

Town of Fort Myers Beach  
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet Number: 2011-088

**1. Requested Motion:** Approve Resolution 11-12, Fort Myers Beach Citizen Recognition Program

**Meeting Date:** August 15, 2011

**Why the action is necessary:** To provide for award categories, general criteria, nomination procedure, and recognition of Fort Myers Beach citizens, groups, organizations or businesses through the Citizens of Distinction Awards.

**What the action accomplishes:** Resolution 11-12 will affect changes to the Citizen Recognition Program.

**2. Agenda:**

- Consent  
 Administrative

**3. Requirement/Purpose:**

- Resolution  
 Ordinance  
 Other

**4. Submitter of Information:**

- Council  
 Town Staff  
 Town Attorney

**5. Background:** The desire to provide a means of recognition to outstanding citizens, groups, organizations and businesses was brought to Town Council on October 2, 2006. Direction was provided to staff to develop a comprehensive program for such recognition. The Fort Myers Beach Citizen Recognition Program with Citizen of Distinction Awards was presented to Town Council on December 18, 2006 and received consensus. Rolfe Schell was recognized as the first program recipient, posthumously honored with the Beach Heritage award on January 23, 2008.

Town Council tasked the Community Resources Advisory Board (CRAB) with reviewing the awards program at a joint workshop on January 26, 2011. CRAB recommendations were provided to Town Council on August 1, 2011 with direction to amend the program via resolution. The attached Resolution amends the Citizen Recognition Program descriptions and nomination timeline.

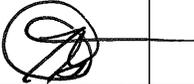
The following attachments are provided for your reference:

1. Draft Resolution 11-12
2. Citizens Recognition Program document edited with CRAB recommendations
3. Citizens Recognition Program Brochure

**6. Alternative Action:** Decline to reaffirm Resolution.

**7. Management Recommendations:** Approve the Resolution.

**8. Recommended Approval:**

Town Manager	Town Attorney	Finance Director	Public Works Director	Community Development Director	Cultural Resources Director	Town Clerk
						

**9. Council Action:**

- Approved     Denied     Deferred     Other

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 11-12

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to establish an awards program to formally recognize outstanding citizens, groups, organizations or businesses that have brought credit to the Town of Fort Myers Beach, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has requested that the Community Resources Advisory Board develop guidelines and procedures for administering such a program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Resources Advisory Board has developed guidelines and procedures and has provided them to the Town Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. The document entitled "Fort Myers Beach Citizen Recognition Program, Citizens of Distinction Awards," which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby adopted and shall govern the nomination and selection of persons or entities who will receive Citizen of Distinction Awards from the Town Council.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Town Council.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Council upon a motion by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

Larry Kiker, Mayor  
Joe Kosinski  
Alan Mandel

Bob Raymond, Vice Mayor  
Jo List

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2011, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Kiker, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle D. Mayher, Town Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fowler White Boggs, Town Attorney

## **Fort Myers Beach Citizen Recognition Program**

### **Citizens of Distinction Awards**

The Citizens of Distinction Awards are designed to recognize, on an annual basis, outstanding citizens, groups, organizations or businesses that have brought credit to our Town.

Awards may be granted in each of the following categories:

1. Arts and Culture Recognition
2. Athletic Achievement
3. Beach Heritage
4. Youth Award of Merit
5. Mayor's Special Award

#### **Awards Categories**

##### **Arts and Culture Recognition**

The Town of Fort Myers Beach recognizes citizens, groups and organizations of Fort Myers Beach who have distinguished themselves in an artistic or cultural endeavor. Recognition is given to individuals or groups who have placed first, second or third at a state level competition, or who have distinguished themselves in their art at a local, regional, national or international level.

##### **Athletic Achievement**

The Town of Fort Myers Beach recognizes citizens, groups and teams who have distinguished themselves in athletic endeavor.

- Recognition is given to individuals or groups having placed first, second or third in a state or regional level competition, or national or international level.
- Teams and candidates may hold amateur or professional status.
- Sporting events must be sanctioned or recognized by a state, national or international governing body.
- All non-resident members of a nominated group or team who train primarily in Fort Myers Beach are also recognized.

##### **Beach Heritage**

The Town of Fort Myers Beach recognizes any citizen(s) who has contributed significantly to the heritage of Fort Myers Beach.

