

CITY OF KEY WEST
CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD
PO BOX 1946
KEY WEST, FL 33041
(305) 809 -3887

APPLICATION

Name: ARTHUR DENNISON

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD (CRB): The City Charter sets out the criteria for membership on the CRB:

- (a) All members of the CRB shall be residents of the City of Key West and have good reputations for integrity and community service;
- (b) No appointee to the CRB or any member of his or her immediate family, shall be currently employed by the City of Key West;
- (c) No appointee may be currently a party in litigation against the City of Key West and the filing of a complaint against the City of Key West alleging liability of the City through actions of any law enforcement officer shall immediately disqualify any appointee from serving on the CRB; and
- (d) Any appointee who has been a legal representative of any party in litigation against the City of Key West is prohibited from serving on the CRB for two years from the conclusion of such litigation.

If you answer yes to any of the following questions, you are not eligible to make application to serve on the Citizen Review Board.

- 1. Are you, your spouse or any immediate family member (children, parents and/or siblings) currently employed by the City of Key West? ____ Yes ☒ No
- 2. Have you, your spouse, or any immediate family member ever been a sworn employee of the City of Key West? ____ Yes ☒ No
- 3. Are you currently a part or a party's legal representative in any litigation against the City of Key West? ____ Yes ☒ No

About the Citizen Review Board Sixty percent of the voters who went to the polls on November 5, 2002, approved an amendment to the Key West City Charter to create a Citizen Review Board (CRB). This is an independent, seven-member, volunteer (unpaid) board with authority to review and/or investigate complaints involving Key West police officers and forward findings and/or recommendations to City management, the chief of police, State Attorney, other state and federal law enforcement agencies and/or grand juries. Any applicant for a position on the CRB must complete this application and submit it within the prescribed deadline noted.

The CRB has a policy of delivering its documents and materials via online/internet communications. **All applicants must have adequate computer skills to send/receive e-mail, with PDF attachments and be able to access the internet and download documents and files.** New CRB members are expected to be available to attend the Annual NACOLE (National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement) conference/training sessions to occur in Kansas City, MO from September 14-18, 2014. The expenses for this training event shall be covered by the CRB approved budget.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL APPLICATIONS & MATERIALS
IS May 16, 2014 5:00 P.M.**

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Currently, there is a board position available. This position shall be nominated by a local civic and social organizations and selected by the Key West City Commission with a term ending on June 30, 2018. Interested candidates should seek sponsorship from a local civic/social organization and fill out the attached application with a cover letter of sponsorship signed by the civic/social organization's representative. All documents sent to the CRB become public records.

Applications must be received no later than 5:00 PM., May 16, 2014. Mail to: PO Box 1946, Key West, FL 33041-1946 or hand-deliver to City of Key West Citizen Review Board, 100 Grinnell (Inside Ferry Terminal), Key West, FL 33040.

Questions: Susan C. Srch, Executive Director (305) 809-3887 or crb@keywestcity.com The CRB Charter and Policies & Procedures are available on the City of Key West web site by going to the city website @ www.keywestcity.com and then accessing the CRB homepage via the department drop down menu.

Applicants must be a resident of Key West.

Name Of Civic Organization Sponsoring Your Application (please provide sponsorship letter):

Basilica of St. Mary, Steeple Sea

Your Name: ARTHUR CHARLES DENNISON

Home Address: 1010 WINASOR LN.

Mailing Address (if different) Key West, FL 33040

Date of Birth 24.1.47. Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female; E-Mail Address: NACDOMSTA@hotmail.com

Do you have a record of a misdemeanor or felony conviction? If Yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper? ☐ Yes ☒ No

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE SCREENED VIA A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND THOSE ARREST RECORDS/RESULTS, ALONG WITH THIS DOCUMENT AND ALL SUPPORTING MATERIALS SUBMITTED SHALL BE CONSIDERED A PUBLIC RECORD VIEWABLE BY THE PUBLIC.

1. What aspect of your life and/or work experience has prepared you for membership on the CRB? (You may attach up to a one-page response.)

Please see attached paper.

2. Why do you wish to serve on the CRB? (You may attach up to a one-page response.)

Please see attached paper.

3. List your last three employers:

Employer	Position	Dates
Archdiocese of Miami	1977- Present	Roman Catholic Priest

4. List any organizations with which you are affiliated and position(s)/office(s) held. (You may attach a separate sheet or resume, if necessary.)

Organization	Position	Dates

REFERENCES. Please provide the names and contact information of two local citizens who know you well.

1. Name: Peter Batty

Address: 912 Georgia St., Key West, FL 33040

Daytime phone#: 305. 797-0656

2. Name: Hon. Edward Damich (Federal Judge)

Address: 1901 S. Roosevelt Blvd.

