

Application Form

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Please Agree with the Following Statement

I have read the disclaimer above and understand my application is subject to Florida's Public Records Law.

☒ I Agree

Profile

Samuel
First Name

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Last Name

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Whittle & Mutch of Florida, Inc
Employer

capitalist
Occupation

Education:

BA- Marietta College, Ohio 1971; Master of City Planning, The Ohio State University, 1974; Master in Public Administration, Harvard University, 1986; JD, University of Florida, 1992.

Professional Organizations:

American Institute of Certified Planners, since 1978. Retired member, The Florida Bar, active 1992 -2013, retired since May 2013.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Local Planning Agency and Planning Commission: Submitted

What position(s) are you applying for?

member, Local Planning and Planning Commission

Interests & Experiences**Are you currently serving or have you ever served on an Alachua County advisory board?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list board(s):

Please list any civic and professional accomplishments/honors, training or experience related to this appointment:

Chairman/member, Gainesville Planning Review Board, 1992-1993. Member, Gainesville Public Library Planning Committee, 1983-1984. Chair, Alachua Co. Library District Pension Review Committee, 1987-1988. Member, Alachua Co. Library District Board of Trustees, 1999-2007. I have been a member by examination of AICP since 1978. I have been a practicing urban planner since 1974 when I began my service after receiving my master of city planning with NCFRPC working in the local assistance group working on the 1975-1976 Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Plan. From 1976 until 1984 I worked for the City Of Gainesville Planning Division working my way up the ladder from senior city planner to planning manager. In those positions, I reviewed and made comments on all county land use changes and zoning changes on the Alachua Co. Planning Commission agendas within the Gainesville Urban Area for the city. I have been in a private planning practice since 1988 and I have written two county comprehensive plans, five city/town comprehensive plans, and written one county zoning code, and one city zoning code. As a county and city/town county I have worked with county and municipal LPAs in aspects of the local planning functions for the counties and municipalities for which I worked.

What Contributions do you feel you could make if you were selected to this board?

I could bring 48 years of knowledge of the development within Alachua County. During the period of 1974 until the present, I have been both professionally and civically involved with various development applications. I am familiar with the Florida Statutes aspects of community development and planning. I believe my experience and my interest in my community planning for the future make me qualified to serve for the Alachua County LPA and Planning Commission.

[Resume SAM 8-24-22.docx](#)

Upload a Resume

Demographics

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.

Ethnicity

☒ Prefer not to Answer

Gender

☒ Male

00/00/1949

Date of Birth

Are you over the age of 60? (Required for some boards)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a resident of Alachua County?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are an Alachua County resident, how long have you lived in the county?

December will be 48 years.

Supplemental Questions

Some of the boards and committees appointed by the County 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 ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please Agree with the Following Statement

Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Guidelines for Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees".

☒ I Agree

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I understand that this completed application is the property of Alachua County and I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct.

☒ I Agree

Samuel A. Mutch

Owner, Samuel A. Mutch Urban Planning Consultants, an urban planning and climate change consulting firm

Owner, Whittle & Mutch of Florida, Inc. a real estate investment firm

Current

President of Whittle & Mutch of Florida, Inc. - Real Estate Investment
Principal Owner of Samuel A. Mutch, P.A Urban Planners
Investor and Capitalist

Past

Partner in law firm
Civil Litigation Attorney
County and Municipal Attorney
Planning Director/Manager
Acting Personnel Director

Education

University of Florida - Fredric G. Levin College of Law - Juris Doctor
Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government - Master in Public Administration
The Ohio State University - Master of City Planning
Marietta College, Ohio - Bachelor of Arts, History and Political Science
United States Naval Academy
Virginia Episcopal School, Lynchburg, Virginia

Recommendations Received

Joy Erbes
Kathy Colverson, Ph.D.
Nadia B. Ahmad, JD
Jane Haughney, JD
Lowell Garrett, AICP

