

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT – Martin County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Please Print

Type of Member: At-large member who must be a Martin County resident and shall not be employed by the County nor be related to a County employee or have a business relationship with Parks and Recreation vendors.

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

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Name: Craig Taylor

Residence Address: 2579 NE Marian ST Jensen Beach, FL 34957

Street/City/Zip Code

Mailing Address: Same

(if different)

Street/City/Zip Code

Commission District in which you reside: 1 B4 Staff will complete.

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

Telephone numbers: daytime: 407-497-2548 alternate: _____ alternate: _____
~Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: craig.taylor7@gmail.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

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Education: _____

University of Florida: BA in Psychology, M.Ed. in Counseling Psychology, Ed.S in Counseling Psychology

Employment Experience: See Attached Bio Summary

Other experience you feel would be helpful to the Board in making this appointment: _____

As a former Walt Disney World executive I have broad experience in creating and managing parks and recreation experiences and environments.

Community Experience and Affiliations: See attached Bio

Other County Boards/Committees/Task Forces on which you have served: _____

Long time board member of Central Florida YMCA.

Do you or any member of your immediate family work for Martin County or hold a position that might conflict with your duties for this Board/Committee/Task Force? If yes, please explain: No

REFERENCES: Please list two references:

Chip Weston 321-303-5611

Larry Lynch 407-927-9250

- Applicants *may* be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a Financial Disclosure Statement as part of the appointment process.
- Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing and that the facts stated in it are true. (Pursuant to Section 92.525 Florida Statutes, falsifying this application is a Third Degree Felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment and up to a \$5,000 fine.)
- Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (The County). Section 112.313(3) and (7), Fla. Stat.

→ Signature: 

Date: 1/31/2023

Applications must be filed with Martin County Administration, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 **by Friday, February 24, 2023.** All information submitted becomes public record. If you have any questions, please call (772) 221-1352 or send email to dgordon@martin.fl.us.

Craig R. Taylor

Craig is a former global consultant on employee engagement, retention and leadership development, and a former executive at Walt Disney Company with broad experience in managing enjoyable, engaging, safe, and ecologically sensitive parks and recreation environments for adults and children alike.

Craig and his wife Kathleen have owned a home in Martin County for over 10 years and became permanent residents in 2018. He is an active member and contributor to the **Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center**, the **US Sailing Center of Martin County**, **The Elliott Museum**, and the **St. Lucie Sailing Club**.

Most recently Craig spent over 10 years at **TalentKeepers, Inc.** as Vice President of Client Services. Prior to TalentKeepers, Craig spent many years as an executive at **Walt Disney World** as **Director of the Disney Institute**. Earlier in his career, he worked at **American Express Company** managing leadership assessment and evaluation, leadership training, and career development strategies. Also, Craig was a long-time leader at **Wilson Learning Corporation**, a global training and consulting firm.

Craig is the co-author of a new book, published by John Wiley and Sons, titled ***Talent Keepers: How Top Leaders Engage and Retain Their Best Performers***. Released in April 2019, it was selected as one the top 30 business books of the year. He is an award-winning author and speaker at national conferences and events. He has chaired the Editorial Advisory Board and contributing editor for the leading talent development publication ***TD Magazine*** and is a past winner of "Article of the Year" in ***People and Strategy*** journal.

Craig received his undergraduate degree in Psychology and the graduate degrees M.Ed. and Ed.S. in Counseling Psychology, all from the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL.

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Craig Taylor
2579 NE Marian ST
Jensen Beach

February 2, 2023

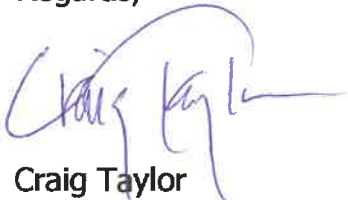
Donna Gordon
Administrative Services Program Coordinator
Martin County Board of County Commissioners

Hello, Ms. Gordon.

Attached is my application for the Martin County Parks and Recreation open board seat. Also included is a biographical summary of my background.

I believe my knowledge and experience can add value to the board and Martin County residents to ensure the 73 parks, beaches and causeways remain safe, educational, enjoyable, and accessible. I welcome the opportunity to meet personally if interviews are part of the selection process.

Regards,



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