

Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board

Applicant Package - Member

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Term:01 Dec 2022 - 03 Oct 2024

Positions Available: 4

Number of applicants in this package: 2

- Brown, Davonda
- Erekson, Sarah

Name :Brown, Davonda

Address :1015 NE 24th Street, Gainesville, Florida, 32641

Email :davondabrown@gmail.com

Board Name :Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board

In what city district do you live? :

District 1

Employer :

Bosshardt Realty Services, LLC

Phone Number :

352-317-2807

Occupation :

Realtor

Why are you interested in serving on this board? (Please answer separately for each board you are applying to.) :

I wish to complete a full term on the GCRA Advisory Board. See attached cover letter.

How many terms have you served on this board previously? :

1 year

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Do you claim any exemption to public record disclosure pursuant to FLA. STAT. Section 119? :

No

Upload additional documentation if necessary :

- Cover Letter for GCRA-2023.pdf

Have you been removed from any advisory board for attendance, behaviour or another reason? :

No

Disclaimer:

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Optional: Gender :

Female

Optional: Ethnicity :

African American

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee? :

No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern? :

No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee? :

Yes

If yes, which City Advisory Board/Committee? :

Yes and no. I have been serving since my term expired and will do so until it is filled. However I hope the approval of my application I can continue to serve.

Some of the boards and committees appointed by the City Commission are required to comply with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, the Financial Disclosure Law. If applicable, would you be willing to file the required financial statement? :

Yes

Do you affirm that your personal and business (if applicable) affairs within the City of Gainesville and Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all city and county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations? * :

Yes

Do you agree with the following statement? Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Advisory Board Handbook." * :

Yes

Do you agree with the following statement? I understand that this completed application is the property of the City of Gainesville, is subject to public record requests and I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct. :

Yes

Time of Submission :02/14/23 7:56:53 PM

Attachments:

- Resume for GCRA-2023.pdf

Davonda

Eunice Dix Brown



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OBJECTIVE: To receive membership on the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board.

EXPERIENCE:

Maintained files for accuracy and compliance according to FREC standards and procedures. Utilized Appfiles, BoomTown, Paragon, Innovia database and record keeping platforms to organize, maintain files and produce sales, listing and lease documents.

Set and managed appointments for inspections, repairs and show homes to prospective clients.

Personally, dealt with lenders, home inspectors, pest control operators, escrow companies to ensure that all terms and conditions of purchase agreement are met prior to closing.

Compared recent property sales to subject property to ensure competitive market price.

Helped clients understand the various financing options when purchasing.

Kept up-to-date on competitive real estate knowledge by attending conventions, studying various trade journals and providing monthly market evaluations for clients.

Experienced with legal matters related to the real estate sales process.

Generated lists of properties compatible with buyer requests and needs.

Arranged meetings between buyers and sellers when terms needed to be negotiated.

Assisted in negotiation of terms surrounding purchases.

Coordinated property closings and oversaw closing procedures.

Prepared formal documents such as purchase agreements and leases.

Arranged for title searches.

Accompanied and advised buyers during visits and inspections to ensure satisfaction with value and condition of property.

Previous business relationships as marketing, listing and/or sales agent: ITT Financial Corporation, Chrysler First Financial, Sun Bank, First Union Bank, Barnett Bank, Florida Federal Savings and Loan, Farmer's Home Administration, Fleet Financenter, Blazier Financial Services, American General, Alarion Bank, Fannie Mae, Alachua County, City of Gainesville.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

Eastside High School
1975 - 1979

Santa Fe Community College
1979 - 1981

University of Florida
(emphasis electrical engineering) 1982 - 1984

Florida Real Estate Institute
Real estate studies 1984

Focus on Leadership
Graduate, leadership training 1990

COMPETENCIES and CERTIFICATIONS:

Licensed Real Estate Agent 1986 - present
Certified New Homes Sales Professional (CSP) 2004
Graduate Real Estate Institute (GRI) 2005
Mortgage Broker (MB) 2006
Real Estate Broker 2007
Instructor Real Estate Course: City Gainesville, NHDC past and present
Vice President, Bosshardt Realty Services, LLC present

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February 14, 2023

Greetings All,

I'm Davonda Brown, a lifelong resident of Gainesville, more specifically Gainesville East. My formative educational years throughout elementary, middle and high school were through our wonderful public school system. Married with two sons, I trust that my presence on the board would be an encouragement and example not only for my sons, but also for others in the community to follow and give back.

