

CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item 5
June 22, 2015**

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Commissions

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk *alt mc*

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: *[Signature]*
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Commission Interview Committee met on June 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to interview one applicant for the Historical Commission. Immediately after, City Council held interviews for the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission and the Planning Commission at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the draft minutes for both meetings are included with this packet.

Gerald Jewell submitted his application for re-appointment to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission on June 11th. His application is included in this packet. Since his appointment in June 2012, he has attended 22 of 29 meetings.

Ted Zuchlewski submitted his application for re-appointment to the Planning Commission. His application is included in this packet. Since his appointment in June 2012, he has attended 37 of 47 meetings.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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Mayor Gatt				
Mayor Pro Tem Staudt				
Council Member Casey				
Council Member Markham				

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

BALLOTS

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APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR
June 22, 2015

Planning Commission
3 full terms
Terms expire 06/30/2018

- Mike Lynch *(seeking reappointment)*
- Mark Pehrson *(seeking reappointment)*
- James Zanoni
- Ted Zuchlewski *(seeking reappointment)*
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BALLOT
APPOINTMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL
June 22, 2015

* Minimum 4 votes required for appointment to Board or Commission

Beautification Commission

2 full terms - Terms expire 03/01/2018
1 partial term - Term expires 03/01/2016

- James Zanoni
 Full Term Partial Term

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 Full Term Partial Term

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 Full Term Partial Term

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 Full Term Partial Term

**Board of Review
Alternate**

1 partial term
Term expires 01/01/2016

- Jay Dooley

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Historical Commission

1 partial term
Term expires 01/01/2017

- Roger Crownover

- James Zanoni

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**Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Commission**

2 full terms
Term expires 06/30/2018

- Jay Dooley

- Gary Frick

- Gerald A. Jewell *(seeking reappointment)*

- Joi McGillivary

- Shelley Thomopoulos

- James Zanoni

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Council Member Signature

CITY COUNCIL INTERVIEW MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – NOVI CIVIC CENTER – 45175 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 (absent, excused), Council Members Casey, Markham, Mutch (absent, excused), Poupard, Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: Peter Auger, City Manager
Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager
Thomas Schultz, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CM 15-06-73 Moved by Wrobel, seconded by Markham; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

To approve the Agenda as amended to add item 1. The Library Traffic to Mayor and Council Issues.

**Roll call vote on CM 15-06-73 Yeas: Casey, Markham, Poupard, Wrobel, Gatt
Nays: None**

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Mark Pehrson – Planning Commission

Mr. Pehrson thanked everyone for the opportunity to reapply for the Planning Commission.

Members Casey and Wrobel had no questions and but thanked him for stepping forward.

Member Poupard asked him if there were any major lessons learned from serving on the Planning Commission. Mr. Pehrson said that times have changed and nothing remains static. They have to do a much better job looking forward in planning the remaining parcels available. They are much more complicated. They use data to determine some of the decisions they make. The Planning staff that supports the Planning Commission is outstanding and makes the difference as to the work level put forward.

Member Markham thanked him for stepping forward and asked him what he would like to accomplish looking forward. Mr. Pehrson said he would like to see working in harmony with the Economic Development Group to find ways in which they can bring real change to some of the parcels remaining. The biggest thing they can do is to listen to the citizens and feels it is important on certain issues.

Mayor Gatt mentioned Mr. Pehrson is a paid on call fire fighter for the Novi Fire Department. He does a lot for the City and thanked him for his service.

2. Mike Lynch – Planning Commission

Mr. Lynch said he is reapplying for the Planning Commission. He enjoys working with City staff and Council. He hoped the opinions he expresses during open session helps make a final decision.

Member Poupard asked him what were his major lessons learned. Mr. Lynch said that it is important to listen. He said in audience participation a lot of times what people are saying are not the true issues. They try to determine what the people actually want. If they listen and get rid of the emotion it is easier to focus on the issues and make good decisions.

Member Wrobel thanked Mr. Lynch for reapplying and is aware of his service.

