



AGENDA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
40TH CITY COUNCIL
OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
FEBRUARY 17, 2025
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. Board and Commission candidate interviews, re-appointments and new appointments

B. City Council appointments to Boards and Commissions

4. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Each speaker's remarks are a matter of public record; the speaker, alone, is responsible for his or her comments and the City of Oak Park does not, by permitting such remarks, support, endorse or accept the content, thereof, as being true or accurate. "Any person while being heard at a City Council Meeting may be called to order by the Chair, or any Council Member for failure to be germane to the business of the City, vulgarity, or personal attacks on persons or institutions." There is a three minute time limit per speaker.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The City of Oak Park will comply with the spirit and intent of the American with Disabilities Act. We will provide support and make reasonable accommodations to assist people with disabilities to access and participate in our programs, facilities and services. Accommodations to participate at a Council Meeting will be made with 7-day prior notice.



CITY OF OAK PARK, MI STAFF REPORT

3.A

AGENDA FOR: February 17, 2025

SUBJECT: Board and Commission candidate interviews, re-appointments and new appointments

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

FROM: Jo Lynn Williams-Elliott, Deputy City Clerk

SUMMARY: Interviews are being conducted tonight with the following Board and Commission candidates:

Milt Newman

Candidates previously interviewed and are currently serving on another board:

Florence Piernas (Interviewed 2/24) (Beautification)

The following pages:

1. Outline the board and commission openings and the candidates' board preference.
2. Summary of Board and Commission members whose terms are expiring and desire reappointment.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: None

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To conduct interviews, make re-appointments and new appointments to City Board and Commissions.

EXHIBITS:

1. 2-17-25 - Agenda Item - Interviews and Appointments
2. Reappointment Report - 2025

3. App - Newman 2025
4. App - Piernas 2024



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OAK PARK, MICHIGAN

AGENDA OF: Special City Council Meeting, February 17, 2025

Interviews are being conducted tonight with one (1) interested candidate:

1. Milt Newman

Candidates previously interviewed and are currently serving on another board:

1. Florence M. Piernas (Beautification)

Board/Commission	# of Vacancies	Candidates	Preference
Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission	1	Milt Newman	2
Brownfield/EDC	1		
Beautification Advisory Commission	3	Milt Newman	3
Building Board of Appeals (Alternate)	2		

REAPPOINTMENTS FEB. 2025

BOARD/COMMISSION	FIRST	LAST	TERM LENGTH	TERM EXP DATE	NEW TERM EXP DATE	2024 ATTENDANCE	DESIRES REAPPOINTMENT
Election Commission	Steven	Chudnow	1	Jan 2025	Jan 2026	100%	yes
Election Commission	Sarah	Sherman	1	Jan 2025	Jan 2026	100%	yes
Beautification Advisory Commission	Crystal	Wagner	3	Feb 2025	Feb 2028	75%	yes
Building Board of Appeals	Cameron	Cummings	2	Feb 2025	Feb 2027	100%	yes
Building Board of Appeals	Richard	Readus	2	Feb 2025	Feb 2027	100%	yes
Building Board of Appeals	Dwight	Thomas	2	Feb 2025	Feb 2027	0/1	yes
Building Board of Appeals	Taleesa	Anderson	2	Feb 2025	Feb 2027	100%	yes
Building Board of Appeals	Kaj-Erik	Green	2	Feb 2025	Feb 2027	100%	yes

Board Members whos terms are expiring.

Beautification Advisory Commission	Michelle	Franklin	3	Feb 2025		0%	x
Beautification Advisory Commission	Michella	Perry	3	Feb 2025		resigned	x



CITY OF OAK PARK

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

Please complete, sign and date application form and return to:

City Clerk's Office

Attn: Boards & Commissions

14000 Oak Park Boulevard

Oak Park, MI 48237-2082

Fax: (248) 691-7167 Office: (248) 691-7544

Email: jlwilliams@oakparkmi.gov

6:00 pm. 2/17

- willing to volunteer wherever I am needed -

Review the list of Boards and Commissions below and determine your top 3 choices (confirm your preferences by placing a "1", "2" or "3" after the title of the Board or Commission in the space provided). Every effort will be made to accommodate your first three preferences. However, vacancies vary, and demand for some boards may be higher than others so some degree of flexibility is necessary.

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| ☒ Arts & Cultural Diversity Commission | ☒ Corridor Improvement Authority | ☒ Parks & Recreation Commission |
| ☒ Beautification Advisory Commission | ☐ Economic Dev. Corp /Brownfield Red. Auth. | ☐ Planning Commission |
| ☒ Board of Review | ☐ Election Commission | ☐ Recycling & Environmental Commission |
| ☐ Board of Trustees (Emp. Retirement Sys) | ☐ Library Board | ☐ Traffic Safety Board |
| ☐ Building Board of Appeals | ☐ Local Officers Compensation Comm. | ☐ Zoning Board of Appeals |

Applicants are encouraged to attend meetings of the groups for which they are applying.

