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CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item 5 June 16, 2014

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Commissions

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk *att me*

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: *[Signature]*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City Council held interviews for the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission, Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals alternate position on June 2, 2014. A copy of the draft minutes is included with the packet.

A resolution was passed at the December 2, 2013 meeting to have the Commission Interview Committee hold interviews for Boards & Commissions, with the exception of Mayoral appointments (Economic Development Corporation, Library Board and Planning Commission), the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission.

The Commission Interview Committee met on June 11, 2014 to interview for the Beautification Commission, Historical Commission and Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee. We had one applicant interview and those minutes are attached.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appointments to Boards and Commissions

	1	2	Y	N
Mayor Gatt				
Mayor Pro Tem Staudt				
Council Member Casey				
Council Member Fischer				

	1	2	Y	N
Council Member Markham				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Wrobel				

BALLOTS

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APPOINTMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL
June 16, 2014

* Minimum 4 votes required for appointment to Board or Commission

Beautification Commission
2 full terms - Terms expire 03/01/2017
1 partial term - Term expires 03/01/2016

- _____
 Full Term Partial Term

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 Full Term Partial Term

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 Full Term Partial Term

Zoning Board of Appeals
Alternate
1 partial term vacancy
Term expires 01/01/17

- _____

Historical Commission
1 partial term
Term expires 01/01/2016

- Kelly Sexton

- _____

Housing & Community Development Advisory
Committee
1 partial term
Term expires 01/01/2017

- Keith Mixer

- _____

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Commission
2 full terms
Terms expire 06/30/2017

- Scott Pratt *(seeking reappointment)*

- Harry Torimoto *(seeking reappointment)*

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Council Member Signature

BALLOT
APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR
June 16, 2014

Planning Commission

1 full term

Term expires 06/30/2017

Tony Anthony *(seeking reappointment)*

Keith Mixer

CITY COUNCIL INTERVIEW MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – NOVI CIVIC CENTER – 45175 W. TEN MILE ROAD**

Mayor Gatt called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mayor Gatt, Mayor Pro Tem Staudt, Council Members Casey, Fischer, Markham, Mutch, Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: Victor Cardenas, Interim City Manager
Carl Johnson, Finance Director
Thomas Schultz, City Attorney
Rob Hayes, Director of Public Services

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CM 14-06-091 Moved by Casey, seconded by Mutch; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

To approve the Agenda as amended. Mayor Gatt added Mr. Keith Mixer to the Interviews for Boards and Commission who is interested in interviewing for Planning Commission. Council member Wrobel added Item 1 to Mayor and Council Issues – Library Driveway.

Roll call vote on CM 14-06-091

**Yeas: Staudt, Casey, Fischer, Markham,
Mutch, Wrobel, Gatt
Nays: None**

PUBLIC HEARING – None

PRESENTATIONS – None

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

1. Tony Anthony, Planning Commission, spoke to Council about the learning process of the Planning Commission. He explained a project before them required more parking than most communities but was changed for that specific use. He cited that it is difficult when the older nonconforming properties request improvements. He also appreciated having the non-motorized pathway plan. Member Casey asked what other changes he would see coming to the community. Mr. Anthony spoke about the overlay district. He referred to an emphasis on looking at specimen trees and the issue of how that weighs out in favor of the community. He would also like to have a task force for a Corridor Improvement Authority for Grand River. Member Mutch noted his expertise in the private sector that brings valuable experience to the Commission and also that he is a "big idea" guy willing to bring any number of ideas to the Commission. Member Mutch noted there had been over 1300 regulated trees removed in 2013 and

while they are replaced, a 5 foot wide diameter tree being replaced with a few 2-4" trees, doesn't seem equal. What does he see for a master planning viewpoint that could be incorporated into the Master Plan? Mr. Anthony said his focus was the Gateway area. Creating a higher density in that area would help to lower the cost of operating. The Master Plan should incorporate ideas that keep our infrastructure costs lower. Member Fischer asked about anything that was surprising to him. Mr. Anthony noted that the preparation of staff was very important during the early stages of his term and he appreciated that. Mayor Pro Tem Staudt asked what tangible investments he would make with TIF dollars. Mr. Anthony noted the ring road might be funded with captured dollars. They could be looked at together with both the ring road and the town center. He also suggested a gathering area. It is a way to create higher density Urban Villages. It would help the tax base. Member Wrobel asked what the hardest decision was he had to make on the Commission. Mr. Anthony noted it was the balance of time on the Commission with his job. He questioned if those on the Commission felt he was a valuable contributor. He determined that in order to make change, it takes a strong team. Member Markham asked about the future of alternative transit here in Novi. Mr. Anthony replied to be sure not to allow blight to encroach. From the big picture, Grand River is a lower priority on the Regional Mass Transit. They look at destination and ridership. Our malls and retail could move it up to a higher category. Rapid bus transit should be considered. Someday light rail might be available. It would take some negotiation for a loop around the retail areas but we need a task force to be sure the Community is on board.

2. Scott Pratt – Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission (not present as he was just appointed in February 2014 and according to Council Rules did not need to re-interview within a 12 month time period).

