

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD BALLOT

Openings: One (1) full term ending 11/1/2024 (City Residency Required)

Applications: Three (3) Applications

PLEASE INITIAL YOUR SELECTION

NAME OF APPLICANT	Comm. Duncan-Walker	Comm. Ward	Comm. Arreola	Comm. Hayes-Santos	Comm. Saco	Mayor Poe
Maria Giddings						
Aymee Ginard Cepeda <i>(Also applied to SHIP-AHAC)</i>						
Debra Neill-Mareci <i>(reapplying to DRB)</i>						
READVERTISE FOR ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS						

VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE 11/4 COMMISSION MEETING



City of Gainesville


Development Review Board

Board Details

(7-members; 3-year terms) (Initial terms: two (2) one-year terms to expire November 1, 1991; three (3) two-year terms to expire November 1, 1992; and two (2) three-year terms to expire November 1, 1993). (60 Day Probationary Period). CITY RESIDENCY REQUIRED. Created by Ordinance No. 3679 (November 19, 1990) and Ordinance No. 3777 (June 10, 1992).

The Development Review Board is a citizen board to review and approve or deny development plans submitted for its review pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 30 of the Gainesville Code of Ordinances; and shall be composed whenever possible of at least one from each of the following: 1) An architect or landscape architect; 2) A Civil Engineer; 3) A person engaged in real estate sales or development; 4) A professional with experience in natural or environmental sciences.

Overview

 **Size** 7 Seats

 **Term Length** 3 Years

 **Term Limit** N/A

Additional

Advisory Board Website

<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/PlanningDepartment/CitizenBoards/DevelopmentReviewBoard.aspx>

Agendas and Minutes are located

<https://gainesville.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Ordinance

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City of Gainesville

Development Review Board

Board Roster



Debra A Neill-mareci

1st Term Oct 18, 2018 - Nov 01, 2021

Appointing Authority City Commission



Barbara Vandermeer

2nd Term Nov 02, 2019 - Nov 01, 2022

Appointing Authority City Commission



Rick E. Cain

2nd Term Nov 02, 2019 - Nov 01, 2022

Appointing Authority City Commission



Ewen M Thomson

2nd Term Nov 02, 2019 - Nov 01, 2022

Appointing Authority City Commission

Position Chair



Brent D Hartman

2nd Term Nov 02, 2019 - Nov 01, 2022

Appointing Authority City Commission



Rebecca Herrin

1st Term Nov 02, 2019 - Nov 01, 2022

Appointing Authority City Commission



Jamie S Bell

1st Term Nov 05, 2020 - Nov 01, 2023

Profile

View current Advisory Board and Committee openings [online](#).

Mrs Maria L Giddings
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City State Postal Code

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District 3

Mobile: (305) 495-3493
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Primary Phone Type

Cell

Alternate Phone Type

None Selected

Employer Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Development Review Board: Submitted

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STUDENT BOARD SEATS, terms ending 9/30/2022

City Residency Required

- Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board
- Gainesville Human Rights Board
- Historic Preservation Board
- Regional Transit System Advisory Board
- Student Community Relations Advisory Board

City Residency NOT Required

- Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development
- City Beautification Board
- Fire Safety Board of Adjustment
- Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board
- Nature Centers Commission
- Public Recreation and Parks Board
- Tree Advisory Board

Question applies to Citizens Advisory Committee For Community Development

The Citizens' Advisory Board for Community Development has 1 STUDENT SEAT term ending 9/30/2022. City Residency NOT Required.

Question applies to Development Review Board

Development Review Board has 1 full term ending 11/1/2024. City Residency Required

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

Yes No

Review the text of FLA. STAT. Section 119 [HERE](#).

If yes, it is required that you submit a detailed explanation of exemption. Upload additional documentation if necessary.

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Interests & Experiences

Question applies to Citizens Advisory Committee For Community Development

Why are you interested in serving on the Citizens' Advisory Board for Community Development?

I am interested in problems and issues in our community. I am interested in equitable housing and representation for all citizens. Since moving here seven years ago, I've noticed Gainesville can improve in some areas. I would like to be part of that improvement.

Question applies to Development Review Board

Why are you interested in serving on the Development Review Board?

