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SHARDA J SPAHR 2024 SAM NOE AWARD RECIPIENT



Left: Renée Zepeda, James Krall, Sharda Spahr, Linda Black, Thomas McCann and Bruce Selfon

Naples, FL – On March 6, 2024, the Naples City Council passed a resolution naming Sharda J. Spahr, the recipient of the 2024 Sam Noe Award.

Sharda Spahr is the immediate past chair of the Moorings Bay Citizens Advisory Committee, serving on that board since 2014. She also provided environmental recommendations to a member of Council on issues including the city's lakes and the beach outfall removal project.

Sharda has been the owner of the Old Naples Surf Shop since 2011 and has been active in the Naples community for over 50 years.

Sharda has lived in Naples since her family emigrated to Naples in the early 1970's; she subsequently graduated from Naples High and Rollins College. Sharda has two grown children and four grandchildren.

She is currently the Vice Chair and Membership Chair for Audubon Western Everglades, and the Chair of the Waterways Committee for the Moorings Property Owners Association. She has also served on the boards of the Friends of Rookery Bay, Naples Equestrian Challenge, NCH Auxiliary and has held leadership roles on many other local committees and boards. Sharda is a 2010 Woman of Initiative recipient.

Each year, an award is presented to a current or past member of a City of Naples board or committee, including the Naples Airport Authority, in Professor Samuel V. Noe's honor to recognize exemplary service within the mission of that body by members of the City's boards and committees.

Past honorees include Ronald Pennington, James Black, William Kroeschell, Murray Hendel, James Rideoutte, Peter Manion, Willie Anthony, Gary Price, C. Lodge McKee II, Alan Ryker, Linda Black, James Krall, David Feight, Bruce Selfon, Thomas D. McCann, Stephen Hruby and Renée Zepeda.