

Board and Committee Membership Application

City of New Port Richey
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Applicant Information

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(attach copy of DL for residency verification)

Boards and Committees

Please describe why you are interested in serving on a board or committee for the City of New Port Richey:

NPR is a festive city that is clearly growing in many exciting ways. I would love to contribute my experience in planning and producing multicultural events to support the existing efforts alongside the creative work of developing new offerings.

Please choose which board or committee you are interested in serving on:

- Cultural Affairs Committee (meets on the third Wednesday of each month)
- Environmental Committee (meets on the second Monday of each month)
- Firefighters Pension Board (meets on a quarterly basis)
- Historic Preservation Board (meets on the second Monday of the month)
- Land Development Review Board (meets on the fourth Thursday of the month)
- Library Advisory Board (meets on the fourth Monday of the month)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (meets on the second Tuesday of the month)
- Police Pension Board (meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month)

Have you attended any meetings of the board or committee on which you want to serve?

X Yes _____ No If yes, how many have you attended? 2

Previous Board or Committee Experience

Have you ever served on a board or committee with any governmental unit? If so, please describe:

I served on the management team for a major music festival in Atlanta that worked in partnership with the City of Atlanta, the mayor's office, and the Bureau of Cultural Affairs. Together we addressed community concerns, safety and traffic plans, a per ticket donation to the City, and remediation efforts. This was a private/public partnership. I also ran the Ticketing Department for Chastain Park Amphitheatre, which is another joint venture between the City, the Atlanta Symphony, and Live Nation (my former employer). In addition to our annual concert lineup, I helped to produce exclusive City concerts at Chastain.

Previous Volunteer or Community Service Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer or community service experience.

Volunteer service was highly valued in my family, so I was lucky to have started volunteering at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital from a young age. I started helping with the annual geranium sale and annual inventory until I became old enough to be a candy striper. Given my connection to Vandy, as a high schooler I was allowed to do care visits to AIDS patients, many of whom did not have any family nearby to visit. In my adult life, my volunteer work has centered largely around animal rescue. I was with Angels Among Us Pet Rescue for over 10 years as a foster parent, home check team member, and transportation team member picking animals up from shelters and taking them to and from vet visits.

Special Skills, Interests and/or Qualifications

Summarize special skills, interests and/or qualifications you possess which you feel would be beneficial to the board or committee you are applying for membership to.

I have been producing events for over 25 years with expertise in production, talent buying, staffing, safety plans, ticketing, PR, govt relations, contract negotiations, vendor selection, and budgeting. My experience ranges from music festivals with 50-300k attendees, arena and stadium concerts, comedy and theatre venues, art immersives, corporate events, and creative pop ups. Events are highly collaborative efforts that IMHO require flexibility, functional communications, and a low ego to be successful.

Employment/Experience

Job Title:

Consultant

Employer:

Premier Meeting Services

Address Line 1:

10654 Ruffino Ct

Address Line 2:

City:

Trinity

State:

FL

Zip Code:

34655

County:

Pasco

Work Phone:

(727) 203-4963

Professional licenses held:

International Coach Federation (ICF) certified coach, ACC.
Florida Real Estate License.

Previous employment or experience:

Live Nation - 1999 - 2004, 2016 - 2018
Sweetwater 420 Festival 2017 - 2020
Imagine Picasso 2022
Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience 2021
Marvel: Coordinator for all GA covid testing 2020-2021
Freelance Event Producer 1999 - current

Memberships in professional, civic organizations or government boards or committees:

New Port Richey Centennial Celebration Events and Outreach sub-committee

Personal References

Please provide three (3) references other than relatives. List name, phone number and relationship to you.

Name (printed)	Phone Number	Relationship
Andrea Figart	(727) 853-1263	Centennial committee members
Jihan Shogen	(727) 259-9800	Colleague
Kristine Medea	(404) 257-6757	Colleague

Eligibility Verification

To serve on a City Board or Committee you must either be a current resident of the city or own a business within the city limits. You must also be a registered voter. Please check all that apply.

I currently live within the city limits.
I am a registered voter in Florida

I own a business within the city limits
(attach copy of voter identification card)

Have you ever been convicted, pleaded guilty or no lo contendere to any criminal offense? (A yes answer to the above question does not automatically preclude you from being considered. The circumstances, timeframe and relevant factors are considered on an individual basis.)

Yes No

If yes, please explain (including date):

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a Board or Committee member, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

Name (printed) Courtney King-Merrill
Signature *Courtney King-Merrill*
Date 1-15-2025

Selection Process

Once your application has been reviewed and your eligibility to serve has been verified, you will be contacted by the City Clerk to appear at an upcoming City Council meeting so that Council may address any questions they may have regarding your application. Applications are valid for one year from the date they are submitted.

Our Policy

It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us. Please return the completed form back to Judy Meyers, City Clerk, City of New Port Richey, 5919 Main Street, New Port Richey, Florida, 34652. You may also send it via e-mail to meyersj@cityofnewportrichey.org. If you have any questions or need any further information please contact the City Clerk’s Office at (727) 853-1021.

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Date Application Received: _____

Type of Application: New Member Renewal