

Application Form

Profile

Sergio

First Name

Stephens

Last Name

2323 Irondale rd

Home Address

North Port

City

FL

State

34287

Postal Code

sstephens0411@gmail.com

Email Address

Home: (813) 210-2931

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Please list three references (name only)

Samantha Parkinson, Robert Jackson and Shawn Fulkner

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.

Yes No

Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Veterans Park Advisory Committee: 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.

Yes No

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

Yes No

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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:

BS Criminal Justice/ MS Educational Psychology

Are you retired?

Yes No

ALS Education

Employer

Counselor

Occupation

[Sergio Stephens Resume New.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Please list any Civic organizations to which you belong.

NA

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

This will be another opportunity to serve

Question applies to Veterans Park Advisory Committee

Please indicate for which position you are applying. *

American Legion Post 254

Demographics

Ethnicity *

African American

Gender *

Male

Acknowledgements

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Please Agree with the Following Statement

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

I Agree

Please Agree with the Following Statement

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

I Agree

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

NA

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Objective

Education and professional development prospect, possessing a diverse background working with veterans, adult learners, at risk youth population and individuals with mental health disabilities. In pursuit of a position, that offers me the ability to use my education, training, and experience to enhance an organization's projected goals. I have my Master of Science in Educational Psychology and my Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with specialized training in Homeland Security.

Professional Experience

Career Coach Aug 2020- Current

Alternative Learning Solutions, Coronado High & Middle School, Lee County

- Attained Alternative Learning Solutions top 5 for Career Technical Education program, out of all ALS schools.
- Responsible for educating all new students on school policies, rules, regulations, and software applications.
- Increased student participation in post-secondary transition goals by scheduling presentations from local youth mentor programs, colleges, military recruiters, institutions, and employers.
- Took 20-25 seniors to Florida Gulf Coast University's post-secondary open house

Employment Specialist March 2020- June 2020

Mental Health Community Center (MHCC), Sarasota County

- Successfully increased member participation numbers for (Venice/North Port) the South Sarasota area
- Reviewed, revised and restructured members resumes and conducted mock interview sessions for employment opportunities
- Established direct connection with Department of Corrections employment transition program
- Modernized "Supportive Employment Specialist" circular highlighting services and coverage area
- Conducted "Supportive Employment" presentations to community, veteran and state organizations to strengthen community understanding of services
- Established new community resource networking pathways

Placement & Transition Specialist June 2019- January 2020

Charlotte Correctional Institution, Charlotte County

- Introduced education program weekly to all new arrival inmate
- Orchestrated monthly Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) for general, open and closed population student inmates
- Participated in Individualized Education Program (IEP) for Special Education student inmates.
- Created "Charlotte Times" newsletter, highlighting student inmates' educational advancements, progressions and accomplishments
- Successfully graduated over 30 inmates with their GED or Vocational Certifications
- Instructed Mandatory Literacy Program (MLP), Adult Basic Education (ABE) and General Education Development (GED) classes to open/closed management student inmates
- Supervised educational staff, student inmates and education department orderlies
- Tracked and submitted daily, weekly and monthly student inmate progression reports

Business Owner September 2018- September 2019

Comrades4Life L.L.C, North Port, Florida

- Established a business platform that provided educational services to veterans and homeless veterans
- Business certified as, "Veteran Owned Small Business" and "Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business"
- Negotiated contracts with community resources, churches, and local county services for veteran benefits understanding classes.
- Accurately accounted for budgeting, marketing, advertising and training expenses
- Created all marketing material to include logo designs, website, podcast, training and education slide decks
- Connected veterans to community resources and outreach programs and provided soft skills training for employment readiness to homeless veterans

Veteran Peer Mentor – January 2018- August 2018

Jewish Family & Children Services, Charlotte, Lee, DeSoto & Collier County

- Work with VA Departments, State Agencies, Local Non-profit and Social Services Organizations
- Community Outreach to homeless camps and shelters to identify potential participants
- Increased community knowledge of the Operation Military Assistance Program (OMAP) services by conducting community resource presentations
- Successfully increased member participation, provide rent payments and achieved permanent housing for homeless veterans
- One on One peer counseling with veterans to increase problem-solving skills and improve independence