Summary

Urban planning consulting practice with emphasis on form based code writing; urban design critiques for business development purposes; code writing. As a climate change consultant the firm is REDD+ and a carbon trading facilitator. Since 1988 **Samuel A. Mutch Urban Planning Consultants** has represented planning clients, including private individuals, corporations and public agencies. My clients have recognized my professional planning abilities ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing in both formal and informal settings to elected officials, corporate governing teams, and the general public well-reasoned analysis and clear conclusions on complex planning issues. I have represented clients by conducting negotiations and appearing in public forums on planning and zoning applications, urban design issues and preparing working documents for local planning agencies including new land development regulations. carbon neutral development to both private and public clients, government agencies and private organizations, trusts and organizations promoting a better environment for the future.

Experience

President of Whittle & Mutch of Florida, Inc. - Real Estate Investment

5/2012 - Present

President and managing shareholder of real estate investment company investing in and managing professional offices within the City of Gainesville, Florida.

Principal Owner - Samuel A. Mutch Urban Planning Consultants

1/1988 - Present

Urban planning consulting practice with emphasis on form based code writing; urban design critiques for business development purposes; code writing. As a climate change consultant the firm is REDD+ and a carbon trading facilitator. Samuel A. Mutch Urban Planning represents clients, both private individuals, corporations and public agencies, through the professional abilities of its planners, scientists, IT and GIS staff to effectively communicate orally and in writing in both formal and informal settings to elected officials, corporate governing teams, and the general public well-reasoned analysis and clear conclusions on complex issues with little advance preparation. Represent clients by planning and conducting negotiations on carbon sequestration, carbon trading, urban design for carbon neutral development to both private and public clients, government agencies and private organizations, trusts and organizations promoting a better environment for the future.

Investor

Participate as an active investor of funds for private trusts and municipal and county agency. Including the *Elmyra Felburn Schiller Trust* (\$6.5m initially, now disbursed to all beneficiaries); member of three city of Gainesville pension review boards with over \$1 billion in assets, chair of Alachua County Library District Pension Review Board with over \$250,000,000 in assets, all between various times between 1980 and the present.

I was Principal Shareholder with two other shareholding attorneys and various associate attorneys The former Law Firm of Samuel A. Mutch, P.A.

10/1996 - 5/2013

Samuel Mutch retired from the practice of law in May 2013 to concentrate on his private investments, consulting business and managing the distributions from a private trust.. The law office consisted of from one to four attorneys. Specializing in litigation to protect individuals' civil rights. Representing clients, private individuals, corporations and public agencies, through our ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing in both formal and informal settings to elected officials, judges, hearing officers, and attorneys to protect clients in civil litigation in court, administrative law actions before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and U.S. Department of Labor. Provide well-reasoned analysis and clear conclusions on complex issues with little advance preparation. Represent clients by planning and conducting negotiations with private opponents and their attorneys, and public clients with representatives of other government agencies or private organizations. Periodically appointed as special public defender in the Florida 3rd Circuit Courts representing felony clients.

Partner

Lawrence & Mutch, P.A.

9/1992 - 10/1996

Comprehensive legal knowledge in a busy law office, including knowledge of international legal procedures and instruments, and significant experience in the practical application of legal principles, concepts and policy. Strong analytical skills and ability to conduct legal research on a range of complex and intricate issues. Proficiency in legal writing. Write proposed judgments, legal briefs, opinions and a variety of legal instruments and related documents. Show sound judgment and negotiating skills. Demonstrate planning and organizational skills for legal issues. Have the ability to work with tight deadlines. Technology awareness by being fully proficient in computer skills and use of relevant legal and word processing and analytic software applications, and in particular use information databases, internet/intranet services, legal sources, etc. Teamwork, communications and respect for diversity shown through excellent interpersonal skills; strong communication (spoken and written) skills.