Daytime phone#: 1-202.340.1273

Please attach a brief resume that outlines your background. It is recommended that you include:

- Education
- Employment background
- Military service
- Law enforcement experience
- Community service, memberships, affiliations
- Awards and honors
- Professional affiliations
- Special skills, such as languages, computers, mediation
- Any other information that would be helpful to those responsible for selecting members to the CRB

Include a letter of sponsorship from a sponsoring civic organization

In applying to become a member of the CRB, applicants must agree to participate in at least 30 hours of structured training, as recommended by the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), before participating in Board activities, plus extensive continuing education throughout your term of office. **Note that NACOLE training shall occur September 14-18 in Kansas City, MO. The expenses related to such training are provided for in the CRB budget.**

Board members are expected to have sufficient technological abilities to receive, open and read pdf files and operate e-mails/attachments, internet access and ability to access websites and download materials from these websites

CERTIFICATION. I hereby certify that all the statements made in this application, including attachments, are true and correct. By signing this application, I authorize verification of my background record.

If appointed to the CRB, I agree to participate in at least 30 hours of structured training, plus extensive continuing education throughout my term of office.

I also understand that this application becomes a public record and criminal background check results (if any) are available to the public.

Signature Arthur Charles Sumner

Application: Arthur Charles Dennison

Background

I was raised in a military family, my father being a career officer in the U.S. Air Force. Accordingly, as a child I lived in Bermuda, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Okinawa, Oklahoma, Texas and Florida. I attended eight different elementary schools before reaching the Junior High level. I then spent most of my years in France. I believe that this experience helped me develop an appreciation of different cultures and the flexibility to deal with many different human situations.

My career has been as a Roman Catholic priest, pastor and high school teacher. I was educated in Europe and attended universities in England (Oxford University), France (University of Tours), Belgium (Louvain University), Spain (University of Salamanca) and a five year program in Rome, Italy at the Gregorian University. I am also a graduate of the North American College in Rome. I speak English, Spanish, Italian and French, and know classical Greek and Latin. These educational experiences have helped me relate to a wide range of people and to understand how people can have many diverse worldviews.

As a priest I served in seven parishes and as a pastor in three parishes (St. Augustine, Coral Gables; Saint Andrew, Coral Springs; St. Theresa, Coral Gables). However, the work that I most enjoyed was not parish administration but high school teaching at Christopher Columbus High School, (an all-boy Catholic high school in Miami) for forty-two semesters. My years of experience both in and outside the classroom taught me many important skills: how to work with teenagers, how to discipline, how to communicate clearly, how to diffuse emotional situations, how to work in a disciplined environment.

In June of 2013 I retired (at the age of 66) and moved to Key West to help out full-time at St. Mary Basilica, Star of the Sea. I became a member of the Ambassador's Program, Class #22 because I want to understand and be involved in this community. I am impressed by the island's vision of "One Human Family". I would be honored to serve on the Citizen Review Board.

What aspect of your life and/or work experience has prepared you for membership on the CRB?

My many years as a Roman Catholic Priest serving as a pastor and as a high school teacher have taught me many valuable skills which I think would prepare me to be an effective member of the Citizen Review Board.

I understand how to be an administrator, the importance of following procedures, how to communicate clearly and effectively with people, plus the “street smarts” that come from teaching teenage boys for forty-two semesters. I know how to evaluate a situation and to recognize the factors involved in a possible conflict and how to determine the truth of what is really happening and how to listen fairly and skillfully to people. Experience is a great teacher.

I believe that these personal and professional skills would enable me to be a well-qualified member of this board.

Why do you wish to serve on the CRB?

I have just finished the Ambassador’s Program, Class #22 and was very impressed by how the city is organized and how the many different departments work together and serve the citizens. I want to be an active and supportive member of the island community. The chairperson of the CRB has twice addressed us and asked for volunteers. She made one of the best presentations of the Ambassador’s Program and I would like to serve the community by responding to her double invitation. I see the CRB as promoting social justice by encouraging high professional standards for our police force and by protecting the rights of both the citizens and the police officers. The Ambassador’s Program enabled me to understand our local police force and to go on an evening “police ride”. I believe that I am an experienced, open-minded, well balanced person who would work very hard to promote the success of the CRB.



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DOB: 01-24-1947 SEX: M
ISSUED: 11-26-2012 HGT: 6-01
EXPIRES: 04-24-2021

RENEWAL
REPLACED: 06-04-2013

SAFE DRIVER

Operation of a motor vehicle constitutes consent to any sobriety test required by law.



The Basilica of Saint Mary Star of the Sea

1010 Windsor Lane
Key West, FL 33040
305-294-1018

April 8, 2014

To whom it may concern,

I write to you on behalf of Arthur Dennison who is willing to serve on the Citizen's Review Board. Arthur Dennison, a priest, moved to serve in this Parish in May, 2014 and entered the Ambassador's Program to know Key West better.

He was impressed with the Chair of the Citizen's Review Board as well as with Chief Lee and the Key West Police Department.

Fr. Arthur Dennison taught in Columbus High School for 24 years. Therefore, he has a level of expertise in conflict resolution by determining the veracity of facts and by forging a clear and thus, peaceful resolution to the conflict.

Yes, we do sponsor him for you and we offer you a well qualified candidate for the Citizen's Review Board.

Sincerely,

Rev. John C. Baker
Pastor