I am grateful for the opportunity to resubmit for membership for the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board. I look forward to serving and assisting my community by being a voice for continued improvements in some areas and much needed, desired and long overdue improvements in others. It is believed by many that in order for any of us to be truly successful all of us must be successful. I would love to continue to be a part of this board and play a role in seeing our underserved areas revitalized and the quality of life of our residents improved.

My lifelong residency of Gainesville East and 36+ years' experience in the area of real estate has afforded me an opportunity to experience and witness firsthand the highs and lows of a community in need and seeking a way for a better life for them and their children.

I'm ready, willing and able to roll up my sleeves and get to work. I'm ready to work with the entire board to make the dreams for a vibrant community come true for all our residents. I'm hopeful about the future and excited about the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,

Davonda Brown

Davonda Brown

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Board Name :Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board

In what city district do you live? :

District 4

Employer :

University of Florida, George A. Smathers Libraries

Phone Number :

312-301-2321

Occupation :

Regional Government Documents Librarian

Why are you interested in serving on this board? (Please answer separately for each board you are applying to.) :

I live on the northeast side of Gainesville and work on the University of Florida campus. The connection between these two areas, that is the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area needs to be managed, beautified, and redeveloped. As a specialist in government information, including maps and planning documents, I believe I can be an asset to the board.

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Time of Submission :02/07/23 10:04:51 AM

Attachments:

- sarah-erekson-resum-rev.1-27-23.pdf

Sarah Erekson

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Senior Public Librarian

Government Documents | Project Management | Leadership

Senior Public Librarian with expertise in all facets of government information and managing a staff. Proficient in active listening, critical thinking, and in resolving complex problems. Skilled in collaborating with all members of the organization to achieve branch goals. Instrumental in streamlining and improving processes, enhancing productivity, and implementing technology solutions.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategic Partnerships ▪ Outreach ▪ Project Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training ▪ Collection Maintenance ▪ Report Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administer Programs ▪ Conducts Research ▪ Mentoring
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida - Gainesville, FL
Regional Government Documents Librarian

September 2018-present

Serve as the Regional Coordinator for the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), for 36 selective libraries in Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Liaise between Government Publishing Office (GPO) and Selective Depository Libraries to promote and protect access to government information collections. Service the general UF Ask-a-Librarian chat reference. Provide instruction to students, UF affiliates, and community members. Select and evaluate supporting government information resources for the general collection.

Develop an innovative and collaborative plan to share resources around government information access and use with counterparts in Georgia. Propose using networks and technology already in place to efficiently share stewardship of collections that occupy significant storage space: Georgia's topographical maps and Florida's fully cataloged Congressional Hearings.

Plan and implement outreach and student engagement activities at Library West. Cooperate across library branches to develop programs, tabling activities, and other events. Follow fiscal policies, coordinate with communications and social media, and community partners.

Chicago Public Library- Chicago, IL

September 2004–September 2018

Librarian II- Government Documents - Harold Washington Library Center, January 2006- September 2018

Researched and presented bibliographic instruction and government publications and several other reference sources. Served as subject matter expert in the areas of law, government publications, and local history. Nominated as Librarian of the Year in 2009 and 2010. Provided outreach, instruction, and training on historical research. Facilitated collaborative workshops, emphasizing the importance of government documents. Managed the collections of government publications and primary legal materials. Cataloged and assigned classification numbers for local, state, and federal monographs and serials. Coordinated website updates and promotional campaigns. Oversaw hiring for Librarian I and Library Associate positions. Trained and mentored reference staff on legal reference and legislative history. Created quarterly department schedules for the reference staff. Assessed staff and managed daily operations. Managed timesheets and implemented progressive disciplinary system.

