

1. Requested Motion:

Meeting Date: August 18, 2014

Motion to appoint a member to the Cultural and Environmental Learning Center Advisory Board (CELCAB).

Why the action is necessary:

Fills the current vacancy

What the action accomplishes:

Fills a vacancy of the Town Advisory Board

2. Agenda:

Consent
 Administrative

3. Requirement/Purpose:

Resolution
 Ordinance
 Other

4. Submitter of Information:

Council
 Town Staff
 Town Attorney

5. Background:

CELCAB currently has one seat vacant. The Town Clerk's office has received requests from two interested applicants for the vacancy – Cynthia Richardson and Marjorie Prasse.

6. Alternative Action:

7. Management Recommendations:

None

8. Recommended Approval:

Town Manager	Town Attorney	Finance Director	Public Works Director	Community Development Director	Parks & Recreation Director	Town Clerk
						

9. Council Action:

Approved Denied Deferred Other

From: [Mutzie Prasse](#)
To: [Michelle Mayher](#)
Subject: CELCAB
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2014 10:23:00 AM

May 14, 2014

Town Council of Fort Myers Beach:

I am writing this letter to express my interest in becoming a member of the Cultural & Environmental Learning Center Advisory Board (CELCAB).

I have been interested and working as a volunteer at the Mound House since 2011 and a Friend since 2012.

Not only as a tour guide and leading school groups but my main volunteer duties now include the observing the overall running of the Mound House and it's management. I input the data of visitors and their numbers, e-mail mailing lists, satisfaction surveys and volunteer hours. I have also been involved in setting up inventory for the gift shop and organization of the office.

I am thoroughly fascinated with the history of the Calusa and of the Mound House, not only the history but also the planning and restoration of the House.

I am confident that I can bring a very level headed and constructive approach to the committee with my organizational skills , law background and financial knowledge.

I have been a part time resident of Ft Myers Beach, Oct thru May and have a home in a suburb north of Chicago for 4 1/2 months. I will become a Florida resident in the fall of 2014.

Please feel free to speak to any of the staff or volunteers at the Mound House about my work or involvement.

If you have any questions or need some further information, my e-mail address is mjprasse@comcast.net and my cell phone is 847-207-8111.

Thank you for your consideration.

MARJORIE (MUTZIE) PRASSE

Please keep this in your file should there be an opening on the committee.

May 26, 2014

To Town Council Members:

Hello. My name is Cynthia Richardson, and I am applying for a position on CELCAB. I'll share a bit of background information and then my qualifications.

My family has been coming to Fort Myers Beach to visit my parents since the 70's. Two years ago, my husband and I retired and became permanent residents of Florida. We are privileged to reside with my father, Warren Babcock. Dad was an early friend of the Mound House and supports its goal of being a cultural museum and environmental learning center. I share this vision, as well as his love of history. We live at 474 Washington Court, directly across the canal from the Mound House.

This location presents my first unique qualification - I can be a true neighborhood representative. Some CELCAB members have mentioned to me that being from the area would be an advantage to the Board in the interests of input and cohesiveness. While I'm aware of the history of the Mound House, including the more recent renovation projects, I believe I can bring a fresh and open-minded perspective.

My career experiences are lengthy and varied and contribute to my perspective. After receiving a Masters in guidance and counseling from The Ohio State University, I've worked for the State of Ohio; Columbus Public, South-Western, and Gahanna school systems; and private employers. My final employment was as a high school guidance counselor. My work and volunteer activities (League of Women Voters, church, neighborhood association, tutoring) have all been in Columbus, Ohio.

Since moving to the beach, I've become a member of the Estero Island Garden club, began tutoring in the after school program at Bay Oaks, and started a book club. Hopefully you can see that I'm a person who enjoys and thrives on contributing to my community. When I heard about the opening at CELCAB, I felt it would be an excellent opportunity to contribute my unique skills in a significant way. I appreciate your consideration of my request.

Respectively,

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