

## Application Form

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### Profile

Harry

First Name

Klinkhamer

Last Name

1720 S. Salford Blvd.

Home Address

North Port

City

FL

State

34287

Postal Code

harry.klinkhamer@att.net

Email Address

Mobile: (815) 666-8745

Primary Phone

Business: (941) 486-2490

Alternate Phone

### Please list three references (name only)

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Heather Faust Dr. Joshua Goodman John McCarthy

**Except as otherwise provided, all board members must reside in the city as least six months prior to appointment. Residency must be maintained throughout the term of office. Failure to maintain consistent residency within the city will result in automatic termination of the board appointment. One nonresident may serve as a voting member on each board, provided that the person has owned real property in the city for at least one year prior to the date of appointment. Ownership must be maintained throughout the term of office and will be determined by reviewing the Sarasota County Property Appraiser's records. Youth members must be at least 14 years-old and in high school. Board members may serve on only one board, with the exception of ad hoc, task force, or special committees appointed by the city commission.**

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 Yes  No

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### Interests & Experiences

#### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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Historic &amp; Cultural Advisory Board: Submitted

**Are you currently serving on any other City Board/Committee? Board members may serve on only one board, with the exception of ad hoc, task force, or special committees appointed by the city commission.**

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 Yes  No

**Were you ever removed from a City Board/Committee due to lack of attendance?**

Yes  No

**Do you have any relatives currently serving on a City Board/Committee or relatives that are currently serving on the same City Board/Committee for which you are applying? Relatives as defined in F.S. Chapter 112.3135; grandparents; and grandchildren may not (i) concurrently serve on the same board; or (III) concurrently serve on the city commission and a board that hears quasi-judicial items.**

Yes  No

**Educational Background:**

MA History ABD Public History

**Are you retired?**

Yes  No

City of Venice

Employer

Historical Resources  
Manager

Occupation

[Klinkhamer\\_Resume-Brief.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

**Why do you desire to serve on the above Board/Committee? Please list any relative experience, if applicable.**

I work to preserve history in Venice but live in North Port. We need to ensure the city is doing a good job collecting and preserving its history.

Question applies to Historic & Cultural Advisory Board

**Please indicate for which position you are applying. (No more than two members shall be from the same discipline) \***

- History, Culture, Folklore or Architectural History or Culture
- Historic or Cultural Preservation

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**Demographics**

**Ethnicity \***

- Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender \***

- Male

Harry Klinkhamer

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**Acknowledgements**

**Please Agree with the Following Statement**

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**I agree that if appointed, I will serve on the above board without compensation and at the pleasure of the City Commission.**

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I Agree

**Please Agree with the Following Statement**

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**I agree to abide by the Sunshine and Public Records Laws and attend all mandatory training sessions.**

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I Agree

**Please indicate if any information provided on this application is exempt under Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07.**

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None

# Harry Klinkhamer

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## EDUCATION

### **Middle Tennessee State University**

ABD for the Ph.D. in Public History, 2005-2009

Proposed dissertation topic: “Reuben Gold Thwaites: Wisconsin’s Progressive Public Historian”

Minor Field: U.S. Environmental History

### **Loyola University Chicago**

M.A. Public History, 1997

Master’s Essay: “The Creation and Development of Fayette Historic Townsite”

### **University of Illinois at Chicago**

B.A. History (Modern Europe); Minor, Mass Communications, 1991

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **City of Venice, Venice FL**

*Historical Resources Manager* (9/2017 to Present)

- Oversee Division of Historical Resources, including the Venice Museum, Julia Cousins Laning and Dale Laning Archives & Research Center, and the forthcoming Lord-Higel House and Old Betsy Museum
- Manage staff of two FTEs and divisional budget in excess of \$500,000
- Serve as historic preservation officer and public art manager for the City of Venice
- Staff liaison to Historic and Architectural Preservation Board and Venice Heritage, Inc.
- Spokesperson for city’s history

### **Will County Historical Society and Research Center, Lockport, IL**

*Education Coordinator* (5/2016 to 9/2017)

- Researched and created field trip programs based on Common Core
- Reviewed operational standards and made recommendations for operation of historical village
- Assisted director with other duties

### **Forest Preserve District of Will County, Romeoville, IL**

*Interpretive Specialist—Isle a la Cache Museum* (8/2013 to 5/2016)

- Prepared and presented education and interpretive programs for school groups and general public
- Maintained exhibits
- Conducted historic research on a variety of relevant topics

*Museum Coordinator—Isle a la Cache Museum* (2/2007 to 8/2013)

- Operated museum on the fur trade, including strategic planning, programming, staffing, and budgeting
- Coordinated staffing (both paid and unpaid) and programming for Joliet Iron Works Historic Site, Riverview Farmstead, Kropp-Schulenberg Prairie, and Vermont Cemetery
- Oversaw planning and successful presentation of special events
- Supervised staff of 4 FTEs and budget of \$35,000.00
- Coordinated volunteers
- Researched and developed interpretive plans for various sites
- Served as liaison to county historical society, county historic preservation commission, and county heritage association