All meetings are open to the public, and volunteer help is always appreciated.

APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: Milt Neuman

Current Address: 25501 Karen St Oak Park MI 48237

Email Address: MILTONR4452@gmail.com

Home Phone: 248-398-7079 Cell Phone: 248-274-9746 Work Phone: 248-519-4238

Date Residency Established: April 1986 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: _____

Employer Name: Men's Warehouse Occupation: Retail Sales

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: _____

Educational Background: Graduated Oakland University

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: Serve on the executive board of directors of Young Israel of Oak Park - Serve on the board of Yad Ezra

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Because serving on a Board or Commission requires a substantial commitment of time, effort and scheduling on the part of the members, we ask that you carefully consider your schedule before pursuing appointment to a Board or Commission and that by signing below you are confirming your willingness to make a concerted effort to attend every meeting and to fulfill your duties and responsibilities as a member. All information submitted in this application is public information and subject to disclosure in response to a public records request made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

Signature: Milt Neuman Date: 12-10-2024

(City Clerk's Office Use Only Below this Line)

Date Received: _____
Signed Acknowledgement: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Term Ending: _____
Staff Liaison: _____

Interview Date: _____
Board or Commission: _____
Letter Sent: ☐ Yes ☐ No / Date: _____
Liaison Notified: ☐ Yes ☐ No / Date: _____

Council Meeting Date: _____
Appointed: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Motion Number: _____



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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please type or print answers to all questions):

Name: FIDRENCE M. PIERNAS

Current Address: 23110 SCOTIA OAK PK 48237
City Zip

Email Address: FM PIERNAS @ HOTMAIL
248

Home Phone: NA Cell Phone: 747-0580 Work Phone: NA

Date Residency Established: SEPT. 1988 Have you ever served on a Board or Commission in another City? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please indicate what City and the Board or Commission: _____

Employer Name: NONE Occupation: RETIRED

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: VOLUNTEER DSD, AUDIT DIA, LIVE THEATRE & COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL
WORK

Educational Background: SEE ATTACHED RESUME

Community Activities and/or Other Experience: PARTICIPATED IN A NUMBER OF MAYOR'S 5K RUN & ANNUAL WALKED-RUN SHEPARD PARK - HIGH SCHOOL TRACK FOR OVER 30 YEARS

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Signature: [Signature] Date: 2/9/24

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Date Received: _____	Interview Date: _____	Council Meeting Date: _____
Signed Acknowledgement: ☐ Yes ☐ No	Board or Commission: _____	Appointed: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Term Ending: _____	Letter Sent: ☐ Yes ☐ No / Date _____	Motion Number: _____
Staff Liaison: _____	Liaison Notified: ☐ Yes ☐ No / Date: _____	



CITY OF OAK PARK, MI STAFF REPORT

3.B

AGENDA FOR: February 17, 2025

SUBJECT: City Council appointments to Boards and Commissions

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

FROM: Ed Norris, City Clerk

SUMMARY: Council will discuss how the city council positions on boards and commissions will be filled due to the resignation of Mayor Pro Tem Burns.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appoint council members to fill the vacant board and commission positions.

EXHIBITS:

1. Board and Commission Assignments - City Council - 2023



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Current Council Appointments to Boards and Commissions

MAYOR MARIAN MCCLELLAN

Corridor Improvement Authority (3rd Thursday, Noon) (Voting)
Planning Commission (2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.) (Voting)
Employees Retirement System (Quarterly, Monday, 4:30 p.m.) (Voting)
Public Safety Retirement System (4th Monday, 4:30 p.m.) (Voting)

MAYOR PRO TEM CAROLYN BURNS

Beautification Commission (3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.) (Non-Voting)
Planning Commission (2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.) (Voting)
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (as needed) (Voting)

COUNCIL MEMBER SOLOMON RADNER

Public Safety Retirement System (4th Monday, 4:30 p.m.) (Voting)
Recycling and Environmental Conservation (3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.) (Non-Voting)

COUNCIL MEMBER JULIE EDGAR

Parks and Recreation Commission (3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.) (Non-Voting)
Traffic Safety Board (3rd Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.) (Voting)

COUNCIL MEMBER SHAUN WHITEHEAD

Arts and Cultural Diversity Commission (2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.) (Non-Voting)
Library Board (3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.) (Voting)