

Volunteer Board Members Celebrated at Annual Reception

Melbourne, Fla., Oct. 22, 2017 — Citizens who serve as volunteer board members were honored for their years of service to the City of Melbourne during the City's 19th Annual Board Reception, October 17 at the Front Street Civic Center.

The annual board reception provides an opportunity for the Mayor and City Council to recognize volunteer board members for their contributions to the city. "Members give generously with their time and talent, take on leadership roles, and contribute ideas and suggestions to projects and assignments," said Melbourne Mayor Kathy Meehan. "The city's hardworking volunteer board members deserve our thanks and gratitude for the invaluable role they play in local government."

In 2017, approximately 131 members served on 17 committees that guide a range of city services from architectural standards and affordable housing to code enforcement and pension planning. Many of the city's board members have served for multiple years — even decades. Combined, their years of service total more than 1,000. Receiving special recognition at the reception was Mr. Dennis Meehan, who was honored for his 40+ years of service on the Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee.

The City has been hosting the board reception annually since 1999 as a way to formally recognize and show appreciation for its volunteer board members. The following volunteers were recognized for reaching milestones of service in 2017:

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee:

- Nathaniel Clement, 5 years

Babcock Street Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee:

- Patsy "Airie" West, 5 years

Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee:

- Dennis Meehan, 40 years
- Louis Murren, 5 years
- Darlene Smith, 10 years

Citizens' Advisory Board:

- Dale Haynes, 15 years

Code Enforcement Board:

- Ralph Durham, 10 years
- Timothy Loomer, 35 years

Firefighters Pension Plan Board of Trustees:

- Monte Rann, 15 years
- Douglas Taylor, 10 years

Golf Courses Advisory Board:

- Penny Goode, 15 years

Historic and Architectural Review Board:

- Angelina Wheeler-Chong, 10 years

Library Board:

- Nancy Dillen, 10 years

Melbourne Economic Enhancement District Advisory Committee:

- Daniel Narlock, 5 years

Melbourne Housing Authority

- Gloria Durrant, 5 years
- Patricia Sims, 5 years

Olde Eau Gallie Riverfront Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee:

- Buz Underill, 5 years

Planning & Zoning Board:

- Bruce Waters, 10 years

Police Officers' Retirement Trust Fund Board of Trustees:

- Janice Hill, 25 years
- Gary Parfitt, 5 years

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

- Charles Jackson, 41 years -- Mr. Jackson is the city's longest serving board member.

The City is currently recruiting interested citizens to serve on its boards. To find out how you can get involved, contact the City Clerk's Office at 321-608-7220 or city.clerk@mlbfl.org.