- Recipient must be a full time resident of Fort Myers Beach.
- Consideration is given to the length of time they lived in Fort Myers Beach
- Consideration is given to their role in the history of Fort Myers Beach and their contribution to the past growth and development of Fort Myers Beach
- May be awarded to a deceased individual.

##### **Youth Awards of Merit**

The Town of Fort Myers Beach recognizes and promotes youth involvement and contribution to the community through significant efforts or achievements.

- Nominee must be eighteen or younger at the time of the nomination

- Consideration is given to both their academic, athletic, cultural and economic achievements, and their contribution to the community.

#### Mayor's Special Award

This award is awarded at the discretion of the Mayor in recognition of outstanding effort and achievement of an individual, group or business.

- This award may be awarded at any time during the year.
- This award is not contingent upon nominations.
- Candidates and recipients are selected solely by the Mayor.
- The criterion for this award is determined solely by the Mayor.

#### General Criteria

- Nominations are accepted for individuals, groups, teams or businesses.
- Current or former residents of Fort Myers Beach are eligible for the awards.
- Full or part-time residents or businesses operating in the municipal limits of Fort Myers Beach for at least 3 years are eligible, depending on award category criteria.

In making the Citizen Recognition decision the Town Council will consider the following:

- ✓ whether the nominee is recognized as coming from or residing on Fort Myers Beach
- ✓ whether the achievement attained brought widespread recognition to Fort Myers Beach
- ✓ whether the nominee has enhanced the name of the community through positive exposure
- ✓ what level of achievement has been attained
- ✓ what exceptional contribution the nominee has made to the community.

#### Nomination Procedure

- Nomination forms are available at Town Hall and/or at [www.FortMyersBeachFL.gov](http://www.FortMyersBeachFL.gov) under "For Islanders".
- All nominations received by December 15<sup>th</sup> are eligible for awards in February of the following year.
- The nominator is responsible for submitting a complete application with all pertinent details.
- Nominees may be nominated in more than one category but can only be recognized in one category in a given year.
- The Town Manager may contact the nominator for clarification if necessary.
- The Town Manager will review all nominations with the exception of the Mayor's Special Award
- The Town Manager will forward nominees to the Town Council for their selection by the first meeting or work session in January. Awards will be presented at a Town Council meeting in February of each year.

#### Recognition

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### **Nomination Procedure**

- Nomination forms are available at Town Hall and/or at [www.FortMyersBeachFL.gov](http://www.FortMyersBeachFL.gov) under "For Islanders" ~~and will be accepted throughout the year until the last Friday in July to be eligible for the awards that year.~~
- All nominations received by December 15<sup>th</sup> are eligible for awards in February of the following year.
- The ~~person submitting the nomination~~ nominator is responsible for submitting a complete application with all pertinent details.
- Nominees may be nominated in more than one category but can ~~only win~~ only be recognized in one category in a given year.
- The Town Manager may contact the nominator for clarification if necessary.
- The Town Manager will review all nominations with the exception of the Mayor's Special Award
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### **Recognition**

- ~~There will be a Citizens of Distinction awards ceremony during the Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner in October of each year.~~ Citizens of Distinction recipients are honored during a Town Council Meeting in February. At this time award recipients will receive a presentation from the Mayor and Council and a small engraved plaque dedicated to the award winner will be placed on the Citizens of Distinction perpetual wall outside Council Chambers at Town Hall.



***Town of Fort Myers Beach***  
**NOMINATION FORM – Citizens of Distinction**

The Town of Fort Myers Beach Achievement Awards are designed to recognize, on an annual basis, outstanding citizens, groups, organizations or businesses that have brought credit to our city.

Awards will be granted in the following categories:

1. Arts and Culture Recognition Award
2. Athletic achievement Award
3. Heritage Award
4. Youth Award of Merit
5. Mayor’s Special Award (*\*not chose by nomination*)

Submit Nominations to:      Town Manager  
   Town of Fort Myers Beach  
   2523 Estero Boulevard  
   Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

**Nominee Information:**

Please review the criteria for nomination and present as complete information as possible.

**Name of Individual, Team,  
Group or Business:**

\_\_\_\_\_ *(LIST ALL MEMBERS OF TEAM/ GROUP ON A SEPARATE PAGE)*

**Current Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:**

**#1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **#2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Years Individual, Team, Group or  
Business Has Lived/Operated in Fort Myers Beach:** \_\_\_\_\_ **years**

**Area of Nomination:**  
(please check)

- Arts and Culture**
- Athletics**
- Heritage**
- Youth**

Please provide information on the nominee including:

- ✓ History of the individual, team, group or business
- ✓ Their achievements
- ✓ Their contribution to the community
- ✓ Details on how they have brought recognition to Fort Myers Beach

Please include a statement concerning why they should be recognized as a Citizen of Distinction.

