

City of Northville
Board and Commission Selection Committee
March 13, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting of the Board and Commission Selection Committee was called to order at 9:00 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 was City Clerk Dianne Massa. No citizens were present.

Public Comments

None

Review Minutes

The 3/9/18 minutes were reviewed and no changes were requested.

Discussion/Recommendation

The Selection Committee noted that they were pleased to receive eight applications from very strong and talented individuals. In reviewing the applications and their notes, the following was discussed:

Manfred Schon: One of City Council's goals, is to improve the City's energy efficiencies. It is likely that City Council will establish a committee to analyze the City's current carbon footprint, and make recommendations on short-term/long-term goals energy goals. The Selection Committee would like to have Schon appointed to this committee. The Selection Committee would also like to see Schon appointed to the DDA economic development sub-committee.

Terri O'Brien: O'Brien has served on the DDA subcommittees and has done marketing for the DDA. O'Brien's application notes that, since selling her marketing business, she now works as a realtor. DDA Chairperson Shawn Riley is a realtor and works with O'Brien. The Selection Committee viewed this as a possible conflict of interest. They would like to add diversity to the DDA board composition, and for this reason would defer making an appointment recommendation at this time. O'Brien is open to serving on other boards/commissions, and should update her application to reflect those interests.

Dan Ferrara: He has been involved in many of the DDA subcommittees. The Selection Committee is looking for new voices to serve on the DDA.

Ethan Allen: His brother-in-law is DDA board member Aaron Cozart. Allen also works with Cozart. The Selection Committee viewed this as a possible conflict of interest. They would like to add diversity to the DDA board composition, and for this reason would defer making an appointment recommendation at this time. Allen is open to serving on other boards/commissions, and should update his application to reflect those interests.

Gerry Burke: Burke is new to the downtown, having worked at Towne Mortgage since 2017. The Selection Committee would like to see Burke have more experience with the downtown.

Tom Gudritz: Appreciative of comments pertaining to the need to keep millennials in Northville and frequenting the downtown. Would consider an appointment recommendation for a future DDA vacancy depending on timeline and receipt of additional applications.

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Jeff Russell: Russell is a new voice and had interesting insight of the downtown and its challenges. Would consider for an appointment recommendation for a future DDA vacancy depending on timeline and receipt of additional applications.

Jeri Johnson: Johnson is enthusiastic about the downtown and has marketing experience through her work with the Chamber of Commerce. Developing more robust relationships with entities that impact the City is one of City Council's goals. Her appointment could be a possible bridge between the DDA and the Chamber of Commerce.

Following their discussion, the Selection Committee concurred that Jeri Johnson should be recommended for an appointment to fill the current vacancy on the DDA.

With the exception of Schon, the City Clerk was directed to contact the applicants to advise of the Selection Committee's appointment recommendation. Giesa will contact Schon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Massa
City Clerk

Approved as submitted: 4/26/18