3. Harry Torimoto, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission, noted the timing was good for him to be on the Commission as he had a chance to coordinate the new Community Recreation Plan. They've been fortunate with the professional staff on Parks. They've been given an opportunity to provide input and he learned how to position himself as a Commissioner to provide long range planning. Member Mutch thanked him for his work on walkable Novi. He is actively engaged as a commissioner. Member Mutch asked what he sees for the future. Mr. Torimoto noted gym space is very much needed, especially when practice is rained out. Member Fischer asked what, if anything, surprised him once he was on the board. Mr. Torimoto noted it was the transparency and availability while requesting data that he received the very next day after making his request. Mayor Pro Tem Staudt noted he served on Walkable Novi with him. He asked what the long term need for additional gym space is and active parkland and where that capacity will come from. Mr. Torimoto stated the need is there for active parks and other including private programming providers. It is the partnership of available space that is important. The partnership with other communities will be valuable such as the dog park being built. Member Wrobel asked what program or activity would he like to see added that we don't have now. Mr. Torimoto noted the certification process was very important for the organization. Managing efficiencies and handling the certification process was important. Member

Markham asked about the Novi Theaters and how he thinks that fits in our organization. Mr. Torimoto noted he is a member of the Friends of the Novi Theater and his daughter has been in the play. He appreciated the support in the Community. The partnership with the outside group we have now is important. He coaches for the City just for the sport side of it. He thinks that could improve with the participation to keep it positive as he cited an incident where a child had taken the auditioning class and didn't get selected. Member Casey asked what was his proudest accomplishment as a Commissioner. Mr. Torimoto responded that he filled the vacancy after Mr. Policicchio and while he was concerned at first, he liked the challenge that he could be in a position of a leadership role with the Commission. Mayor Gatt had no questions and thanked him for his service

4. Keith Mixer, Planning Commission, wanted to contribute to the community. He worked at SEMCOG and Washtenaw Planning Commission and updated the database. He noted the sidewalks are not continuous and he would like to see those completed. Transportation is another issue that we all face and will be faced with in the future. Member Fischer asked what would be most helpful. Mr. Mixer noted his knowledge of transportation and encouraged people with disabilities to use para-transport as it allows a person to remain in the community. Mayor Pro Tem Staudt asked if there were any other board or commission he was interested in serving since his competition was strong. Mr. Mixer realized he was up against a well-qualified candidate and didn't have another preference. Member Wrobel asked how he felt the role of the commissioner should work with the Master Plan. Mr. Mixer said he didn't think the master plan could be changed except through the commissioners. Member Markham suggested he might consider his background in urban planning and mobility issues dealt with might be on Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee. She would like to see him apply for that with the Interview Committee. Member Casey thanked Mr. Mixer and noted he gave a great example of making mass transit more available to those with disabilities. Mr. Mixer said sidewalk connectivity was very important and there should also be more crosswalks. Member Mutch asked Mr. Mixer in terms of the City's Master Plan, what kind of land use or development is missing in the City of Novi. Mr. Mixer said sidewalk connectivity, some kind of transit system and a recreation center to be used by all. He said he was interested in finding another position when asked by Member Mutch.

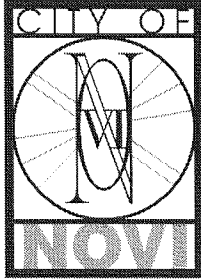
REPORTS:

1. MANAGER/STAFF – None
2. ATTORNEY – None

AUDIENCE COMMENT:

Tamara Carlone, 45784 White Pines Dr., was present to discuss the pet stores in Novi and the protected woodlands and wetlands at Providence development. She felt the pet stores were breaking laws and felt they were selling sick pets. She felt they were

COMMISSION INTERVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES



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CITY OF NOVI
Commission Interview Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 11, 2014 | 7 P.M.
Council Conference Room | Novi Civic Center | 45175 Ten Mile Road
(248) 347-0456

Member Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Council Members Casey, Fischer, Markham

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Unanimously approved

APPLICANTS FOR BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

1. Kelly Sexton – Historical Commission

Ms. Sexton thanked the Committee for taking the time to interview her.

Member Casey said it was great to meet her and asked what skill she thought made her a good candidate for the Historical Commission. Ms. Sexton said she had a large variety of skills in her background that made her a good candidate, including great people skills and her love of history.

Member Markham asked what about the Historical Commission interested her and what she thought the Historical Commission could do for the community. Ms. Sexton said she was very interested when she learned about the amusement park and casino by Walled Lake. She is very interested in preserving the history of Novi. She mentioned she had met Kathy Crawford awhile back and Ms. Crawford suggested she apply for the Historical Commission. She has gone to several Historical Commission meetings and helped out. She added that a part of her job was to work with international clients and she has found many want to learn the history of Novi. Member Markham said that she likes to see an appointee actually accomplish something during their time on a board or commission. She added she was glad to hear the enthusiasm Ms. Sexton had about history. Ms. Sexton said she would like to take the Historical Commission "on the road", meaning visiting the schools and other various locations to share the history of Novi.

Member Fischer thanked her for coming forward to interview. He was glad to hear she had already attended some Historical Commission meetings. He asked what she would like to accomplish on the Committee and what could the Council do to help achieve that goal. Ms. Sexton said she would like to take the Committee to the schools, senior center, and other locations to spread the knowledge of the history of Novi. She added that there were probably plenty of people who live in Novi who have no idea about its history. Member Fischer agreed and added that he would support her appointment.

Member Fischer explained City Council will get the minutes of this meeting with the applications. The voting will take place at the June 16, 2014 Council meeting. It can be viewed on TV or internet. They can call City Clerks for the results, also.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Transcribed by Cortney Hanson