I have a passion for my community and the wellbeing of its citizens. While living in Miami, I was involved in the creation and incorporation of Palmetto Bay. Since moving to Gainesville, I served on the City of Gainesville Beautification Board for 12 months.

Question applies to Citizens Advisory Committee For Community Development

How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?

none

Question applies to Development Review Board

How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?

none

Members of all City of Gainesville Advisory Boards and Committees must only serve two (2) consecutive terms, except for the City Plan Board, Development Review Board and Historic Preservation Board. Members of the State Housing Initiatives Partnership must only serve three (3) terms.

Question applies to Citizens Advisory Committee For Community Development

Are you applying for a student seat?

Yes No

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

Yes No

If you answered yes to the question above, please explain: (upload a file if needed)

[Giddings Resume.docx](#)

Upload a Resume

Please upload a file

Mrs Maria L Giddings

Demographics**Ethnicity**

Hispanic

Gender

Female

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?

Yes No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?

Yes No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

Yes No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

Maria Giddings

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Education:

Boston University: Boston, MA

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations

Experience:

University of Florida, Gainesville Florida

April 5 2019- February 2020

UFIT- ES, ICT Receptionist and Financial Assistant for IT Business Center

- Responsible for calendar scheduling and conference rooms scheduling for department, data entry, handling of mail, coordinating logistics for ES/ICT personnel (ex. meal delivery for events, package & mail delivery, travel arrangements, special events, etc.) documenting departmental procedures for ICT. Processing purchasing requisitions, account reconciliation, vendor and account management, PCard purchases and management, customer service, etc.

UF Health Shands Human Resources, Gainesville Florida

September 2016- June 2018

HR/Administrative Assistant

- Responsible for handling multifaceted inquires by triaging large volume of incoming phone calls, preparing correspondence, data entry, pre-requisite screening of applicants, new applicant processing, interacting directly with customers, new hires, families, & students, schedule pre-placement for new hires HR visits, maintain high level of professionalism/customer service.
- Assist with processing of new UF Health hires.

Saint Patrick Catholic School, Gainesville Florida

December 2013- May 2015

Spanish Teacher, Grades 4-8

- Designed, implemented, and delivered differentiated Spanish instruction to a wide range of student ages.
- Managed a classroom of diverse learners by providing modified Spanish curriculum to meet their needs.
- Coordinated conferences with parents to provide updates on student progress.

City of Gainesville Beautification Board

2013

Volunteer Board Member

- Participated as a committee member on the beautification board, which advises the city commission on matters regarding the environment and the beautification of our community.
- Helped lead and manage groups in making decisions on new beautification projects and accepting new proposals.

Sunland Realty - Miami, FL

2006-2012

Administrative Assistant

- Prepared reports, correspondence, calendar and minutes for office staff.
- In charge of presentations and customer service
- Determined work procedure for office staff and assisted with performance reviews.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Substitute Teacher

2002-2006

- Overlooked classroom lessons and activities for a period of time, varying between one week and several months.
- Helped to administer and proctor state testing (FCAT, now FSA)

Skills:

Fluent in Spanish

Proficient in Microsoft Office, including Word, Outlook, Excel, PeopleSoft, and Google Drive.

ProfileView current Advisory Board and Committee openings [online](#).

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Gainesville

 City

FL

 State

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 Postal Code

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Mobile: (352) 225-1163

 Primary Phone

Mobile: (352) 214-6950

 Alternate Phone

Primary Phone Type Cell**Alternate Phone Type** Not Specified

Enable Properties

 Employer

**Lic. RE Broker/Property
 Manager**

 Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Citizens Advisory Committee For Community Development: Submitted
 Development Review Board: Submitted
 SHIP - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee: Submitted

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Question applies to multiple boards

STUDENT BOARD SEATS, terms ending 9/30/2022

City Residency Required

- Historic Preservation Board
- Regional Transit System Advisory Board

City Residency NOT Required

- Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development
- Fire Safety Board of Adjustment
- Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board
- Nature Centers Commission
- Public Recreation and Parks Board

Question applies to SHIP - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

****IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE READ****

To ensure representation from diverse stakeholder groups, state regulations require AHAC members from several stakeholder categories. For that reason, priority consideration will be given to applicants that meet one of the following 6 criteria, which are currently not met by any AHAC members:

- **Engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing**
- **Representative of those areas of labor actively engaged in home building**
- **Engaged in the residential building industry**
- **Serves on the City Plan Board**
- **Engaged in the banking or mortgage industry**
- **Engaged as a real estate professional**

Question applies to SHIP - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Do you represent one or more of the following categories: *

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- citizen who is actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing
 - citizen who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing

Question applies to Citizens Advisory Committee For Community Development

The Citizens' Advisory Board for Community Development has 1 STUDENT SEAT term ending 9/30/2022. City Residency NOT Required.

