

# 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:

see attached page

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)
- Flood Risk and Preparedness Public Information Committee (to be determined)
- Historic Preservation Board (to be determined)
- 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?

Yes  No If yes, how many have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_

### Previous Board or Committee Experience

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

Yes. Although this was not a government board or committee I was involved in the election of Claude Kirk for Governor of Florida. I was a "Kirk-A-Teen" and attended campaign rallies with other young women supporting him. We were hostesses at the rallies aiding in various ways.

### Previous Volunteer or Community Service Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer or community service experience.

see attached page

### 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.

see attached page

### Employment/Experience

Job Title:  
General Manager (retired)

Employer:  
JENSEN AVIATION, INC. co/owner

Address Line 1:  
St. RD 54 (1995-2004)

Address Line 2:  
(2004 - present) Zephyrhills Airport

City:  
Odessa

State:  
Florida

Zip Code:

County:  
Pasco

Work Phone:

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Professional licenses held:

State of Florida Department Of Business and Professional Regulations/Real Estate License, retired.

Previous employment or experience:

see attached page

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

see attached page

### Personal References

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

Name (printed)	Phone Number	Relationship
Chuck Grey	727-992-9801	lifetime friend
Beverly Barnett	727-841-6878	friend & my attorney
Beva Stevenson Karay	727-534-5233	Alumni friend

### Eligibility Verification

To serve on the majority of the City's Boards or Committees you must either be a current resident of the city or own a business within the city limits, and a current registered voter. The qualifications to serve on the Flood Risk and Preparedness Public Information Committee and Historic Preservation Board are outlined in their specific ordinance located at

. Please check all that apply.

- I currently live within the city limits.
- I am a registered voter in Florida
- I meet the qualifications to serve on the Flood Risk and Preparedness Public Information Committee

- I own a business within the city limits (attach copy of voter identification card)
- I meet the qualifications to serve on the Historic Preservation Board

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) Donna Pendland Jensen  
Signature *Donna Pendland Jensen*  
Date Feb. 4, 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.

### 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 . 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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### FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY:

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Application:    **New Member**                      **Renewal**

- (1) Why do I want to serve on the Historical Preservation Board? One simple sentence explains WHY. BECAUSE THIS IS MY TOWN AND I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT IT! I am a lifetime resident of New Port Richey, having been born here when our community was small and most roads were dirt. My grandparents moved here in the late nineteen thirties. Although my father graduated from Largo High, my uncles, aunts, cousins, brother and I all attended or graduated from Gulf High. We attended Pierce Elementary, now our beautiful Library, Gulf High 1922, enjoyed movies at the theater, played in Sims Park, swam in the Cotee River (with the alligators) and went events at the Hacienda Hotel. All these places and buildings are the HISTORY of NPR. They are our past, present and future; and we need to preserve and protect our history. I want be part of that task,; it is my duty.
- (2) Historic Preservation Board
- (3) No
- (4) Yes. Although this was not a government board or committee I was involved in the election of Claude Kirk for Governor. I was a "Kirk-A-Teen" and attended campaign rallies with other young women supporting him. We were hostesses at the rallies aiding in various ways.
- (5) Growing up my family was always involved in the community. My father was a business owner in NPR opening a business in 1950. He was a WII veteran and Omaha Beach Survivor. My Uncles were also business owners in NPR. My parents were one of the original families to donate to the fund raising for the building of the first hospital in New Port Richey, West Pasco Hospital. I joined my mother, as a child, as she walked the streets of NPR to have a petition signed to pass a bond for the building of the hospital. You could say I started community service at a young age. I grew up being active in my community. Besides being a Girl Scout from 4th - 12th grade I am a Past Worthy Advisor of Rainbow Girls. Community service was an important part of both organizations. We visited nursing homes helping residents in any way we could. We had fund raisers for the needy among other things. I am a former New Port Richey Shrine Queen and was a contestant in other pageants. While being in these organizations I was always involved in Chasco Fiesta, in parades and as a dancer & etc. in the Chasco Fiesta Pageant. In High School I participated at the State and County Fairs and won numerous Blue Ribbons for my sewing abilities. This attributed to creating historical costumes for the History of Fashion Department for the College I attended and future jobs. At the age of 19 I attended the Inauguration, Dinner and Ball of Governor Claude Kirk. It was quite exciting for a young girl just out of high school.
- (6) I have always loved history. As an elementary student I would study history and would wish I had be born a century earlier. Little did I know then that my roots went back to the earliest days of America. My great aunt gifted me with the genealogical historical records of four of my family ancestors that are Pilgrims. I have been researching my family for over 40 years and will soon be submitting my first application to the MAYFLOWER SOCIETY for the first of my eleven know ancestors. I am an antique collector and the proud owner of several family items dating prior to the Civil War. I feel that family history and the history of our Beautiful City go hand in hand. I know that doing research for my family will only help aid me as a member of the Historic Preservation Board. There has always been a place in my heart for historical buildings and a desire to preserve them for future generations. We may build new things in the future, but we can not replace the past. I am a member of Gulf High Alumni and as a group we have created "SOS1922GHS & Its Properties for Our Community". It is our goal to preserve all of its properties for the residents of ALL ages in our community and for future generations. May it become the Sister Park on the Cotee River to our Beautiful Sims Park on the Cotee River for our next Historical Preservation Project.

- (7) Co Owner and General Manager of Jensen Aviation Inc. (retired)
- (8) State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation/Real Estate License (inactive, retired)
- (9) After college I was employed in retail management. (1) J. Byrons Dept. Store, Dept. Mgr and Teen Board Director. (2) The Clothes Horse, (ladies clothing boutique) store mgr, buyer, and alterations. (3) Ivey's Dept. Store, Area Supervisor. (4) Pasco School Board, (at 1922GHS) Adult Ed Teacher (Home Economics, sewing and mens tailoring classes. (5) Donna's Sewing Classes, owned the business and held classes in a Sewing Machine Store. (6) In 1984 I got my Real Estate Agent License. One of my first sales was my parents property on Frances Avenue to the City for the expansion of Frances Avenue Park. They owned all of the property that is the west side of the park. A little footnote history on Francis Park that most people do not know, the part of Frances Park that is on the Cotee River was originally the site of the first City Dump!! SURE GLAD WE DIDN'T PRESERVE IT. (7) In 1995 my husband and I opened JENSEN AVIATION, INC. at Tampa Bay Executive Airpot, in Odessa, flight school & aircraft rental. I was General Manager. In 2004 the Airport closed and we moved our business to Zephyrhills Airport. At Tampa Bay we were involved in the Young Eagles Program introducing young children to aviation with flights in our aircrafts. I retired in 2010 to care for elderly parents.
- (10)Formerly: I was a member in West Pasco Board of Realtors.  
Presently: I belong to West Pasco Historical Society and Friends of The Hacienda Hotel & Historical New Port Richey. Recently I became a board member of BRAINSTRONNPR, INC., benefitting the wonderful community, in which I am proud to live.