

# APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT – Martin County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee – Please Print

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Type of Member (explain HOW you qualify for the category under Other Experience)

- ☐ Citizen who is actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing
- ☐ Citizen actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection w/affordable housing
- ☐ Citizen who is actively engaged in the banking/mortgage banking industry in connection w/affordable housing
- ☐ Citizen actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing
- ☐ Citizen actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection w/affordable housing
- ☐ Citizen actively engaged in residential homebuilding industry in connection w/affordable housing
- ☐ Citizen representative of areas of labor actively engaged in homebuilding in connection w/affordable housing
- ☐ Citizen who represents employers within Martin County
- ☐ Citizen who represents essential service personnel
- ☒ Citizen who resides within Martin County
- ☐ Local Planning Agency Member

Check One: ☐ Mr. ☒ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Miss ☐ Dr.

**Incumbent**

Name: DIANA P. DWENS

Residence Address: 8546 SE Mars St Hobe Sound, FL 33455  
Street - City - Zip Code

Mailing Address: Hobe Sound, FL 33455  
(if different) Street - City - Zip Code

Commission District in which you reside: 3<sup>rd</sup> Staff will complete.

Are you available year-round to attend meetings? ☒ yes ☐ no If no, what months are you available?

Telephone numbers: daytime: 772-530-6211 alternate: \_\_\_\_\_ alternate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: DIANAOWENS1@live.com

Have you ever pled guilty or "no contest" to a crime, been convicted of a crime, had adjudication withheld, prosecution deferred, been placed on probation, received a suspended sentence or forfeited bail in connection with any offense (except minor traffic violations)? Please show all convictions, including driving while intoxicated (DUI) convictions. ☐ yes ☒ no If yes, please provide the following information:

TYPE OF OFFENCES: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACES (city/state): \_\_\_\_\_

SENTENCES OR FINES: \_\_\_\_\_

A conviction record does not necessarily disqualify you for consideration. Factors such as age at time of offense, nature of violation, and rehabilitation will be considered.

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners retains the right to remove, at will, any appointee to a Board or Committee with or without cause.

**EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:** A resume is recommended to be attached containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application. Resume or letter of qualifications attached? ☐ yes ☐ no

Education: Martin County High School Indiana River State College

Employment Experience: 45 years at Martin Memorial Hospital now Cleveland Clinic (Team Center Coordinator 45 years Retired 7 years)

**Other Experience** – How do you qualify for the Type of Member selected?

See Resume  
I love Martin County, It the only place I can call home. Born, Work & Lived here all my life

Community Experience and Affiliations: See Resume

Other County Boards/Committees/Task Forces on which you have served: Health Care Renew Board / Housing Advisory Committee

Do you or any member of your immediate family work for Martin County or do you or a company that you are an officer or employee of have an existing contract with Martin County? If yes, please explain:

NO

**REFERENCES:** Please list two references:

Harold Jenkins Gregory Buckle

- Applicant may be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a Financial Disclosure Statement as part of the appointment process.
- Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Sections 112.313(3) and (7), Florida Statutes. However, upon full disclosure by the Applicant, the conflict may be waived at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners by a supermajority vote. Section 112.313(12), Florida Statutes.

→ Signature: Diana Owens

Date: 7/20/25

Applications must be filed with Martin County Administration, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 by Friday, August 15, 2025. All information submitted becomes public record. If you have any questions, please call (772) 221-1352 or send email to [dgordon@martin.fl.us](mailto:dgordon@martin.fl.us).

Diana Eleanor Parker Owens  
8546 S.E Mars Street  
Hobe Sound, Florida 33455  
772-546-6477

**Born-** Martin County Hospital, Stuart, Florida

**Raised and still live-** Hobe Sound, Florida

**Parents** - Arrie Belle Parker- Hobe Sound, Fl and Reverend Henry James Parker  
(deceased)

**Married-** Johnny C. Owens 56 years

**Children** - Yolanda Owens-McFarquhar- Port Salerno, Florida  
Jason Aaron Owens-Tallahassee, Florida

**Grandchild-** Arrie Skyy McFarguhar – Port Salerno, Florida  
Latrice A. Irvin (Expired)  
Jaxon Parker Owens Tallahassee, Fl

**Education –**

Dunbar Elementary School – Hobe Sound, Florida  
Murray Junior Senior High School- Port Salerno, Florida  
Martin County High School- Stuart, Florida  
Indian River Junior College- Fort Pierce, Florida

**Work Experience**

Martin Medical Center—Stuart, Florida--- Retired November 2018  
45 years as a Team Center Coordinator/office unit manager for many different areas, over the years --Medical Surgical, Orthopedic, Urology, stroke unit, neurosurgery, and gynecology surgery.

