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## DDA ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

**MEETING DATE:** October 20, 2026

**TOPIC** Notice of Re-Appointment and New Board Member

### **Purpose**

This memorandum is presented to formally acknowledge the Village of Lake Orion Village Council's recent appointments to the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors, including the continued service of Todd Garris and Alaina Campbell and the appointment of Annalise Costantino as a new member.

It is also intended to express the DDA's sincere appreciation to Village Council President Teresa Rutt for her leadership and attention to maintaining the membership, continuity, and community representation of the DDA Board.

### **Recognition of Board Appointments**

The strength of the Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority rests in large measure upon the individuals willing to volunteer their time, experience, and judgment in service to our downtown community.

The continued appointment of **Todd Garris**, representing Motor City Granite, and **Alaina Campbell**, representing Cookies & Cream, provides valuable continuity to the Board. Both bring the perspective of downtown business ownership and firsthand understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing our local business community.

Their willingness to continue serving reflects a meaningful commitment to the future of Downtown Lake Orion, and the DDA is grateful for their continued participation and contributions.

We are equally pleased to welcome **Annalise Costantino** as a newly appointed member of the Board. New membership brings additional perspectives, energy, and opportunities for involvement, strengthening the collaborative approach that has long characterized Lake Orion's Main Street program.

We look forward to her participation and to the contributions she will make as the DDA continues its work in economic development, historic preservation, public improvements, business support, and community engagement.

## **Appreciation to Village Council President Teresa Rutt**

The Downtown Development Authority also wishes to recognize and thank **Village Council President Teresa Rutt** for her leadership in supporting the Board appointment process and maintaining a constructive relationship between the Village Council and the DDA.

The appointment of individuals willing to serve on public boards is an important responsibility of local government. It helps ensure that community institutions remain engaged, representative, and prepared to carry out the responsibilities entrusted to them.

President Rutt's attention to this process, together with her own service as a member of the DDA Board, reflects the importance of cooperation between the Village and its Downtown Development Authority.

That relationship is especially meaningful as the DDA continues to undertake substantial public investments, advance downtown revitalization initiatives, and support the businesses, residents, and organizations that make Lake Orion a distinctive and welcoming community.

The DDA values the Village Council's participation in this work and appreciates the time and consideration devoted to maintaining a capable and engaged Board of Directors.

## **Acknowledgment and Appreciation**

The Lake Orion DDA has always benefited from individuals who understand that a successful downtown is built not simply through investment in buildings, streets, and public spaces, but through a shared commitment to the community itself.

The willingness of Todd Garris and Alaina Campbell to continue their service, the willingness of Annalise Costantino to begin hers, and the attention given to these appointments by President Rutt and the Village Council all contribute to that shared commitment.

On behalf of the DDA, we extend our sincere thanks to each of these individuals for their willingness to contribute to the continued vitality and future of Downtown Lake Orion.

## **Recommended Motion:**

Motion to receive and acknowledge the Village Council appointments of Todd Garris and Alaina Campbell to continued service on the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors and Annalise Costantino as a new Board member; to extend the Board's sincere appreciation to each for their willingness to serve; to recognize and thank Village Council President Teresa Rutt and the Village Council for their attention to the appointment process and continued support of the Downtown Development Authority; and to direct that this memorandum be incorporated into the official Board meeting record.