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River Bend CDD Board Position

Dear Board,

Please see email below in regards to open board seat.

Thank you!

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Meritus Corp. For Riverbend Community CDD

To Whom It May Concern:

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I am writing you today to express my desire to fill the empty seat on the Riverbend CDD board since the departure of one of its members. I was contacted about 1 ½ weeks ago by board member Jayne Tin asking if I might be interested in filling the vacant seat.

While we had tried to set aside some time to talk, I have not had the opportunity to speak with her directly as I was just leaving on a vacation the following week and would be out of touch.

I did mention to her on Messenger when she contacted me that I had not even really thought about it as I had served time on the HOA till the end of 2016. More of my focus last year was on my business and me so I have not been involved in the community out of respect for the new board.

I guess at this time I should lay out my experiences so you can determine if I am an appropriate fit for the board.

Prior to coming to Florida, I was in private practice in New Jersey for 15 years. During that time I was an active member of the Little Silver Volunteer Fire Department, and the Little Silver First Aid and Rescue Squad. As a volunteer fire department member, I served as an active firefighter on the department side and as a fill-in and then as an elected recording secretary of the Fire Company. I served with pride and distinction for 10 years. I did this while having an active practice.

With the First Aid and Rescue Squad I served as the vice president of the business side of the squad, and filled all positions of the active squad starting as a riding member, moving through the ranks of Sergeant, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, and served as the Captain for 7 years, but not in that order for a total of 15 years! Again, I did this whole in active practice.

I served as the Chairman of the Health and Safety department of the American Red Cross in Monmouth County, which also came with a seat on the Board Of Directors.

I finally resigned as Captain and moved to Florida. Initially I lived and worked in Sarasota and Longboat Key for the Police department as the Beach Patrol Officer. I continued to serve in that capacity until 2015 when they discontinued the position. Currently I have been in private practice since 2006.

Also during the period of time when I first moved to Ruskin in 2005/2006, while the HOA and the CDD were still under the control of the developer, Metro, I was part of a group of homeowners who were concerned with things that needed to be done in the community. After the community was turned over to the residents, I was active with the HOA board members in assisting them with some of the things they were doing.

After a year of the new board being in service, one of the board members was having a rough time with a pregnancy and had to resign. I was asked by Harry Wallace to fill her seat and finish the 2 remaining years of her term. At the conclusion of that term, I began filling my own 3 year term.

During the time on the board, I was very involved in many of the activities of the board and the committees. I was responsible for starting the Neighborhood Watch with the assistance of many residents. I was one of three people who were Safe Serve certified that allowed us to serve food from our kitchen in the amenities building.

I was the board member responsible for the pool monitors and the deputy patrols to keep the neighborhood safe. I was the chairman of the ARB and actively worked with the residents to get their homes into compliance with the covenants and bylaws. I also rewrote portions of the bylaws and constitution for the HOA.

I helped out with the activities chairman and attended all the events that were put on by the committee. I attended all meetings during the 5 years I was active on the board other one where I was on vacation out of the country. I was unable to attend the last 3 months of my term due to demands at work.

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I feel I have a good knowledge of the CDD operations from having contact with the CDD through Harry and the HOA, as in the beginning we shared many of the responsibilities since neither board had anyone before them to teach them and us what to do. We kind of learned "on the job". Yes, in retrospect, there were things that could have been done different or better, but for a group who was new without any blueprint to follow, I think we did a pretty good job.

The CDD, while different in its function from the HOA, is similar in structure and performance. I understand the differences both financial and responsibility between both groups. I have completed the Board Member Certification Course given by Leland Management in Tampa.

I think I can be a great asset to the community by serving on the CDD board and hope the board considers giving me the opportunity to help out the community.

I would like the chance to continue improving the community and making the Riverbend neighborhood the best in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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