

City Council Vacancy Application: Submission #7

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Date of Application:

2024-11-12

Your Name:

Last Name

Dowell

First Name

Michael

Middle Name

Alan

Address:

Number and Street

1500 Biscayne Way

Apt. Number

{Empty}

City

Marco Island

State

Florida

Zip

34145

Phone Numbers:

Home

{Empty}

Cell

815-441-0134

Business

Semi-retired

Email Address

madowell@comcast.net

Organization

City Council

Background

How long have you been a resident on Marco Island?

4-5 Years

Are you a qualified elector of the City?

Yes

Have you previously served on the City Council for more than eight [8] years?

No

Have you ever been convicted or found guilty of a criminal offense (any level felony or first degree misdemeanor only)?

No

Would you (or any organizations with which you are affiliated) potentially benefit on a personal level from decisions or recommendations made by this board?

No

Do you currently hold public office?

No

Do you now serve, or have you ever served on a Collier County or City of Marco Island board or committee?

No

Qualifications

Please list your community activities and positions held (Example: Civic clubs, neighborhood associations, etc.):

1974-1976 Executive Board of Rockford Teachers' Association.

1976-1996 Appointed Director of Orchestras for Sterling (IL) School System

1977-1980 Illinois High School Association Advisory Board

1980-1993 Illinois Music Association District 8 Chairman

1993-1996 Illinois Music Association Vice-President

1998-2012 Rock Falls Community Development Corporation Advisor

2010 "Shoulder to the Wheel" Award from Rock Falls Community Develop. Corp

Why do you want to serve on the City Council?

- I would like to give back to the community. I believe I have qualifications that would be of benefit to the city and its citizens. I am interested in preserving the quaint feeling of the island and help to strengthen and improve the balance of the quality of life on the island for all.

What issues do you think should be addressed by the City Council?

- My first priority would be addressing the quality of the water in our canals. Additionally, infrastructure issues including sidewalks, swales, bridges and streets. Safety issues with shared pathways and streets. Traffic concerns especially at "rush hour" times and seasonal traffic.

Resume

[Resume 2024-R1.pdf](#)

RESUME
of
Michael A. Dowell

Personal: 1500 Biscayne Way
Marco Island, FL 34145
Cell (815) 441-0134

Education: B.S. in Education from University of Illinois
M.S. in Education from University of Illinois
Post-Graduate work at University of Wisconsin & Northern Illinois University
Illinois State Teacher Certificate – Type 10

Aviation Ratings: Commercial Pilot License (SEL) April 15, 1995
Certified Flight Instructor (SEL) July 26, 1995
Certified Flight Inst-Instrument (CFII) March 6, 1997
Multi-Engine Comm./Instrument (MEL) February 15, 1998
Multi-Engine Instructor (MEI) June 21, 2000
Total time as a pilot = 13,000+ hours

Service
Organizations: 1974-1976 Executive Board of Rockford Teachers' Association.
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Job Experience: Following graduation from college, I taught music (orchestra) for the Rockford (IL) public schools for two years. I was then hired by the Sterling (IL) Unit district. I retired after 20 years with the Sterling schools. My responsibilities included budgeting, scheduling, articulation with the upper administration, recruiting of students and staff and total management of the program. As a music performer, I have appeared as a violinist and violist in several Midwest orchestras and was appointed concertmaster and assistant conductor of the Clinton (IA) Symphony Orchestra, a position I held for 13 years. The last orchestra with whom I appeared was the Knox-Galesburg (IL) Symphony serving for 11 seasons included touring with them in Spain.

In 1996, I decided to make my hobby my career. As such, I was also appointed Airport Manager at the Whiteside County Airport, Rock Falls, IL. I created a company to provide pilot and airfield services, "M & M Aviation Services, Ltd." M & M Aviation provided all pilot services including fueling, pilot training, air charter service, and aircraft maintenance. As Airport Manager, I provided all oversight services to the airport including articulation with the Federal Aviation Administration, Illinois Department of Aeronautics, all county and state agencies, all contractors and sub-contractors and all airport tenants and lease holders as well as airfield maintenance. The airport included 430 acres and two runways. The longest runway was 6,500' and with its 45 hangar tenants and four businesses based at the airport, was considered one of the busiest general aviation airports in the state. M & M Aviation employed 14 employees to provide the pilot, aviation, and airport services. With the airport's board of directors, I also managed the airport's \$400,000 yearly budget. I paid all bills and contracted all labor including the management of all bidding. In 2010, the airport hosted the world's largest display of DC-3/C-47 aircraft called "The Last Time". In 2012 and 2014, the airport hosted events showcasing old vintage military aircraft called, "Wings over Whiteside". In 2016, the Whiteside County Airport received Illinois's highest award for airport management, "Airport of the Year".

Since buying a home on Marco Island in 2019, I have been active in community activities including many of the beach clean-up projects and working at Residents Beach. I also still do flight instruction at the Marco Island Airport, flying for *Fogarty Flying Service*. Finally, I have also been active in many of the social activities and car shows on the island.