Member Markham thanked Mr. Lynch for reapplying and asked if he had thoughts about the traffic congestion in Novi. Mr. Lynch said he looks at traffic as a system. He said there is a lot of building in South Lyon coming into Novi. He understood Oakland County will pave Napier Road between 9 and 10 Mile to give the people another way to go to relieve the traffic strain. He thinks Beck Road will have to be expanded. It is the only connector between I-96 and M-14. We will have to deal with the traffic from the new developments west of Novi. Initially, he thinks there are plans for things we can do. He thinks we are on the right path.

Member Casey and Mayor Gatt thanked Mr. Lynch for reapplying and supports him.

3. James Zanoni – Planning Commission

Mr. Zanoni said he has been a resident of Novi for 10 years and has been a Project Manager for 16 years. He would like to serve on the Planning Commission to give back to the Community.

Member Wrobel asked Mr. Zanoni what he believed is the role the Master Plan for the City and how should the Planning Commission relate to it. Mr. Zanoni understood that the Master Plan is what is used to determine how the properties are used.

Member Markham asked what special interests he had and why he is stepping forward now. Mr. Zanoni said he has lived here for 10 years and is interested in how the Community grows going forward. His family visits the parks and wishes to be a part of the Community.

Member Casey mentioned that serving on the Planning Commission can be a challenge. Some decisions are not what the residents like. She asked if he would speak about similarities in his work where he had to share a tough decision. Mr. Zanoni said he works at GM and daily he confirms regulations, risk assessment, and costs on a project.

Member Poupard and Mayor Gatt thanked him for his desire to serve and didn't have a question for him. They said volunteers make the City special.

4. Shelley Thomopoulos – Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission

Ms. Thomopoulos said she has been a resident for 14 years. She walks her dog daily and enjoys the Community. She would like to be on the commission that helps to ensure the Parks ongoing success.

Member Markham asked about the parks that she uses and what she saw as a potential improvement of the parks. Ms. Thomopoulos said she lives between Lakeshore and Pavilion Park and frequents them. She agreed with the phase strategy and thought additional amenities would be the restrooms. It was unsafe before and it has improved.

Member Casey asked if she had a particular project if chosen for the Commission. Ms. Thomopoulos said she is passionate about walkable Novi. She works with the World Business Council for a sustainable development. They are interested in working with cities around the globe. She noted one of the things heard repeatedly is trying to provide opportunities for active mobility and walkable access not only for services of the community but also for parks. She said walking to a nearby park encourages community involvement.

Member Poupard thought Ms. Thomopoulos's background would be an interesting insight to be able to bring to the Commission because that is part of their values. She asked why she is stepping forward now. Ms. Thomopoulos said it has to do with her professional career and her family development. She is self-employed and has the time.

Member Wrobel asked what program would she like added to the Parks and Recreation Programs that is not offered. Ms. Thomopoulos said there is not a specific program but she has read the minutes that citizens have expressed interest of more indoor recreational opportunities. It is unfortunate that in Michigan there are a significant number of days of inclement weather. She thought the Parks Department has done a great job working throughout the Community but still thought more indoor opportunities should be explored.

Mayor Gatt didn't have any questions.

5. Joi McGillivray – Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission

Not present.

6. Gary Frick – Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission

Mr. Frick gave a brief background. He has lived in the City of Novi since 2002. His family participates in the programs. While participating in the Memorial Day Parade, he noticed the residents of Whitehall Nursing Home enjoyed it very much. He has been a

volunteer coach in several Parks programs. He has interacted with the Parks staff and commented how they are always very helpful.

Member Casey thanked him and said she appreciated what he does. She asked if there were programs he thought should be offered. Mr. Frick said the biggest one is evening camps because many families have both parents working.

Member Poupard asked why he is applying now for a position on the Commission after 13 years of volunteering. He received a telephone call from Greg Morris, Recreation Supervisor. He said he hadn't been aware of the Commission but was interested after hearing about it.

Member Wrobel asked what aspect of his skill set he thought would be a benefit to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Frick said he is able to listen to the citizens of the community. He listens to the parents' concerns and addresses issues with their children. Professionally, he works with customer service. He tries to resolve the issues right away instead of passing them on within the company.

Member Markham thanked everyone who recruits and volunteers for the Boards and Commissions because it is part of making the City government better. She asked if he has seen things other communities offer that Novi doesn't. Mr. Frick said the City of Brighton has an indoor facility that the City of Novi does not. He suggested a building that offers programs so residents don't have to go to other communities.

