of Boca Raton's softball

program. There were three coaches on this team when we joined, and I was initially recruited by the head coach to help keep the scorebook. Before long, I was asked to stay in the dugout during games, and I eventually became the assistant coach and coached third base. The other coaches appreciated my help and knowledge and endorsed the head coach's decision to place me in this position.

Coconut Creek Crush Travel Softball

Vice-President

2010 - 2013

In 2010, I joined two other Coconut Creek Girls Softball Board members to form **Coconut Creek Crush Travel Programs**. Our goal was to start a softball travel program in the City for girls wishing to play on a higher competitive level. We started with one 12U travel team. The program continues to grow, and now has two 10U teams, a 12U team and a 14U team. During my 4 years coaching with Crush, we became a strong, competitive, successful team, winning many travel tournaments. Our program has produced some great softball players, many of whom are playing at Monarch now. **In fact, during my years with Crush, I coached 8 of the players that were in the starting rotation on Monarch's softball team this past season.**

The following are some highlights during my tenure as a Crush travel coach:

Crush 12U:

- June 2011:** First place win in Thunder In Sunrise, the first tournament Crush 12U ever played in.
- March 2012:** Second place finish in March Madness tournament.
- May 2012:** First Place win in Lake Lytal Memorial Day tournament. Crush 12U went undefeated in six games played that weekend.
- June 2012:** Second place finish in Boca I Heart Father's Day Classic. Crush 12U went 5-1 that weekend.
- July 2012:** USSSA World Series: Crush 12U placed 7th out of 42 teams competing from all over the country, earning a spot in the USSSA "Elite 8".

Crush 14U:

- April 2013:** First place win in April Fool's Slam Jam.
- April 2013:** First place win in Royal Rumble. Crush went undefeated in 4 games that weekend.
- May 2013:** First place win in Lake Lytal Memorial Day tournament. Crush took this tournament two years in a row, going undefeated in five games played that weekend.
- May 2013:** Second place finish in Briana Cox Memorial Day tournament.
- June 2013:** Second place finish in USSSA State Championship.
- August 2013:** Crush 14U was honored by the Commissioners of Coconut Creek for their outstanding achievements.
- Dec. 2013:** Second place finish in Snowball Classic.