Question applies to Development Review Board

Development Review Board has 1 full term ending 11/1/2024. City Residency Required

Question applies to SHIP - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

The SHIP - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee has 1 partial term ending 7/1/2022. City Residency Required

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Yes No

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If yes, it is required that you submit a detailed explanation of exemption. Upload additional documentation if necessary.

N/A

Question applies to SHIP - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

If appointed to the City of Gainesville's SHIP Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, I will attempt to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Represent and work for the benefit of both my specific constituency and the entire community;
2. Serve the entire two-year term;
3. If unable to complete a term, provide the City with a written letter of resignation;
4. Attend monthly meetings, either in-person or virtually;
5. Notify staff in advance, if unable to attend a meeting;
6. Arrive at meetings on-time and stay until the end of the meeting (usually 60-90 minutes);
7. Review backup materials provided by staff and/or other AHAC Members;
8. Thoughtfully complete evaluation forms, if asked to evaluate development proposals;
9. Participate in the development of all AHAC recommendations; and
10. Participate in presenting written and or verbal recommendations to the City Commission, including occasionally attending City Commission Meetings.

Question applies to SHIP - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Yes or No; I agree with the above statement:

Yes No

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Interests & Experiences

Question applies to Citizens Advisory Committee For Community Development

Why are you interested in serving on the Citizens' Advisory Board for Community Development?

I moved to Gainesville in 2006 and I've seen incredible growth. I would like to assist with recommendations for Community Development based on the current and future needs of our citizens and our city.

Question applies to Development Review Board

Why are you interested in serving on the Development Review Board?

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Question applies to SHIP - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Why are you interested in serving on the SHIP - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee?

I am a Real Estate professional and manage properties in Pineridge, Phoenix and own a property in Holly Heights. I understand first hand the need for well maintained Affordable Housing, and would like to see the promotion of Home Ownership within these and other areas.

Question applies to Citizens Advisory Committee For Community Development

How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?

0

Question applies to Development Review Board

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0

Question applies to SHIP - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

How many years have you served on the State Housing Initiatives Partnership?

0

Question applies to SHIP - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Members of the State Housing Initiatives Partnership must only serve three (3) terms per statute.

Question applies to Citizens Advisory Committee For Community Development

Are you applying for a student seat?

Yes No

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Yes No

If you answered yes to the question above, please explain: (upload a file if needed)

N/A

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Upload a Resume

Please upload a file

Demographics

Ethnicity

Hispanic

Gender

Female

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?

Yes No

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Yes No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

Yes No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

N/A

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Objective

My objective is to be of service to our community in a position within the City of Gainesville where I am able to effectively use the varied skills I have acquired throughout my years of employment experience, to be an asset to the citizens of our city and our community as a whole. I enjoy working with others and am committed to the success not only of myself, but also those around me.

The Real Estate industry is where I have found the greatest opportunity to make optimal use of my skills. In this field I work with owners, buyers, sellers and team members on a daily basis while motivating, training and implementing company policies and guidelines to ensure goals and expectations are met.