7. Jay Dooley – Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission; Board of Review;
Planning Commission

Mr. Dooley has been in Novi since 1999 and has served in several different capacities.

Member Poupard said she knew he has a sterling reputation with other Council members. She asked why he is applying for these committees. Mr. Dooley said he has devoted a lot of his time to the City. He started about 9 years ago with various activities within the City. His premise has been safety for children. He has been involved with several task forces throughout the City. He gave an example of an emergency situation that helped develop signage in the Parks. He goes out to talk to parents and voters to make sure they are aware of the signs in the ITC Park.

Member Wrobel thanked him and asked why he would want to serve on the Board of Review. Mr. Dooley said he knew of someone that served on the Board of Review and talked to him about it. He wanted to get involved in the City again. He is fully committed and if he couldn't be on the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission he would hope to serve on another committee.

Member Markham was glad to see him back and said his experience turned into helping the City because he cared and was committed.

Member Casey said she was grateful that he was dedicating his time for the City.

Mayor Gatt said he had his support.

PUBLIC HEARING – None

PRESENTATIONS – None

REPORTS:

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

AUDIENCE COMMENT:

Drew Lathin, 24291 Homestead Ct., said twenty years ago there were 1 billion Monarch butterflies that made the annual migration to their wintering grounds in Mexico. It is an amazing journey because of the distance involved and they are fourth generation Monarchs that make the journey. The Monarchs that make the 2,000 mile journey in the fall are the great grandchildren of the Monarchs that started their journey north in the spring. Of the 1 billion Monarchs that made the journey 20 years ago, only 35 million make the journey now. It is greater than a 96% decline. At one time they were the most abundant butterfly in our area. Monarch caterpillars can only eat the leaves from the milkweed species. No milkweeds means no Monarch butterflies. There is a decline in milkweeds because of environmental reasons. Novi has an ordinance that prohibits the growth of milkweeds. It is a poorly written ordinance. He grows milkweeds in his garden. It is time for Novi to change the ordinance.

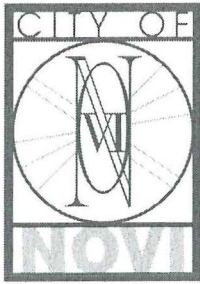
CONSENT AGENDA REMOVALS AND APPROVALS:

CM 15-06-74 Moved by Casey, seconded by Wrobel; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:

To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Approve Minutes of:
 1. May 18, 2015 – Regular meeting
- B. Enter Executive Session immediately following the regular meeting of June 8, 2015 in the Council Annex for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations.
- C. Approval of an agreement with Suburban Collection Showplace to host the 2015 Evening of Appreciation, an annual event honoring Boards, Commissions, Committees and Employees for their dedication to Novi, on Friday, December 11, 2015 for the estimated amount of \$18,360.
- D. Adoption of Resolution seeking reimbursement from Oakland County for expenses associated with the City of Novi's annual Mosquito Control Program.

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CITY OF NOVI

Commission Interview Committee Meeting

Monday, June 8, 2015 | 6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers | Novi Civic Center | 45175 Ten Mile Road
(248) 347-0456

Member Wrobel called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Council Members Casey, Markham, Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: Council Member Poupard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Unanimously approved

APPLICANTS FOR BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

1) Roger Crownover – Historical Commission

Mr. Crownover went over his extensive background, including his retirement from Madonna University and being the Chair of the History Department. He does many speaking engagement on world events and current events. Member Casey noted he was extremely qualified for the Historical Commission and asked if he had any goals or objectives if he was appointed. Mr. Crownover said he didn't have any, but is enthusiastic and sure he will come up some. Member Markham thanked him for applying. Member Poupard asked why he chose to volunteer now. Mr. Crownover said he has always been too busy to do so but now has time to dedicate. He said there were many interesting things about Novi and felt this was an opportunity for him to have fun with history. Member Wrobel thanked him for stepping forward also and said he was perfectly qualified. Mr. Crownover wanted to add that he may miss some meetings throughout the year due to being out of town.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Transcribed by Cortney Hanson