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Librarian I- Adult Services- Brighton Park Branch, September 2004– January 2006

Served as key person when branch manager was unavailable. Managed teen volunteers in various projects. Provided reference services to all library patrons in both English and Spanish. Completed new material orders for adults and teens. Discarded unneeded books in several areas, such as nonfiction, reference, paperbacks.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

Masters of Science in Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana, Champaign, IL

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana, Champaign, IL

NON-DEGREE COURSES:

Qualtrics Certificate Program, University of Florida, May 2021

Federal Depository Library Program Coordinator Certificate Program, Government Publishing Office, March 2019

Accessible Online Environments, University of Florida, October 2018

The Data Scientist's Toolbox, Johns Hopkins University Coursera, July 2016

Law: Legal Resources, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate School of Information Science, Spring 2014

PUBLICATIONS

Erikson, Sarah. "Chapter 25: Government Information." In *Reference and Information Services: An Introduction*, edited by Melissa A. Wong and Laura Saunders, 6th Edition, May 2020.

Erikson, Sarah. "Federal Depository Library Program." *Source Magazine*, Fall 2020. P.8-13.

<https://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00064079/00004>

Erikson, Sarah. "Your House Has a History - and it's Easier to Research Than You Think." *The Improver: Newsletter of the North Mayfair Improvement Association*. vol. 38, no. 1, February 2018.

Erikson, Sarah. "Chair's Column" *DttP: Documents to the People*, 2016-2017.

Erikson, Sarah and Mary Mallory. "Chapter 22: Government Information." In *Reference and Information Services: An Introduction*, edited by Linda C. Smith and Melissa A. Wong, 5th Edition, August 2016.

Erikson, Sarah. "New and Improved! Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government Re-launches." *Chicago Public Library Checking In Newsletter*, vol. 1 no. 8, June 2015.

Erikson, Sarah as Chicago in 4D. "Blog posts and quizzes." Chicago Public Library Website, March 2014-June 2017

<https://www.chipublib.org/author/chicago-in-4d/>

Teper, Jennifer Hain and Sarah M. Erikson. "The Condition of Our Hidden Rare Book Collections: A Conservation Survey at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign." *Library Resources and Technical Services (LRTS)*, vol. 50, no. 3, Fall 2006.

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PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

“Census 101: Basic Numbers for Everyone,” Learning Lab webinar, LibLearnX Virtual Conference of the American Library Association, January 2022.

“Succession at Regional Depositories in the Southeast: Recruit Nationally.” Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, Collaborative Federal Depository Program Town Hall Virtual Meeting. May 2020.

“Moving Out to Move Up: Tour of the Government Documents Collections held at the Auxiliary Library Facility.” Florida Regional Depository Library Conference, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. November 2019

“Government Information for Everyone: Ways to Increase Accessibility of Federal Depository Library Collections,” Federal Depository Library Conference. October 2018

“Government Information for Educators: Bringing History to Your Fingertips,” Lambda State Convention, Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Key Women Educators, Lombard, Illinois. April 2018

“Tour of the State and Local Documents Collections at Chicago Public Library,” GODORT State and Local Documents Task Force, American Library Association Annual Conference, June 2013

“America is Changing – and so is the Census,” Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, October 2010

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Active Member & Leader, American Library Association (ALA), 2004-Present

Government Documents Round Table (GODORT)

Jury GODORT Awards and Scholarship, convene meetings, direct mentorship program, organize networking events, analyze current committee structure, nominate and appoint colleagues to positions within the organization, moderate panel discussions and facilitate programs, operate a pilot program to assess condition of rare government publications, write proposed bylaws changes.

Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) 2018-present

Member, Collaborative Federal Depository Program Oversight Committee

Attend quarterly meetings, revise Southeast Region Guidelines for Management and Disposition of Federal Depository Library Collections, convene and present at town hall meetings, Depository Library Council meetings, and Federal Depository Library Conferences.

Appointed Member, Illinois Government Depository Council, 2011-2016

Subcommittee of Illinois State Library Advisory Committee

Coordinated with the Regional Librarian, implemented recommendations for program processes, proposed language for administrative rules governing the state documents depository, helped prepare Illinois’ state-wide responses to the 2012 Federal Depository Library Program Forecast Survey, and collaborated on the State-Focused Action Plan.