Planning Manager

City of Gainesville, Florida

6/1977 - 10/1984

Worked my way up from community planner to planning manager. Appointed by city commission to various advisory boards within city government on IT, personnel department operations, library planning and as staff to Goals for Gainesville, Plan Board, and City Commission. Responsible as editor and primary writer of "The Gainesville Comprehensive Plan, 1980-2000." Assisted in rewriting the entire zoning code. Responsible for the accuracy of rezoning over 35,000 parcels of property within the city when new zoning code was implemented.

Acting Personnel Director

City of Gainesville, Florida

9/1983 - 4/1984

Selected by new city manager to replace personnel director. Responsible for the administration of a personnel department serving over 1900 employees in general government and regional electric, sewer, water and power generation. Oversaw five division heads responsible for recruitment, labor relations, EEO, risk management and employee health. Lead a team of over 40 employees. Met primary task of recruiting 20+ new police officers for police department that was sorely under strength. Asked to take the job permanently but wished to return to planning department.

Professional Qualifications

Golden Life member of United States Naval Institute since 1968, Golden Life Member bestowed in 2018.

Member of American Institute of Certified Planners since 1978.

Member of The Florida Bar, 1992 - 2013, Retired member since 2013.

Member of the bars of the Middle and Northern U.S. District Courts of Florida, 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, U.S. Court of Federal Claims. Retired member of all federal court bars since 2013.

Law School Award for public participation within the Gainesville community during law school.

Education**University of Florida - Fredric G. Levin College of Law**

J.D., Law

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government

MPA, Public Administration

The Ohio State University, College of Engineering, School of Architecture

MCP, City and Regional Planning

Marietta College

BA, History and Political Science

United States Naval Academy

Mechanical Engineering &, Political Science (did not graduate, two years in residence)

Virginia Episcopal School, Lynchburg

diploma, High School

Recommendations

Recommendation Type: fellow board member, Recommender: Joy Erbes

Sam is a detailed manager who has a great sense of social justice and empathy for poverty stricken folks

Recommendation Type: international dairy and beef cattle expert, Recommender: Kathy Colverson, PhD

Sam is knowledgeable, personable and has a wide variety of skills - from legal to planning expertise. He does not hesitate to get involved with important issues and is a trustworthy colleague.

Recommendation Type: colleague, Recommender: Nadia B. Ahmad, JD

With a background in municipal law and city planning, Sam has a strong ability to connect with people in all walks of life. These qualities most notably translate in his ability to motivate a team to care about a case and be invested in its success. Sam is kind, compassionate, and earnest in all his work. He is not only a great lawyer, but an excellent person.

Recommendation Type: Recommender: VA Hospital radiology service staff member: Brenda Forsythe'

Sam's knowledge of the law is outstanding and he is one of the few who will assist federal employees with their problems. His insight into problems is wonderful and he often finds solutions to problems that others don't see. I have recommended him to my friends and acquaintances and will continue to do so. I have complete confidence in his judgment, insight and knowledge of the law.

Recommendation Type: colleague, Recommender: Jane Haughney, JD
Sam enjoys working with people and has a natural insight into business relationships. His experience and education enable him to provide support and guidance to his clients as well as his professional colleagues. Sam's intellectual curiosity enables him to learn new issues while drawing on his varied experiences.

Recommendation Type: colleague, Recommender: Lowell Garrett, AICP
I have worked with Sam Mutch for at least 30 years, during our common assistance to a number of local governments in the North Central Florida area. Sam has always been a trustworthy, conscientious, and capable associate in both his professional planning and legal endeavors.

Recommendation Type: banker, Recommender: Danny Gilliland
I have worked with Sam off and on for the better part of ten years. Sam is a huge asset to our community having worked tirelessly for many years with The Gainesville Charitable Foundation and the Inter-faith Hospitality Network. From a legal standpoint, if you need a knowledgeable attorney that is up for a fight, he is your guy!

Civic Organizations

Member and officer of various civic and religious organizations including: Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida, board; North Central Florida Childcare Consortium, board and VP; Grace Marketplace, Inc. initial president of the board. Save the Manatee Club, board. Numerous other organizations within Gainesville, Alachua County and Florida.