State of Florida Correctional Officer - 2007 to 2017

Charlotte Correctional Institute, Punta Gorda, Florida

- Maintained the security of the institution, staff and inmate population to facilitate daily activities of the institution
- Conducted security patrols internally and externally to ensure compliance and minimize contraband
- Monitored inmates' daily activities and conducted cell inspections
- Implemented new exiting procedure from recreation yard to compound to improve security measures
- Recorded daily events, key and equipment inventory, fire safety and dormitory numbers
- Active member of Designated Armed Response Team (DART)

Central Florida Reception Center, Orlando, Florida

- Youthful Offender Officer, responsible for supervising over 260 inmates from the age range of 16-24
- Transported inmates to outside courts, medical appointments, and other institutions
- Maintain records of equipment, inmate interactions and dormitory regulations
- Accurately reported inmate count, respond to emergency body alarms and inmate disturbances
- Active member of Rapid Response Team (RRT) and Designated Armed Response Team (DART)

Florida Army National Guard Staff Sergeant – 2002 -2017

930th Digital Liaison Detachment, Homestead, Florida

J1 Director of Personnel

- Provide human resource guidance in strategic planning, manpower, regulations and procedure compliance
- Supported (AFGHAN, PAKMIL, and United States Military) Forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom
- Evaluated all promotion, leave accrual, awards, medical and Non-Commissioned Offices Evaluation Reports (NCOER)
- Successfully tracked and monitored over 60 United States Soldiers.
- Accomplished 100% of units and individual awards, trainings and weapons qualifications for redeployment

Logistic Transportation Coordinator

- Prepare transportation movements, documents and forms for shipment and mode of travel
- Conducts quality control for commercial movement contracts
- Responsible for unit movement of mass personnel or equipment

Infantry Squad/Team Leader

- Accountable for squad's training, welfare, readiness, performance, and discipline for approximately 12 Soldiers
- Accurately tracked and transported over \$500,000 in equipment, weapons and personnel.
- Mentored all Junior Enlisted Personnel and provided developmental training
- Successfully logged over 50,000 miles on convoy operations and security operations

Education

- **Perdue Global University- 2018**
 - Master of Science in Education and Psychology
- **Kaplan University- 2016**
 - Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
 - Specialized field (Homeland Security)
- **Valencia State College - 2007**
 - Law Enforcement Academy

Special Qualifications

- Certified Recovery Peer Specialist Veteran (CRPS-V)
- Pearson Vue Certified General Education Development Testing (GED)
- Temporary Teaching Certified by the Florida Department of Education
- Combat Veteran of both OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

References are available upon request



North Port, FL

Veterans Park Advisory Committee

Board Roster



William A English

1st Term Jul 13, 2021 - Jul 13, 2024

Position Public At Large

Category Chair



Kevin J Burris

1st Term Apr 27, 2021 - Apr 27, 2024

Position Public At Large

Category Vice Chair



Ronnie Carroll

1st Term Jun 22, 2021 - Jun 22, 2024

Position Amvets Post 2000 Preference

Category Member



Burton C Thomas

1st Term Sep 13, 2022 - Sep 13, 2025

Position Parks & Rec Advisory Board Member

Category Member



Danny Schumann

1st Term Jun 22, 2021 - Jun 22, 2024

Position VFW Post 8203 Preference

Office/Role Vice Chair

Category Member



Donald F Bailey

1st Term Jul 13, 2021 - Jul 13, 2024

Position Amvets Post 312 Preference

Category Member



Melodi Wilson

1st Term May 25, 2021 - May 25, 2024

Position American Legion Post 254 Preference

Category Alternate I



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North Port, FL

Veterans Park Advisory Committee

Board Details

Makes recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Department regarding the planning and development of a new Veterans Park at the North Port City Center to include a proposed name and general design concept, possible funding, sponsorship, and grant opportunities, ADA considerations, educational, historical, and cultural opportunities, ideas for design and monuments within the Park, and other recommendations to the Park as City Commission may direct.

Overview

 **Size** 9 Seats


 **Term Length** 3 Years

 **Term Limit** 2 Terms

Contact

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 **Phone** (941) 429-7061

Additional

Membership Requirements

This Committee shall consist of a minimum of six (6) regular members appointed by the City Commission and representing the following categories: Four members from any branch of the United States Armed Services, veteran, or active duty military, with a preference for members coming from the four veterans groups located in the City of North Port; two members of the public at large, with a preference for a youth member, one member who also sits on the North Port Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; and two alternate members.

Meetings

Meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

Enacting Legislation

Resolution No. 2021-R-17

Enacting Resolution Website