

City of Northville
Board and Commission Selection Committee
November 6, 2014

Call to Order

A meeting of the Board and Commission Selection Committee was called to order at 8:00 a.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Conference Room, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

It was noted that Mayor Pro Tem Jim Allen and Councilmember Ryan McKindles were present. Also present were City Clerk Dianne Massa and Applicants Michelle Aniol and Christopher Miller. There were no citizens present.

Public Comments

None

Review Minutes

The minutes from October 6, 2014 were reviewed and no changes were requested.

Board and Commission Applicant Interviews

Christopher Miller

Discussion and questions focused on:

- Interest in serving on Planning Commission.
- Longtime resident.
- Has expertise in Planning. He is a civil engineer with a degree in architecture.
- Has attended Planning Commission meetings.
- Experiences with Planning Commission and the Historic District Commission have been positive.
- Spoke of his philosophy to City Planning, the need to keep things in context for new projects, a need for a balanced approach when reviewing projects, and the need to be fair to applicants when applying the ordinances.
- Review of employment history.
- Discussion of Master Plan update process
- Review of Planning Commission meeting schedule.

Michelle Aniol

Discussion and questions focused on:

- Interest in serving on the Planning Commission
- 15 years experience and background in Planning and Economic Development.
- Her love of "downtowns."
- The belief that Northville is a great example of how people come together for the good of the community.
- Review of current employment. Customer service is an important part of her position.
- Philosophy that Planning Commissioners need to know how to get along with the citizens and developers and ask the appropriate questions. Redevelopment continues and never ends. The Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance should not be used to block development and used instead as the tools to say yes to the best product.
- Spoke of her experience in working with the South Lyon Downtown Development Authority.
- Was a member of the Joint Master Plan Review Committee for the City of Northville.
- Questioned what the City was looking for in a Planning Commission member.
- The need for the Planning Commission to treat applicants with respect, and listen to residents to ensure their voice is being heard.

Discussion and Recommendation: Following discussion of the two applicants, the Selection Committee concurred Christopher Miller would be recommended for the appointment to the Planning Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Massa, City Clerk

Approved as submitted: 11/18/15