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## 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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Enter alternate phone

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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

Yes

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?

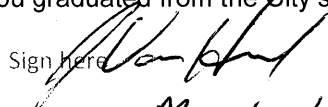
Yes  No

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

Yes  No

Signature:

Sign here



Date:

Date here

March 11, 2020

**Joel VanHemel**  
**4460 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Court**  
**Coconut Creek, FL. 33066**  
**954-803-9440**

I am re-applying to serve on the Coconut Creek Parks and Recreation Board

## ■ Experience

- I am currently an alternate on the parks and rec advisory board. I have gained valuable insight by attending the meetings and seeing the manner in which the future of our parks department is planned for the current and future of our residents of all ages. I have found the NRPA membership emails valuable as well. I believe I can help make a positive impact as a part of the board as the staff of the Parks Dept is open to suggestions and even encourages thoughts and ideas from us as citizens.
- I have coached Competitive Girls softball at the recreational level in Coconut Creek as well as highly competitive travel teams on the college exposure level for 10+ years. These teams played throughout the state of Florida as well as the Southeastern and the Northeastern states. During these years I saw firsthand a variety of municipal parks and fields. My experience should help with new ideas to help continue to make our city's parks the standard in our area. Currently, I am also assisting the Monarch High softball team where I also help maintain the field at the school.
- In my Leisure time, I enjoy the outdoors walking, bicycle riding, scuba diving and fishing. These activities make me appreciate how our city balances the need for parks and green space while continuing to grow and develop

## **Education, Skills and Employment**

I earned a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from SUNY Utica and an Associates in Business Administration from Alfred State College. In 1986, I moved to the Fort Lauderdale area where I became self employed in the retail camera and one-hour photo field. In the past 15+ years, we have adapted to the digital age where we print and custom frame not only photos but artwork as well. We also print and frame for galleries and museums, as well as printing banners for schools and municipalities. I am proficient in the use of both Mac and PC computer platforms, MS Office, Adobe Photoshop and more.

I have been married to Robbin VanHemel for 24 years and have 2 daughters, Amber (22) and Lauren (20).

Amber has recently completed her education at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Lauren is now completing her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at the University of Florida

In closing, this resume is brief and may not be structured to normal resume standards, but this is a result of not updating a resume for decades. Additional references etc. available upon request.