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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FOR REAPPOINTMENT

Thank you for your continued interest in serving on an advisory board or commission. The purpose of this form is to provide City Council members with comprehensive information about board or commission members who wish to be reappointed at the end of their term. Please provide thoughtful, detailed answers. City Council will make appointments based on this application and a two minute introductory speech given by all candidates during a City Council meeting. Boards and commissions candidate introductions typically take place in February, June, and December. This application will be kept on file for one year, and is open for public inspection upon request.

Name (Please print): Jan Lach

Nickname, if preferred: _____

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Preferred Phone Number: 248-735-1140

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Employed by: University of Michigan (semi-retired)

For which board or commission are you re-applying? Beautification Commission

Why would you like to continue to serve?

I think the Beautification Commission has great potential to improve the appearance of the city. The group has some great ideas for increasing the environmental-friendliness of the city as well.

What are you proud of accomplishing during your term?

I rewrote the Neighborhood grant application to make it more user-friendly to the HOAs and to clearly describe the criteria they must meet to obtain the grant.



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If reappointed, what do you hope to accomplish in your next term?

I would like to work on re-writing the charter for the Commission. The Beautification Commission has a lot of potential but we have been hampered by a lack of quorum for most of our meetings. We have good discussions but are not able to take action. A couple of members rarely attend and one in particular has not attended for over 2 years and no longer responds to e-mail or phone calls. We changed the meeting days twice and still have no-shows. We need to be able to remove members who do not participate. I believe we should also reduce the number of Commissioners so that we are more likely to obtain a quorum. I think the mission of the Commission can be expanded to include educational projects similar to Northville and other nearby cities and that we should have a connection with Parks & Rec to establish plantings at the parks, such as rain gardens, edible landscaping, and pollinator-friendly plantings.

What do you want Council to know about your board or commission, and how can they assist your board or commission with its goals?

The City of Novi has provided support staff to the Commission that have been wonderful in helping us with our goals. We need the Council's support in revising our charter and also their guidance on additions to our scope of work that they feel would improve our city.

Is there anything else you would like for Council to know about you and/or your work on the board or commission?

I have really enjoyed my time on the board and would appreciate the opportunity to serve a full term.



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I understand I am volunteering my services with no monetary compensation or benefits. I understand I am not a City of Novi employee. I further understand the City of Novi is not obligated to accept my offer of volunteering service to the City of Novi. The City of Novi reserves the right to terminate my volunteer service at any time. I have read the Volunteer NOVI Guidebook and Policies. I will adhere to the policies and procedures of the City of Novi.

I authorize fingerprinting, criminal background checks, search of sex offender registry, and Department of Motor Vehicle checks as deemed necessary by the City of Novi. I authorize investigation of any matter contained in the application.

*I understand as a volunteer I am **NOT** covered under the City of Novi's Workers' Compensation Policy for any injury or accident sustained during my volunteer assignment. I understand I am to report any injury or accident immediately to my supervisor. I further understand any medical costs or other costs incurred as result of incident will be my responsibility. I further understand if I fail to report the injury or accident immediately to my supervisor I may be released from my current volunteer assignment and may be Ineligible for any assignment in the future.*

I give the City of Novi permission to use, publish and republish, without compensation or obligation to me any photographs, videos or other media now in existence, which may be developed for future use along with reproduction of my likeness taken during my volunteer service to the City of Novi.

I declare under penalty of perjury all statements made in this application are true and correct of my own personal knowledge.

Jan L. Luch

Signature

18 Jan 2023

Date