### **American Association for State and Local History, Nashville, TN**

*Program Officer* (4/2001 to 8/2005)

- Edited quarterly magazine *History News* and monthly newsletter *Dispatch*
- Supervised national awards program, including volunteer corps of over sixty
- Managed various programs and affinity groups
- Oversaw book publication series
- Developed program budgets in excess of \$100,000

### **The Illinois State Historical Society, Springfield, IL**

*Interim Executive Director* (10/2000 to 3/2001)

- Managed day to day operations of organization
- Prepared and implemented annual budget of over \$250,000
- Supervised staff of two full-time employees and volunteer committee groups
- Edited *Illinois Heritage* magazine
- Worked with board and committees on long-range planning and other programs

*Assistant Executive Director* (10/2000 to 4/2001)

- Operated State Historical Markers Program
- Wrote *Dispatch/News* quarterly newsletter

*Programs Assistant* (5/1999 to 10/2000)

- Counseled nominees and researched candidates for Centennial Awards program

**National Cattlemen's Beef Association**, Chicago, IL

*Assistant Archivist* (11/1997 to 5/1999)

- Arranged and described paper and photographic collections
- Audited and updated database of records
- Applied preservation practices to material

## PUBLICATIONS

### Publications

- “*Urbs in Solitudinem*” (*The City in A Wilderness*), *George Wright Forum*, Vol. 33 #3, December 2016
- “Where are the Citizen Historians?” History@Work Blog. Public History Commons <http://publichistorycommons.org/where-are-the-citizen-historians/>
- “The Congress of Local Historical Societies.” In *The Encyclopedia of Local History*, 3rd ed., Alta Mira Press, forthcoming.
- “From Levittown to *Leave it to Beaver*: Interpreting Mid-Twentieth Century Suburbia,” AASLH Technical Leaflet Number 236, May 2007.
- “Portages, the French, and the Fur Trade.” In the online publication *A Corridor in Time* <http://www.lewisu.edu/academics/library/corridor/chapter.htm?id=2> , March 2007
- Contributing author of *Interpretive Background Material for Heritage Park in Lockport and Joliet, Illinois*, Canal Corridor Association, 1995

### Reviews

- Review of Nelson, David J. *How the New Deal Built Florida Tourism: The Civilian Conservation Corps and State Parks*. H-Florida, H-Net Reviews. March, 2020.
- Review of Toner, Mike. *The Past in Peril*. CRM: *The Journal of Heritage Stewardship*, Vol. 1, No. 1, Fall 2003
- Review of Amato, Joseph A. *Rethinking Home: A Case for Writing Local History*. *The Public Historian*, Vol. 24, No. 4, Fall 2003
- Review of Randall, Frank A. and Randall, John. *History of the Development of Building Construction in Chicago*. *Illinois Heritage*, Vol. 3, No. 1-2, Fall/Winter 2000

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- History and Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County
  - Chair, 2018-2021
- Sarasota County Historical Commission
  - Chair, 2018-Present
- Sarasota2021 Steering Committee
  - Committee Member, 2018-2022
- Will County Heritage Alliance
  - Chair, 2007-2010
- Will County Historic Preservation Commission
  - *Ex-officio* member, 2007-2008
- National Council on Public History
  - Secretary-Treasurer, 2003-2006
  - Finance Committee, Chair, 2003-2006
  - Facebook Page Co-editor, 2011-2017
- The History Channel
  - *Save Our History* Grant Reviewer, 2004, 2006
- National History Day

- Chicago Metro History Fair Judge, 1997, 2000-2001
- Middle Tennessee Regional Judge, 2002-2006
- Sarasota County Judge, 2023-Present

North Port, FL

# Historic & Cultural Advisory Board

## Board Details

The historic and cultural advisory board shall serve as an information resource to and advise the city commission on ways to protect, conserve, preserve, enhance, and raise public awareness of the city's historic and cultural resources

## Overview

**Size** 7 Seats

**Term Length** 5 Years

**Term Limit** 2

## Contact

**Name** Micheal Bodmer

**Email** boardapplications@cityofnorthport.com

**Phone** (941) 429-7061

## Additional

### Membership Requirements

The board will consist of seven members, A maximum of two members may be nonresidents of the city.

### Meetings

To be determined.

### Enacting Legislation

City Code Chapter 4 Article I - Boards Generally and Article X - Historic and Cultural Advisory Board

### Enacting Resolution Website

n/a



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# Historic & Cultural Advisory Board

## Board Roster

### Vacancy

**Position** Member

**Category** Land Use Planning/Hist/Cultural  
Preservation Planning

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### Vacancy

**Position** Member

**Category** General/Building Contractor

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### Vacancy

**Position** Member

**Category** Professional Engineering

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### Vacancy

**Position** Member

**Category** Conservation/Curation

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### Vacancy

**Position** Member

**Category** Land Development or Finance

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