




# CITY OF ANNA MARIA

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## AGENDA THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023 – 1:30 P.M. CITIZEN RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

1. Introduction of Committee Members
2. Nominate and elect Committee Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary
3. Review Resolution No. R10-673
4. Review submitted citizen recognition nominations
5. Select citizen of the year
  - a. Committee can discuss candidates and their contributions to the City and then take a voice vote or secret ballot.
6. Complete and deliver final tally and minutes to City Clerk's office
7. Set follow-up meeting date if needed

### Adjournment

 (FSS 286.26) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND FLORIDA STATE STATUTES, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK FOR ASSISTANCE AT LEAST THREE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING (941) 708-6130. SHOULD ANY INTERESTED PARTY SEEK TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING, THEY WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS BE MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.



**RESOLUTION NO. R-10-673**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITIZENS RECOGNITION COMMITTEE; PROVIDING PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP; ESTABLISHING THE POWERS AND DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR TERMS OF APPOINTMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE:** The purpose of the creation of this Committee is to recognize citizens of the City of Anna Maria, Florida, those who have made Outstanding Contributions to the Community of Anna Maria. The Committee shall be responsible for presenting at least one name annually, or more often if necessary, to the City Commission for recognition of outstanding achievement and/or service to the Community of Anna Maria. The annual presentation shall be at the first regular meeting in October of the City Commission (or as soon thereafter as possible).

**SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP:** The Committee shall consist of up to six (6) members (if possible) who are current Anna Maria City residents. The Mayor and City Commissioners shall each appoint one member at the first regular Commission meeting in January of each year.

**SECTION 3. POWERS AND DUTIES:** The Committee shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary at their first Committee meeting. The Committee shall be charged with developing the necessary criteria for the consideration of persons to be recognized by following the guidelines submitted by the previous year's committee. The Committee shall accept nominations from any person(s) submitted in written form, including members of the Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to present the name of the award recipient to the City Commission at an appropriate date for presentation of the award as outlined in Section 1 of this Resolution.

**SECTION 4. TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office of all members shall expire with the appointment of new committee members each year. Members may serve no more than two (2) consecutive years.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE:** The Committee shall begin to function as soon as possible after all appointments are made.

**THIS RESOLUTION SUPERSEDES ALL PRIOR RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.**

**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Anna Maria, Florida, on this 16th day of December, 2010.**

**ATTEST: ALICE BAIRD  
CITY CLERK**

  
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City Clerk

**CITY OF ANNA MARIA, FLORIDA, BY AND  
THROUGH THE CITY COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF ANNA MARIA**

  
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Mayor





## DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Name: Carol Carter

Street & Mailing Address: Willow Ave, Anna Maria

**\*PLEASE RECOMMEND A NOMINEE (i.e. A RESIDENT, FIRM, CORPORATION, ORGANIZATION, OR CIVIC GROUP) THAT HAS EXISTED IN THE CITY OF ANNA MARIA FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS\***

Please give two to three reasons why you believe this nominee should receive this award. Use the back of this page if necessary.

Leadership role as City Commissioner and Commission Chair

Long time active in retaining Home Rule and leading charge against potential changes to reduce Home Rule abilities of cities

Community involvement in number of activities:

-Thanksgiving

-Major donor to the Center of AMI

-Womens' Giving Circle

-And numerous others

Name & Address of Nominator: Mark Short, 247 Willow Ave.

Please return this form to City Hall, 10005 Gulf Dr or P.O. Box 779 Anna Maria, FL 34216  
by no later 4:00 p.m. on December 15, 2022  
(or via email to [amclerk@cityofannamaria.com](mailto:amclerk@cityofannamaria.com))

THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOMINATION.





## DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Name: Suzi Fox

Street & Mailing Address: deceased

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attached

Name & Address of Nominator : Bonner Joy/The Islander, 315 58th St., Holmes Beach

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOMINATION.

## **Suzi Fox, icon of AMI Turtle Watch, died Sept. 30**

Suzi Fox — the adventurous, compassionate, kind-hearted leader behind the effort to save sea turtles and their habitat on Anna Maria Island for 30 years — died Sept. 30 at home.

She moved to Florida from Michigan in 1977 and worked her way from Miami-Dade and a job in Coconut Grove running sailboat rentals to Anna Maria Island, where she lived in the city of Anna Maria and worked in hospitality, starting at Fran Maxon Real Estate and eventually working at Tortuga Inn, and began to volunteer in the 1990s for Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch.

She first applied for the state permit to monitor sea turtle nesting on AMI in 1996, after the previous director failed and lost the state permit.

Suzi Fox led the cause in the 1990s to preserve the sea turtle's habitat on the beach and to provide a safe shoreline for nesting sea turtles to deposit their eggs, where they incubate attended only by her recruits — a league of volunteers — who oversee the hatchlings and help ensure they have a safe path to begin their journey in the Gulf of Mexico.

Fox was respected and admired by her team, but also throughout the state for her accomplishments and cooperation with government at the city, county and state level.



Ms. Fox was first on the beach during storms and weather events that threatened turtle nesting, and the first to follow the guidance of Mother Nature through the nesting and hatching process.

She had been on a long, determined road to recovery after a car crash in May that left her facing many surgeries and rehab and her desire to get back to the beach and to her advocacy for sea turtles drove her.

Sea turtle nesting season — May-October — was already underway on AMI when the crash occurred.

Members of Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch filled in for Fox in the subsequent months, and they are left to form a succession plan for the permit with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

A memorial service is being planned for mid-January.

Her kindness, sense of humor and loving nature will be greatly missed by many.

Her legacy will be to sea turtles, that they forever have a habitat on Anna Maria Island.

— Bonner Joy