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Council Confirms Reappointment of Jason Freese to DDA



Westland, MI (August 4, 2021) - On Monday, August 2 the Westland City Council approved Mayor Wild's re-appointment of Jason Freese to serve on Westland's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for a four-year term that will expire July 18, 2025.

Freese is the co-owner of Norman's Market, located at 1546 S. Wayne Rd located in the DDA District. He is a graduate from John Glenn High School and his father served on the original DDA board under Mayor Thomas. During his first term on the DDA, Freese was an active participant in many sub-committees, including a Steering Committee which is currently developing a comprehensive strategic plan for Economic Development within the community.

"As a small business owner, Freese brings first hand experience of the needs of the the businesses within the DDA," commented Mayor Wild. "He is enthusiastic about making a different in the community and we are happy to have him continue to serve."

The DDA is governed by an eleven (11) member board appointed by the Mayor and subject to the approval of City Council. Members are appointed to four (4) year terms. Members must reside, work or have ownership interest in property within the DDA District that includes all of Ford Road and Wayne Road south of Ford Road to Glenwood. The DDA promotes and facilitates plans that result in continued development, redevelopment, revitalization and/or reuse of properties within the DDA district boundaries. Regularly scheduled board meetings take place the 4th Thursday of every month at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, 36300 Warren Rd and are open to the public.

If you are interested in serving on a Westland board or commission, you can find a complete list of vacancies, information, requirements and explanations on each and an application on www.cityofwestland.com.

For more information, contact the Mayor's Office at (734) 467-3200.

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Westland has been recognized as one of 24/7 Wall Street's America's Best 50 Cities to Live, offering residents and visitors an ideal blend of single – family affordable homes, apartments and condominiums, great schools, and access to numerous outdoor activities. Public safety is delivered by full-service, professional law enforcement and firefighting personnel.

Westland is well known as a premier destination for shopping and dining in Wayne County with hundreds of shops and restaurants anchored by the Westland Shopping Center, one of the country's original four regional malls.

The City is served by two public school districts. Wayne-Westland Community Schools serving 12,000 youth was recently named one of the best schools in Michigan by WXYZ-TV and is the proud recipient of 14 Golden Apple and two Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Awards. Livonia Public Schools, educating nearly 15,000 students, is proud of their MEAP/MME scores that exceed State averages and the district has also earned Golden Apple and Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School awards.

The City provides competitive incentives for those who are interested in investing in Westland, making it one of the hottest investment markets in the region. Westland's Fast-Track to Business Team, which consists of key decision makers who work diligently to "cut the red tape" and expedite the approval process for new business development.