

City of Northville
Board and Commission Selection Committee
April 20, 2017

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 Jim Allen were present. Also present were City Clerk Dianne Massa and board/commission applicants. No citizens were present.

Public Comments

None

Review Minutes None

Board and Commission Applicant Interviews – Downtown Development Authority

Aaron Cozart. Discussion and questions focused on:

- Resident since 2016.
- Business owner since March 2016.
- Majored in public and non-for-profit management.
- Belief his skills in sales and business development would benefit the DDA.
- Loves Northville, the downtown, and its potential. He would like to be part of the future of the City.
- Is interested in volunteering to serve on a DDA subcommittee if he is not appointed to the DDA Board.
- Review of the DDA meeting schedule and City Council’s expectation of 75% attendance at regularly scheduled meetings for board/commission members.
- The importance of timely responses to attendance and quorum confirmation emails was stressed.

Natalie Kneifel. Discussion and questions focused on:

- Resident of Northville since 2013.
- Has a degree in electrical engineering from Michigan State University. Has a background in sales.
- Spoke of her interest in the future development of the downtown.
- Met with the DDA Director to get an overview of what the DDA does. Is pleased with what was accomplished from the 2006 Strategic Plan and is excited for what is to come once the new Strategic Plan is adopted.
- Spends a lot of time in the downtown. Spoke of how she had a view of the downtown from a “young couple” perspective. Now that she is a stay-at-home mom, she is rediscovering the downtown from a “young family” perspective.
- Spoke of the business mix in the downtown, what type of businesses can be sustained, and what type of businesses are needed in the downtown to fill “gaps” for people that are not finding what they need/want when patronizing the downtown.
- Spoke of the potential of the Cady Corridor and how that will impact the downtown.
- Questioned what the City Council viewed as critical in Northville in the next five years. It was responded that growth (depending on property sales), revenue, and development of the Cady Corridor were among the priorities.
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Discussion and Recommendation

The Committee concurred that Robert Miller and Natalie Kneifel would be recommended for appointment to fill the DDA vacancies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Massa
City Clerk

Approved as submitted: 1/19/18