Abilities

Excellent Communication and Inter-personal Skills

Ability to Assess the Needs of Clients/Customers

Exceptional Problem Resolution Skills

Management and Motivational Skills

Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point

Working knowledge of Yardi Property Management Software

Working knowledge of Entrata Property Management Software

Bi-lingual English/Spanish (Verbal and Written Fluently)

Employment History

Real Estate Broker/Portfolio Manager

06/2021 - Present Enable Properties. Gainesville, FL

Community Manager

5/2011 - 9/2020 The Collier Companies/Paradigm Properties. Gainesville, FL

Real Estate Broker/Associate

10/2009 - 5/2011 Exit Realty Producers. Gainesville, FL

Administrative Assistant to the Board of Directors

11/2008 – 09/2009 The Greens at West End Condominium Association. Newberry, FL

Real Estate Broker/Portfolio Manager

06/2006 – 01/2008 Harvest Realty & Management Co. Gainesville, FL

Real Estate Salesperson

12/2004 – 06/2006 C & S Premier Realty. Miami, FL

Real Estate Sales - Buyers Agent

04/2004 – 10/2004 Expert Realty. Deerfield, FL

Real Estate Salesperson

02/2002 – 12/2003 Exit One Realty. Miami Springs, FL

Real Estate Leasing and Sales/Property Management

11/2000 – 02/2002 Global Investment Properties. Coral Gables, FL

Real Estate Sales

09/1999 – 11/2000 Keyes Co. Miami, FL

Education History

Completion Date	Issuing Institution	Course of Study
06/2010	National Center for Const. Ed. and Research	Energy Auditor Course
08/2009	Anchor Real Estate School	Community Association Manager Course
06/2003	Baslers Academy of Real Estate	Real Estate Broker Course
06/2000	IBAO - Alpha & Omega Bible College	3 Years of Theological Studies
09/1999	Success School of Real Estate	Real Estate Sales Associate

Certifications

Certification Title	Issuing Organization	Completion Date	Expiration Date
Licensed Real Estate Broker	DBPR	09/1999	09/2011
Energy Auditor Course	NCCER	06/2010	N/A

Honors

Alachua County Affordable Housing Coalition - Volunteer - 2008

GACAR - Affordable Housing Committee Member - 2007-2008

Pies Descalzos International Foundation - Operations Manager - 1999-2003

Convoy of Hope - Event Coordination Committee Member - 2000-2001

Leader Alpha & Omega Women's English Ministry - 1999-2000

References will be provided upon request.

Profile

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District 4

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Primary Phone Type

Home

Alternate Phone Type

Cell

_____ **Retired** _____
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Interests & Experiences

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Why are you interested in serving on the Development Review Board?

I have been on City's Board Board of Adjustment from 2005-1012. I moved to the Dev Review Board in 2015. I believe in helping the process of city government rather than offering only criticism. I have learned much during my time working with the City Planning Department, taken an online course in city design and development and attended several Florida chapter of the American Association of City Planning conferences.

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Yes No

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Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Female

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If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

Development Review Board

DEBRA NEILL-MARECI

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I am applying to the city Gainesville Charter Review Committee, 2019-2020.

EXPERIENCE

CITY OF GAINESVILLE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2006 - 2012

Review of primarily residential variances of building and renovations of buildings using specific criteria presented in the Codes and Ordinances of the city of Gainesville

CITY OF GAINESVILLE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD 2012 – 2019

Member of the DRB for over seven years with a year as Chair. The DRB reviewed all commercial developments within the city until the Codes were changed in 2017-18. Also in 2018, the Board of Adjustment's duties were combined into the DRB function. With the change in the Codes, the review process is used only for those developments that need specific variances or modifications to the current Codes.

CITY OF GAINESVILLE TREE MITIGATION TASK FORCE 2017

Review of city's process and structure of developers' tree mitigation structure with suggested changes to be incorporated into the process; many adopted by the city commission.

TASK FORCE: HIRE URBAN FORESTRY PERSON 2017

Participated in hiring of new urban forestry person for Gainesville.

AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION FLORIDA MEETINGS

Have attended three years with training sessions and forums relating to Florida and city planning.

EDUCATION

- I have a BA Cum Laude degree in biology and art from Knox College, Galesburg, IL (1972). This culminated in an art portfolio honors project of the local flora/fauna.
- I have a MA in medical illustration from Johns Hopkins University (1974). This degree covered illustration, graphic design, surgical/medical anatomy and communication techniques.

SKILLS

- I am a critical thinker who approaches decisions with a long term view in relation to consequences and outcomes in a modern society.
- I am very comfortable with computers, having worked in the digital communication field for twenty+ years.
- I recognize the unique properties of Gainesville with its inadequate taxable base, high poverty rate (city and county), and the impact of the University of Florida.