The nominator may include up to a maximum of five (5) pages of material in support of the nomination. The support material must directly relate to the above information. Extraneous information will be edited from the nomination.

~~The chosen recipients will be recognized at the annual Citizens of Distinction/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held in October of each year.~~ Citizens of Distinction recipients are honored during a Town Council Meeting in February. Award winners will be notified in writing prior to the presentations.

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**Nominator Information:**

Nominator may be contacted if there are any questions regarding this nomination.

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

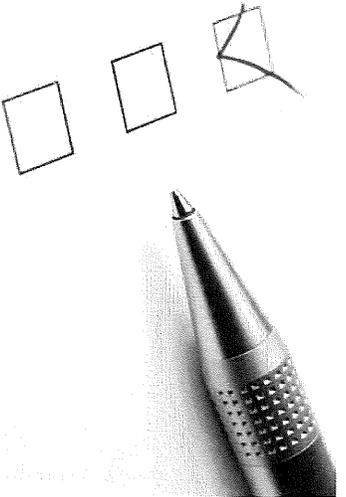
Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: #1: \_\_\_\_\_ #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_



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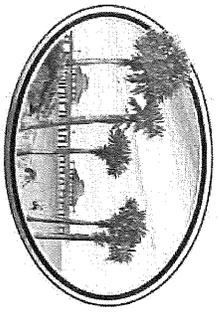
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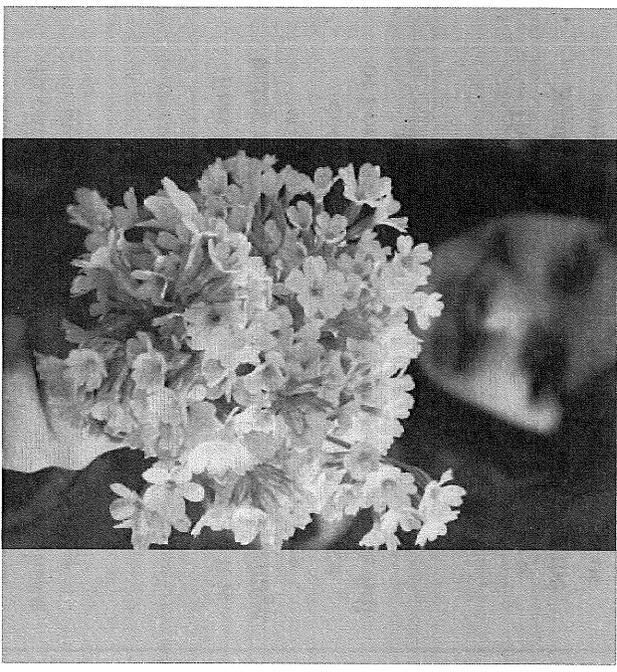
Nominees in all categories except the Heritage Award may be full or part-time residents.

Nominator does not need to be a Fort Myers Beach resident to participate.



The Town of Fort Myers Beach  
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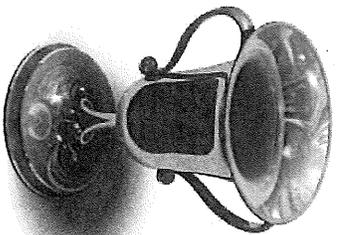


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## Awards Categories

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Athletic Achievement  
Beach Heritage  
Youth Award of Merit  
Mayor's Special Award



*"As we let our own light shine, we  
unconsciously give other people  
permission to do the same."*

- Nelson Mandela

## General Information

Nominations are accepted for individuals, groups, teams or businesses who are current or former residents of Fort Myers Beach.

Nominees must have resided full or part-time on Fort Myers Beach depending on award category criteria, for at least three years; or in the case of a business or group, must have been operating within the Town of Fort Myers Beach for at least three years.

Nomination deadline is December 15th.

## Awards Descriptions:

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Fort Myers Beach did not become what it is today without it's citizens. The Beach Heritage Award is given to a citizen(s) who has contributed significantly to the heritage of Fort Myers Beach. Recipient must be a full time resident of Fort Myers Beach.

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