

## QUALIFICATIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ 16 Years of project coordination and management
- ❖ Real Estate Development
- ❖ Green City Blue Lake Committee
- ❖ One of 19 accepted into the American Association of Port Authority (AAPA) Port Professional Manager Certification Class of 2014
- ❖ Completed 2-week internship at the Port of Tampa May 2011.
- ❖ Oversee 4 public, waterfront parks, 1 marina and Edgewater Beach.
- ❖ Lead new Marina project for North Coast Harbor (NCH) \$6M grant
- ❖ Manage (NCH) Rock Hall, Science Center, Goodtime & Cleveland Browns properties and stakeholders
- ❖ Member of Dredging Task Force
- ❖ Riverfront Casino, East Bank Development, Aquarium, Tall Ships 2010, Gay Games 2014, Harbor Fest Party on the Pier Committee Chair,
- ❖ Bulkhead Inspection/Code Enforcement
- ❖ Liaison to USCG vessel inspections
- ❖ Published via NACE paper 06276
- ❖ Published via AAPA June 2012

## EDUCATION:

Currently pursuing Masters in Political Science @American Public University

Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, OH-Mechanical Engineering Technology

## CERTIFICATIONS AND CLEARANCES:

- ❖ AAPA Executive Management 2010
- ❖ AAPA Infrastructure Reinvestment June 2011
- ❖ NACE Certified Inspector #10,764
- ❖ DoD Secret Clearance-2004-2008

## SPECIAL TRAINING:

- ❖ FEMA ICS 300-700 Emergency Management
- ❖ Assisted USCG in several Table Top Exercises for Emergency Management
- ❖ Diversity in the workforce-1996
- ❖ Supervising a team-1996
- ❖ Air quality control in a manufacturing environment-1996
- ❖ CPR-Certified-1996-2009
- ❖ QS9000-1997
- ❖ OSHA- DOT Transporting Hazardous Materials/HAZWOPER-1997-2001 (8hrs. each class given by Iguana & Metro)
- ❖ Confined Space Entry/Lockout Tagout-1997-2007
- ❖ Conducting an Effective Accident Investigation-1998 (NIOSH certified)
- ❖ EPA for Regulators of Hazardous Waste-1998
- ❖ Emergency Response-1998-2011

## Sandra Ambris

American Association of Port Authorities PPM® Class of 2014

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**OBJECTIVE:** Public Administrator possessing strong interpersonal and maritime skills to effectively communicate with the Mayor's Office, City Council, County Commissioners, Port Authority, State, federal, staff, and residents. Utilize my experience to improve green space, community development and exceptional customer service. I am an enthusiastic, visible leader who has the ability to build successful partnerships both internally and with the community and offers a commitment to excellence. My unvarying goal is to set a positive example of competence, professionalism, energy and work ethics to my organization and community and generate tourism on a regional level. Cleveland POP 450,000+

## WORK EXPERIENCE:

### MANAGER OF HARBORS DIVISION 2007-2011

The primary objectives were to manage daily harbor operations, improve waterfront land usage under its jurisdiction, including public parks, marinas, working docks and warehouse facilities. Use innovative ideas and methods to successfully fund capital improvements of the waterfront. Create events that attract the community and generate tourism. Manage the Common Area Maintenance (CAM) at the well-known North Coast Harbor (NCH). Was instrumental in returning the Division of Harbors to an operational capacity.

- Supervises activities of internal departments performing functions such as creating & revising legislation, law, re-zoning & code enforcement.
- Maintenance of public properties, bridges, waterfront parks, docks, warehouses, leaseholds, parking lots, construction of public works and capital improvements relating to the waterfront inclusive of monitoring and negotiating contracts/leases and development for these 70+ properties. Appraisals, surveys and best use. Triple, Double & Gross Net leases.
- Introduced harbor security measures which combated serious pilferage problems.
- Prepares annual budget and submits estimates to authorized elected officials for approval. Responsible for the \$17M budget, staff and generating new revenues.
- Plans for future development of urban and waterfront areas to provide for population growth and expansion of public services and future dredge capacity.
- Coordinate project plans with other project leaders, city departments, community groups, and other organizations and agencies.
- Assess predicted passenger levels at the port and ensure effective control of passenger flow for ferry & passenger service. Overall responsibility for the passenger access dock and associated areas. Plan, assign and review the work of passenger operatives and supervisors.
- Work with Council to develop and understand both how to work with individuals and how to build communities based on justice, equality and mutual respect.
- Use a conceptual approach to develop focuses on understanding the obstacles that inhibit people, governments organizations and non-governmental organizations from realizing their developmental goals while enhancing the abilities that will allow them to achieve measurable and sustainable results.
- Excellent ability to develop working relationships with regulatory bodies (USCG, EPA, ODOT, USACE) commissions, local governments and private landowners. Create stakeholder groups to offer best practises and customer service.
- Preparing agendas, maintaining records and helping facilitate information to the public via presentations, outreach groups etc. Strong manager with effective team building techniques to guide staff
- Exceptionally effective communicator with proven negotiation skills to forge relationships with convention planners, executives, business leaders, service providers, hotel motel industry, food and beverage contractors, the media and the general public to promote, attract and develop the use of North Coast Harbor.

