



DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
V.P. HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2019

This form declares my candidacy for the position of director of the V.P. Homeowners Association, Inc.

SIGNATURE (required):

Wendy B. Anderson

This form must be completed in full and received at the Community Management Office, 1431 Orange Camp Road, Suite 116, DeLand, Florida 32724 by Wednesday, February 20, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.

For information pertaining to elections and director responsibilities, refer to the By Laws of the V.P. Homeowners Association, Inc.

NAME

Wendy B. Anderson, Ph.D.

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OCCUPATION

Professor + Chair of Environmental Science

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN VICTORIA PARK?

8 months

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Have you ever served on a Community Association Board of Directors? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Community Service:

- Comprehensive Landscape Management Initiative Committee (Volusia County and UF Agriculture Extension)
- Sandra Stetson Aquatic Center at Lake Beresford Planning Committee (including native landscape design and establishment of a "Bartram Garden")
- Springfield-Greene County Environmental Advisory Board
- Springfield Long Range Planning Committee for the Natural Environment
- Springfield Urban Agriculture Coalition, Board Member and President of Board
- Ozarks New Energy, Inc., Board Member and President of Board
- The Nature Conservancy, Missouri Chapter Board of Trustees

Qualifications and Background:

- 27 years as a university educator and community leader promoting economically sound and environmentally sensitive solutions to local challenges
- B.S. (1990) and M.S. (1993) from Baylor University and Ph.D. (1998) from Vanderbilt University in Plant Biology
- Drury University (Springfield, MO) Professor of Biology, Chair of Environmental Programs, Founding Director of Campus Sustainability (1998-2014)
- Stetson University Professor and Chair of Environmental Science and Studies, inaugural Faculty Co-Director of the Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience (2014-present)

What is your vision for the future of Victoria Park? Please describe how your leadership skills can assist the Association in accomplishing this goal:

My Vision for Victoria Park:

Over the 20 years that I have been visiting my parents in DeLand, I have watched Victoria Park grow into the thriving Master Planned Community that it is today. I moved to DeLand in 2014 from Springfield, Missouri, and joined the Victoria Park community in June 2018. As a plant biologist and environmental scientist, plus a parent and pet-owner, I am deeply interested in how we co-exist with nature and ensure that the land, water, and other species on which we depend are protected for their own sake and for our health and the well-being of our children and grandchildren.

Victoria Park was carefully planned through thoughtful and sometimes contentious negotiations with numerous stakeholder groups throughout the County. The outcome is a development that has maintained important conservation areas and wetlands, preserved or mitigated habitat for protected species, and strategically designed common space landscaping with Florida-friendly flora to support native fauna. Victoria Park's partnership with the City of DeLand Utilities to use reclaimed water from the Wiley Nash Water Reclamation Plant for our irrigation, and to carefully manage our stormwater run-off to reduce load on the City's stormwater infrastructure and ensure recharge of our aquifer also represent the intention to build a community with reduced environmental impact.

My vision for Victoria Park is that we will build on this foundation of environmental responsibility and explore ways not just to reduce impact but also to develop private and public spaces that help restore ecosystem functions and habitat for the wild species whose habitats we now share. I envision a Victoria Park where children play and explore in safe and healthy neighborhood pockets and edges of "real nature" to combat what we now call "Nature Deficit Disorder." I would like to see us consider innovative and aesthetically acceptable solutions for private and public landscape management that reduce fertilizer and pesticide use and associated run-off into our retention ponds. This will protect the health of important pollinating insects, birds, reptiles and amphibians that use our lawns and the retention ponds, and will prevent those pollutants from percolating into the groundwater, which is also our drinking water, or eventually, the drinking water of manatees at Blue Spring State Park!

As a member of the County's Comprehensive Landscape Management Initiative Committee, we will be exploring such solutions and scientifically testing them in other HOA communities in the county. Victoria Park, which is already ahead of the curve in many ways, could be one of those leaders in Volusia County and the state. When we consider that residential area fertilizers from Orlando down to South Florida may have partially contributed to the last two summers' unusually large and devastating red tides, we have to look carefully at our own practices and ask if they are impacting Blue Spring (as we are part of the Blue Spring "Springshed") or the quality of water in the St. John's River.

In addition to leading innovations on landscape practices, I would like to help lead the community to explore ways to expand residential solar energy use through collaborative, group-rate purchases of solar PV appliances, which can reduce the per-customer prices. Other groups have already formed throughout DeLand, and several national and locally owned solar installers are seeking forward-looking groups for large sales at low prices.

Let's do it!

As a member of the Victoria Park HOA Board of Directors, I would contribute my education and nearly 30-year career as a plant biologist and ecologist as a resource to help Victoria Park explore new opportunities for even better landscape management and greater energy independence. My many years of experience serving on and leading civic and non-profit boards related to the environment in Springfield, Missouri where I lived before moving to DeLand have given me the leadership skills required to seek out perspectives from multiple stakeholders, to listen carefully to all sides, and to promote the creative solutions that emerge from collaborative groups of smart, thoughtful people working toward a common goal. Here in Victoria Park, that goal is to live in a beautiful and friendly neighborhood that promotes health and well-being for all.