

Advisory Board Appointment Application

NOTE: Each applicant is advised to attend at least one meeting prior to applying for appointment.

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9/29/2023
City Clerk
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9/29/2025

Contact Information:

* Name

Benjamin Baffer

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Delray Beach FL 33483

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* **Occupation**

General Contractor

Business Name

Suffolk Construction

Business Address

426 Clematis Street
West Palm Beach FL 33401

Business Phone

(561) 445-5747

Advisory Board Selection:

Please select your top four boards in order of preference (first choice to fourth choice) from the drop down lists below:

First Choice

Planning and Zoning Board

Second Choice

Historic Preservation Board

Third Choice

Site Plan Review and Appearance Board

Fourth Choice

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NOTE: Your responses or disclosures are intended to assist the City Council in considering an application for appointment/re-appointment to a City board or committee, and will not result in the automatic disqualification from consideration or appointment/re-appointment. Therefore, complete and accurate responses should be provided.

Qualifications:

* Please select all qualifications that apply:

Delray Beach resident

Expertise or an interest in environmental conservation and sustainability

General/sub contractor

Involved in residential home building industry in connection w/ affordable housing

Knowledge, experience, background, and interest in historic restoration and preservation

Member of religious or faith-based organizations
Own a business or are an officer, director or manager of a business in Delray Beach
Own property in Delray Beach

* Are you a registered FL voter?
Yes

* Are you a vendor or employed by a vendor that does business with the city?
No

* Are you a lobbyist or employed by a lobbyist, as defined in the Palm Beach County Registration Ordinance?
No

* Have you attended any Delray Beach Commission or Advisory Board Meetings?
Yes

If yes, please explain and provide dates when possible.

As a 21-year resident of Delray Beach, I have attended, or watched online many commission and advisory board meetings through the years.

Are you currently serving, or have you ever served on a Delray Beach Advisory Board? If yes, please provide details and dates.

I served on the Historic Preservation Board for 4 years, where I served as Chairman for two years. I am currently serving on SPRAB, where I have served as a member for 1 year.

* Are you aware of any potential conflict of interest (including, without limitation, any potential voting conflicts or potential prohibited conflicts) that may arise from your serving on the City board or committee to which you are seeking appointment?
No

If yes, please explain:

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* Do you, any member of your immediate family, your employer or your business (or any entity in which you have a controlling interest) currently have any contractual relationship with, or do business with, the City, or has there been any such relationship within the past 5 years?
No

If yes, please explain:

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Do you (or any entity in which you have a controlling interest) have any delinquent accounts with the City or owe any monies to the City?
No

If yes, please explain:

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Do you (or any entity in which you have a controlling interest) have any pending code enforcement cases or unpaid, certified code enforcement fines relating to property in the city that is owned or rented by you (or any entity in which you have a controlling interest)?
No

If yes, please explain:

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* Do you (or any entity in which you have a controlling interest) have any pending code enforcement cases or unpaid, certified code enforcement fines for any other violations relating to other city codes?
No

If yes, please explain:

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Have you ever been found to have violated, or had a complaint filed against you alleging a violation of, the Florida Code of Ethics for public officers and employees, Palm Beach County Code of Ethics (or any other ethics code)?
No

If yes, please explain:

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If you selected the Downtown Development Authority, do you own land in the downtown area?
No

If you lease property in the downtown area, do you pay taxes on the property as part of your lease agreement?
No

Interest & Experiences

List any certifications or licenses which may further qualify you to serve on a board or committee.

State of Florida Certified General Contractor CGC1506925 US Green Building Council LEED Accredited Professional, Building Design & Construction

Briefly describe why you wish to serve as a member of a board or committee and how your personal experience and background relate:

I enjoy serving on the City's boards. It is a way for me to stay involved, and it gives me the opportunity to help to shape the future of my hometown. I have enjoyed living in Delray Beach for the last 21 years, and it is where our children were born and raised. Delray Beach is a special place, and I feel that I have an obligation to lend my knowledge and skills with development, design, building, and historic restoration to retain and enhance the beauty and charm of our community.

List any other community/civic involvement which you would like the Commission to consider:

I believe that I have served the City diligently and honestly for the last five years on the Historic Preservation Board and SPRAB by treating applicants, city staff, and my fellow board members fairly, and respectfully, with a nearly perfect attendance record.

