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Are you a registered voter in the City of Novi?*

Yes

How long have you lived continuously in the City of Novi?*

Since 1996. 28 Years

Employed by

Retired Birmingham Public Schools Teacher (32 years of service), Walled Lake Schools
Substitute Teacher

Educational Background*

Michigan State University B.A. Social Sciences and 6-12 Grade Michigan Teacher Certification, University of Nebraska M.P.A. Master of Public Administration, 30+years of continued education, 32 years of K-12 and college teaching, Gettysburg College-current student in Master of American History. (PLEASE SEE RESUME)

Please describe your professional qualifications, skills and/or work experience, and how you would use these to benefit the boards and/or commissions for which you are applying.*

*Library of Michigan-Reference Unit, Legislative Services Unit, Ordering/Cataloging/Law Library/Government Documents/Blind & Physically Handicapped Unit, and Work with State Archivist. *Libraries are the most important resource for me, my students, for my lifelong education and experiences, and for the schools and public. *I advocate for strong educational work libraries offer. Cooperation with local schools to "sell" the Novi Public Library to the community, schools, students, parents, and local organizations. *I have great enthusiasm for book-based library collections as well as library reference assistance and computer technology. *My 32+ years of teaching always included the incredible resources library/media centers provide. *All my lesson plans included a library/media center component. Students need library/media center skills for current and future learning. *I have advocated for the best education for students and have always given them research, study, and organizational skills for success in their educational path. *Libraries should be friendly and welcoming at the entrance. The Novi Public Library has a great lobby, snack area, and visible help for patrons.

*I have worked in multi-grade reading and writing outreach this is essential for increasing interest in libraries. *At the Library of Michigan, I did evaluations of our collections, worked in the ordering and cataloging process, and researched subject and title requests from the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate. If the Library Board is in need of a wide scope of skills, I believe that my Library of Michigan experiences, my own lifelong education experiences, and my 32+ of teaching and my extensive educational development will offer skills. *I highly respect community groups and love schools, library patrons, and always respect people I work for and with. Inviting everyone to access the Novi Public Library and help patrons access the valuable resources and information available is exciting and fun! *My professional qualifications, life experiences, education, and commitment to libraries would be an asset to our local library. Outreach to schools and the public would be a great program.

Please list any community groups with which you are currently or have previously been active and describe your role.*

Community groups-Gleaners Food Drive-18 years-present. Seaholm High School is the greatest school contributor to Gleaners. 20 years volunteer for the Southside Community Kitchen in Lansing. 5 years Board Member-Haverhill Subdivision 2-year rotation for Walled Lake Schools Bond Election-Director PTA and PTSA K-12 President, Vice-President, Treasurer for various schools School volunteer for K-12 Walled Lake Schools and 9-12 Grade Seaholm High School Schoolcraft College Community Choir-14 years-1st Alto. Performed 2-3 concerts per year Volunteered for wetland observations-count frog sounds, and egrets nesting. Rouge River Watershed Project-Attended many workshops, taught Environmental Science workshops, and was assigned to do water sampling along the Rouge River near Newburg and Hines Drive. 5 years. Active member-30 years-National Social Studies Association, Michigan Social Studies Association, and Oakland Schools. Dozens of workshops, state conferences, and national conferences. Participant in Wayne RESA-Armenian History workshops. Participant in the University of Michigan History Department workshops.

What motivated you to apply to serve on a board or commission, and why did you select the boards/commissions that you did?*

We saw the opening for a Library Board volunteer in the Novi paper! My love for libraries defines me!

If appointed, what do you hope to accomplish during your term? What do you hope to learn?*

I have a great knowledge of libraries, past and present. I have utilized libraries my whole life and I can offer my enthusiasm, outreach ideas, collection addition, cooperation, collaboration, and I can share ideas and input.

What do you think the City is doing well or could be doing differently when you think about the areas of responsibility for the boards and/or commissions for which you are applying?

I find the library inviting and conducive to studying, research, and learning. I would be very receptive to the ideas, current procedures used, and the expertise of the current Library Board. I am willing to listen and help where needed.

Is there anything else you would for Council to be aware of, or know about you?

I would be friendly, helpful, reasonable, collaborative, and respectful. Public organizations, like libraries, are essential to the culture, focus, and support from the public and library

patrons. Information and outreach are critical to maintaining a strong library system.

1st Choice

Library Board

2nd Choice

3rd Choice

List any additional choices (in order of preference)

Beautification areas of expertise

Board of Review areas of expertise

Building Authority areas of expertise

City Council Cultural Arts Committee

Construction Board of Appeals areas of expertise

Corridor Improvement Authority areas of expertise

Economic Development Corporation areas of expertise

Election Commission areas of expertise

Historical Commission Area of Expertise

Library Board areas of expertise

Novi Resident (Required)

Policymaking/Review

Budget and Finance

Marketing/Public Relations

Customer Service

PRCS areas of expertise

Planning Commission areas of expertise

Public Utilities and Technology Committee

Zoning Board areas of expertise

Signature/Date

Dawn F. Whitehead 12/27/2024