**Christian Experience**

Christening- St Matthew Primitive Baptist and New Allen Temple A.M.E. Church  
Baptized - New Allen Temple A.M.E. Church—Hobe Sound, Florida  
Serve as secretary of the trustee, 30 years, youth leader for 12 plus years, co-chair the building of the new church that open in 1981, leader of public affairs and welcome committee and anything that need to be done.  
In 2002- I change my membership to the Grace Place Community Church- Port Salerno, Florida. I serve on frontline (meet and greet team), mom group (moms offering moms support), prime timer (senior ministry), women and prayer ministry, and LHGH (life hurt God heals) an 8 step program for middle and high school student experiencing any problems, pains, addiction, eating disorder or whatever it may be.

**Hobbies-**

Sewing, computer activity, gardening, traveling, crafts, volunteering, collecting golf stuff and quilting

### **Clubs and Organization**

Hobe Sound GFWC Women Club- Service Organization (founding member) 26 years  
Education committee (read scholarships application for girls graduating from South Fork High School, past home life chairman- with donation to safe space, Molly's house, council of the ages- senior day care and visit to local nursing home for bingo.

One of the founding members of the annual Hobe Sound Art Festival (formerly called Dixie Daze. This festival is one of our biggest fundraisers. Money raised is used for the education budget (for scholarships that we give out every year to high school girls that live in Hobe Sound and for a woman attending Indian River State College as a return to college fund.

As a member of the Hobe Sound GFWC Woman Club – I read all the scholarships each year for the Hobe Sound Community Chest—Jupiter Island- retired.

Member of the Masud Court # 71- Oasis of West Palm Beach, Florida-Desert of Florida Service organization- helping children and women

Member of the Hobe Sound Historical Society (Founding member)

Member of the Martin County Black Heritage Initiative. (Founding member)

### **Community Service and Volunteer Activity**

Guardian Ad Litem 1990- 2005 (15 years) (retired)

Child Advocate for the judges in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit-Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee County -dedication to the best interests of abused and neglected children. I represented children that have been hurt due to drug abuse at birth, child abuse and neglect and other medical problems of neglect. I suggested placement for the children for their best interest of the child to the judges.

United Way of Martin County- Member of the Citizen Review Panel that reads the grants visits the sites and then makes the suggestion to the board. We suggest to the board the funding recommendations that we feel each agency should get based on their needs, the amount the agency has applied for and money that is available to distribute. (29 years)

Hobe Sound Elementary School Advisory Council 12 years (retired)

South Fork High School Advisory Council - 4 years (retired)

VFW – Ladies Auxiliary- Voice of Democracy Award Citation 1999 –Audio Essay

Competition—Listen to 25 tapes of high school seniors from the treasure coast

Florida Department of Law Enforcement- Award- Crimes Against Children 1999

19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Domestic Violence Task Force

### **Partners in Education**

Graduate-Project Blueprint-Professional Series of Martin County —Class of 1998

(sponsored by the United Way Volunteer & Community Resource Center

Hobe Sound Community Chest-- Volunteer

Board Member of the Hobe Sound First Aid Squad 15 years (has now been taken over By Martin County)

Started the Latrice A. Irvin Memorial Scholarship in 2012 after my granddaughter expired in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. It is for high school senior girls to advance their education to the next level. I have given out about \$50,000.00 to local graduating High school girls in Hobe Sound and Port Salerno area.

Awarded - Arnold Stanberry Community Achievers Award – February 2010

Volunteer at Seawind Elementary School since 2013

Star of the Month -Martin Health System -2014

Employee of the Year- Martin Health System -2014

Featured in the Martin Health System 75-year Annual Report- 2014

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Care Champion of the Treasure Coast- Administrative Excellence Finalist – 2015

Ambassador for Molly's House since 2017.-2019

Cemetery Resource Protection Training — Certified thru Florida Public Archaeology Network--November 2018 (Preserving Historic Cemeteries and Human Burial Sites)

Heritage Monitoring Scout – Identifying Common Artifacts - Certified thru Florida Public Archaeology Network – December 2018