Educational Background:

University attended:

University of Florida

Degrees received:

Master of Science

Major area of study:

Construction Management

Upload your resume:

Ben Baffer Resume 2022.pdf

Terms Of Acceptance

Applications are kept on file in the City Clerk's Office for a period of two years.

Applicants may supplement their application with a resume or other information relevant to their qualifications.

Declaration of Personal Information Exemption:

Personal information provided in this application is public information unless the applicant qualifies for an exemption pursuant to Florida Statutes. You are encouraged to thoroughly read the applicable sub-sections of F.S. 119.0 71

(http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0100-0199/0119/Sections/0119.071.html).

If you qualify for an exemption, please indicate below which statutory provision you are citing for the exemption. If you qualify, your address and phone number are protected information. You may contact the Board Liason at 243-7056 if you have any questions.

My address and telephone number are statutorily exempt from public disclosure:

No

If yes, pursuant to which sub-section of F.S. 119.071?

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Please agree with the following statement: I understand the duties and responsibilities of the board(s) or committee(s) for which I am applying. By signing below, I warrant the truthfulness and accuracy of the information provided in this application.

I agree

* E-Signature of Applicant:

Benjamin Baffer

* Date:

09/29/2023

* Please agree with the following statement: I understand that checking this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and agree to the above Terms of Acceptance.

I Agree

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A seasoned construction professional, Ben Baffer has spent his 34 year career building a broad range of construction projects across multiple markets and sectors. The bulk of his career (25 years) has been in Project Management, working for large and mid-sized General Contractors. For the last 10 years, Ben has worked in Executive Management, where he is ultimately responsible for the schedule and profitability of multiple projects, by directing multiple project teams. At this point in his career, Ben spends most of his time working with Owners and Developers in the Preconstruction phase of the project, preparing budgets and logistical plans, directing the design team, assisting with permitting and entitlements, and providing documentation necessary for the Owner to obtain financing.

As Senior Vice President & Operations Manager for Plaza Construction, Ben Baffer provides a broad management control over project assignment, construction planning, execution and administration. His leadership is with items related to project planning budgeting, schedule analytics, safety quality, risk management, and contract negotiations, among others. As a member of Plaza Construction's senior management team, Ben also serves as a Corporate Officer, whose duties include overall management and operation of the Plaza Construction Southeast Miami office.

Current notable projects include The Gateway in Wynwood, a new Class A office building, the new Arlo Hotel in Wynwood, The Oasis entertainment district in Wynwood, a new Marriott Autograph hotel at Ft. Lauderdale Beach, another Marriott Autograph hotel in Aventura, FL, a high-end rental apartment building in Aventura, a market-rate rental apartment in Dania Beach, FL, and a large retail repositioning project in Hialeah, FL. Ben is also involved in the preconstruction phases for other Miami projects as well as projects in West Palm Beach, FL, New Orleans, LA, and Nassau, Bahamas.

Ben has been working in the South Florida construction market since 2001. In this time, he has built strong relationships with Owners, Architects, Engineers, Trade Contractors, Consultants, and literally hundreds of peers and co-workers whose diaspora now spread throughout the South Florida construction industry. Prior to coming to South Florida, Ben worked on many very notable projects in Washington, DC. He has also built projects in Northern VA, Richmond, VA, and Tidewater, VA. He is experienced in building all types of projects, for both private and public Owners, and under all types of contract delivery methods.

A Delray Beach resident for 21 years, Ben is heavily involved in the Delray Beach Community. He currently serves as the Chairman of the City of Delray Beach Historic Preservation Board.

Education:**Virginia Tech**

BS Building Construction, 1986

University of Florida

MS Building Construction, 1988

Experience:**Plaza Construction Company, Miami, FL**

Senior Vice President – Operations Manager

February, 2019 – Present

Kaufman Lynn Construction, Delray Beach, FL

Vice President – Operations

June, 2013 – February, 2019

Senior Project Manager

September 2007 – June, 2013

Padula & Wadsworth Construction, Pompano Beach, FL,

Senior Project Manager

2004 – 2007

James A. Cummings, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Senior Project Manager

2001 – 2004

Tompkins Builders, Washington, DC

Project Manager

1992 – 2001

Project Engineer,

1988 – 1992

Registrations & Certifications:

State of Florida Certified General Contractor License CGC1506925

USGBC LEED AP and BD&C

OSHA 30-Hour Certified

EPA Certified Lead Renovator