

**City of Northville
Board and Commission Selection Committee
January 19, 2018**

Call to Order

The meeting of the Board and Commission Selection Committee was called to order at 8:15 a.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

It was noted that Councilmembers Marilyn Price and Patrick Giesa were present. Also present were City Clerk Dianne Massa, and applicants Kirk Rentz and Janice Valade (Valade arrived at 8:30am). No citizens were present.

Public Comments

None

Review Minutes

The 8/21/17 and 8/24/17 minutes were reviewed and no changes were requested.

Board and Commission Applicant Interviews – Housing Commission

Kirk Rentz. Discussion and questions focused on:

- Resident of Northville since 2003.
- He was informed of the Housing Commission vacancy by current president Roger Schultz.
- Familiar with the role of the Housing Commission, Allen Terrace, priority projects, needed renovations, and budget.
- Rentz is the Director of Operations for XPO Logistics. He has extensive management experience and manages a \$50M annual budget. Previously owned a building and development company.
- Belief his private sector management skills and budget management experience would benefit the Housing Commission and Allen Terrace.
- Works for a publicly-traded company and understands that he would be publicly representing the Housing Commission and Allen Terrace.
- Was involved in “Action on Joy Road,” which was a community group that teamed up with neighborhoods on Joy Road in Detroit to clean up parks, paint houses, etc. to beautify the neighborhood.
- While Rentz travels for business, he sets his own schedule and can accommodate the Housing Commission meeting schedule.

Being no further questions, Rentz thanked the Committee and left the meeting.

Janice Valade arrived to the meeting. Discussion and questions focused on:

- Resident of Northville since 1986.
- Her mother was a resident at Allen Terrace from 1994-2014. Valade found it to be good experience for her mother and an affordable facility for active independent senior citizens. She spoke of the many resident activities at Allen Terrace and how those activities positively impact the residents.
- Valade has ideas that would help facilitate improved communication between the Housing Commission and the residents. She believed her knowledge of Allen Terrace, from the resident perspective, would be of benefit to the Housing Commission.

- Is recently retired. Her civic involvement includes volunteering to assist at senior activities at Our Lady of Victory Church, volunteering with the Salvation Army, and fundraising for Leader Dogs. She would like to give back more of her time to the Northville Community.
- Aware of the Housing Commission meeting schedule and is available to attend the meetings.
- In response to a question from the Committee, Valade noted that she would be interested in also serving on the Northville Senior Advisory Commission to help bridge the two commissions.

Being no further questions, Valade thanked the Committee and left the meeting.

Discussion and Recommendation

The Committee discussed both applicants and concurred that Kirk Rentz would be recommended to fill the immediate Housing Commission vacancy. As Jerry Mittman agreed to serve in the interim until a new Housing Commissioner was found, the Clerk was directed to contact Mittman regarding a formal resignation. The Committee concurred that Janice Valade would be recommended to fill the vacancy created when Mittman tenders his Housing Commission resignation.

It was also noted that when his term expires on 3/31/18, Mittman plans to step down from the Northville Senior Advisory Commission. The Committee concurred that Valade should be recommended for appointment to fill that upcoming Northville Senior Advisory Commission vacancy. The Clerk was directed to contact Valade to ask her to update her application to include her interest in also serving on the Northville Senior Advisory Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Massa
City Clerk

Approved as submitted: 3/9/18