Combining 176 acres of North Coast Harbor with The Greater Tourism Office/Convention Bureau (375,000 square feet of usable exhibition space 21,780 square foot registration lobby and a 10,000seat auditorium). Collaborate with multiple organizations that are regionally and globally interested in the waterfront as an event venue. Accomplished events coordinator and tourism committee member with solid experience working within the not-for-profit & profit sector. Oversee the recruitment and training of more than 200 volunteers for special fundraising events such as walkathons @North Coast Harbor. Plan, organize and co-ordinate conferences, meetings, seminars, exhibitions, trade shows, festivals, concerts and other events. Experience directing operations, sales and marketing with the Cleveland Convention facilities collaboratively with NCH. (Rock Hall inductions, sporting events-Browns football, X Games, Tall Ships, 2014 Gay Games, PRIDE, Dragon Boat Races, Boating Expo etc.). Managed 11.6 miles of Cuyahoga River waterfront and 17 miles of Lake Erie shoreline.

### **2003-2007: Project Manager** (Government Contractor, SAIC & GEO-Centers)

United States Naval Research Lab, Key West, FL & Washington D.C

Program manager for the \$11 SHIP PRESERVATION PROGRAM and rapid cure single coat project for corrosion control and protection of shipboard ballast, fuel, Combined Holding Tanks (CHT) and potable water tanks for the Navy, by seeking additional suppliers, conducting defined tests and documenting results. Collaborate with the City of Key West, Key West Port Authority and Monroe County to develop a portion of Fleming Key (Trumbo Point Navy base), which is 2 miles long by 0.25 miles wide. The island has a 10 million gallon per day wastewater treatment plant, a dolphin research center, marine corrosion testing facility and United States Army Special Forces Underwater Operations Training Center. As low income housing in scarce in the keys I represented NRL to convert old navy housing into usable public & green space. In addition, the 25 year plan will allow access & development to the northeastern portion of Fleming Key by the Port Authority to expand commercial and recreation vessel docking and tourism. A portion of the revenue generated would be rolled back into the cost of updating housing. Writing applications specifications and coating evaluation reports negotiate contracts and explore project expansion. Test epoxy marine coatings to MIL SPEC 23236 for single coat rapid cure. Shipyard hands on field experience in leading coatings applications. Ensure safety guidelines for maritime law are followed per Naval specifications. First female NRL employee to be NACE LEVEL III Certified. Secret Security Clearance through DoD.

### **1992-2003: Team Leader,**

Pittsburgh Paint & Glass Industries (PPG), Cleveland, OH,

Supervise a refinish group of 9. Reviewed suppliers and contractors to evaluate refinish automotive coatings/product quality and streamline consistency. Maintained calibration records and QS9000 repeatability. Contributed reports and documentation to verify project results as well as facilitate regular meetings. Assisted the Safety Director and senior management to maintain air pollution/water control and waste management. Followed strict EPA, local, state and OSHA guidelines, pertaining to industrial waste, air quality and safety. Participated in meetings with safety, EPA, OSHA, sales and marketing. Traveled to various internal and external job sites to oversee QA implementation. Assisted in investigating industrial accidents and prevention. Documented and presented incident reports and avoidance. Technical liaison of refinishes aftermarket products, suppliers and field reps. Maintained positive customer contact and supervised a variety of projects.

### **1988-1992: Internship & Co-op**

NASA, Cleveland, OH,

Intern/Co-op, cross-trained in instrumentation, Icing Research & Wind Tunnel and machine shop. Later promoted Assistant Project Manager of the micro gravity research ventures with NASA. Developed and researched colloid fluids and their crystallization while in a micro gravity (space shuttle) atmosphere. Responsible for the Safety and quality implementation to the LMM project. Guaranteed procedure review and group follow through, inclusive of NASA, OSHA and EPA. Accredited with cost cutting \$750,000.00 on the project by seeking out and negotiating with additional suppliers to manufacture high quality cell modules for Flight. OSHA-HAZMAT-EPA and ISO9000 trained.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) Port Professional Management

AAPA Harbors and Navigation Committee & AAPA Cruise and Tourism Committee

National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) Certified Inspector November 2004 Cert. 10764

Green City on a Blue Lake Committee Member

North East Ohio Regional Association Maritime Security (NEORAMS)

Cuyahoga River Safety Task Force

Chair-Party on the Pier Committee

Chair-North Coast Harbor Stakeholders Committee

Women in Transportation

Member of the Dredging Task Force

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## References for Sandra Ambris

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I worked with Mr. Hoose during my tenure with the City of Cleveland. Mr. Hoose and I collaborated on multiple waterfront development projects and Harbor operations for four years. Collaboratively we acquired a \$6M grant to build a new marina at North Coast Harbor and successfully created several stakeholder groups to include the Rock n Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland Browns Group, Great Lakes Science Center, Goodtime dinner vessel and several more.

2. **Commander Linda Sturgis**  
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Linda Sturgis was Lt. Commander at the City of Cleveland Coast Guard Unit from 2007-2010. During that timeframe we partnered on multiple port related security projects, vessels inspections, vessel traffic, harbor events and the North East Ohio Regional Area Maritime Security Sector.

3. **Melissa Brkich**  
Business Development Manager  
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Ms. Brkich reported to me from 2007-2011 as a business manager for the Division of Harbors. She assisted on new legislation, special events, property management and various waterfront projects.

4. **Edward Lemieux**  
Section Chief  
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I reported to Mr. Lemieux during my tenure with the U.S. Naval Research Lab from 2003-2007. Mr. Lemieux provided me with many professional opportunities and was a good mentor.

5. **Patrick Kelly**  
Chief of Cleveland Fire Department  
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Chief Kelly and I worked together on creating the first Table Top Exercise conducted to address hillside failures along the Cuyahoga River that could impede the navigational channel. We also created a Harbor Security Plan that would protect the petroleum and chemical plants along the river from possible terrorist attacks.