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CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item E August 25, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval of an Appointment to Youth Council for a vacant position.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk *[Signature]*

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: *[Signature]*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The former student representative, Shashank Swaminathan, has resigned his seat on the Youth Council due to a family relocation. The Commission Interview Committee met on August 18, 2014 and is recommending Daniel Yu for the appointment to the vacant position, with a partial term ending July 1, 2015.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of an Appointment to Youth Council for a vacant position.

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Mayor Gatt				
Mayor Pro Tem Staudt				
Council Member Casey				
Council Member Fischer				

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Council Member Markham				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Wrobel				

**CITY OF NOVI
INTERVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM – NOVI CIVIC CENTER – 45175 TEN MILE ROAD**

Member Casey called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Casey, Fischer, Markham (absent, excused)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Unanimously approved.

Member Casey explained that the purpose of the meeting was to select a student for the vacant position on Youth Council. The students who were being considered were those who hadn't been placed on Youth Council or another Board or Commission after the May 5th interviews earlier in the year.

Stephanie Schuetzler explained that during the previous interviews, Daniel Yu had been considered for placement on Youth Council, but was not recommended because he had too many commitments already. Since May, he has lessened his commitments and now appears to have time to commit to being on Youth Council.

Member Casey said she recalled being impressed by Daniel Yu's interview and would like to recommend he fill the vacant position on Youth Council.

Member Fischer said he wasn't able to be at the interviews in May, but noted he strongly values seeing the interviews because you see how the student interacts and vocalizes their opinion. Sometimes an applicant appears great on paper, but it doesn't always translate in person. He would support the recommendation to place Daniel Yu on Youth Council.

Member Fischer also noted he wanted to look at what Boards and Commissions have a youth representative and which actually utilize that representative. It would take a resolution to make any changes, but he thought it would be worthwhile to look at.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Transcribed by Courtney Hanson

**CITY OF NOVI
INTERVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – NOVI CIVIC CENTER – 45175 TEN MILE ROAD**

Member Casey called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Council Members Casey, Fischer (absent, excused), Markham

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Was unanimously approved with an amendment to include remarks by Council Members prior to interviews.

Council Member remarks:

Member Casey thanked everyone for interviewing. She said it is designed to be an informal meeting with a relaxed atmosphere. She explained the process. Each participant will come forward and speak for three minutes or less to give a personal statement and answer questions.

Member Markham thanked everyone for interviewing. As a member of Council, she cares about those students that attend Northville Schools but live in Novi. She would like them to feel like the part of the Novi Community. She feels Youth Council is by which that gap can be bridged. Both communities have a lot in common. She would like members of Youth Council to reach out to those in other communities.

INTERVIEWS FOR YOUTH COUNCIL AND YOUTH BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES:

- 1) Daniel Yu – He is a freshman at Novi High School and is interviewing for Novi Youth Council. He feels he would be a good candidate because he loves working with others. It comes from a personal experience. When he was young, while on vacation a homeless person came up to him while at Subway. He realized how fortunate he was and it made him feel good to share his food. The person showed happiness. He wants to make more people feel like that. He feels his ability to work with others is one of his strong points. Whether at school or doing activities, he is one to take the lead to help others to manage time and work as a group. If problems arise he likes to help. He has a can-do attitude. He always dedicates his time to a project he starts. He likes to experience everything he can. A goal he would like to achieve, if accepted, is self-awareness programs for drugs, cheating, and the bullying that prevails. He wants to see what he can do to make Novi a better place. He wants to learn the processes and use it later in life. He wants to take away leaderships skills and lifelong skills. He thinks this is an important place to begin to be civically active.