



**Special/Study Session Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, April 17, 2017
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335**

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. Appoint Member to the Farmington Community Library Board**
- 5. Presentation: Downtown Master Plan 2016 Update**
- 8. Other Business**
- 9. Council Comment**
- 10. Adjournment**

**Farmington City Council
Agenda Item**

**Council Meeting
Date: April 17, 2017**

**Item Number
4**

Submitted by:

Melissa Andrade

Agenda Topic:

Appoint Member to the Farmington Community Library Board

Proposed Motion

Move to appoint _____ to the Farmington Community Library Board of Directors for a 4-year term ending June 30, 2021.

Background

At its April 3 Special Council Meeting, Farmington City Council interviewed two candidates for one vacancy on the Farmington Community Library Board of Directors; a 4-year term ending June 30, 2021.

The candidate are:
Cheryl Blau and
James White

Vacancies on other city boards and commissions include:
Farmington Area Arts Commission
Historical Commission
Parking Advisory Committee
Zoning Board of Appeals (alternate)

Materials Attached

The two applications



APPLICATION FOR
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Thank you for your interest in serving the City of Farmington as an appointed public representative.
Applications will be maintained on file for future consideration

Date: 03-24-17

Name: BLAU CHERYL BETH
Last First Middle

Home Address: 23350 CASS AVE., FARMINGTON, MI 48335
Number & Street City Zip

Home Telephone: 248.497.6633 Voting Precinct: _____

Email: cbblau@gmail.com

Employer: NEW MORNING SCHOOL

Business Address: 14501 HAGGERTY RD., PLYMOUTH, MI
Number & Street City Zip

Business Telephone: 734.420.3331

Have you been a resident of Farmington for the past 12 months? YES.

Please state your reasons for volunteering to serve our community as an appointed public representative..

Please see addendum, p.1, attached.

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PREFERENCE(S)

- A. Aging Commission
- B. Arts Commission
- C. Beautification Awards and Committee
- D. Board of Review
- E. Charter Review Committee
- F. Commission on Children, Youth & Families
- G. Construction Board of Appeals
- H. Downtown Development Authority*
- I. Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority
- J. Historical Commission
- K. Library Board of Directors
- L. Planning Commission
- M. Southwestern Oakland County Cable Commission
- N. Traffic & Safety Board
- O. Zoning Board of Appeals

*City of Farmington residency not required

EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT

Univ. of Michigan + Occidental College / BA / 1984.
Name of College/University Degree Year Attained

Occidental College / M.Ed. / 1985.
Name of College/University Degree Year Attained

Univ. of Michigan + Union Institute Graduate School /
Name of Institution/High School Diploma/Certificate Year Attained Ph.D/1993.
Michigan School of Professional Psychology / MA / 2007.
(Degree or advance education is not required for appointment consideration)

EMPLOYMENT/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Please describe your professional qualifications and/or employment experience.

Please see addendum, p. 2, attached.

COMMUNITY/PUBLIC SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Please describe you previous experience with community-based organizations or other volunteer activities.

Please see addendum, p. 3, attached.

SPECIAL SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Please describe any special skills, abilities, talents, etc., that you are willing to share.

Please see addendum, p.3, attached.

Cheryl Blau

Applicant signature

Please attach any additional pages or documents and return completed application to:

City of Farmington
c/o City Manager's Office
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, Michigan 48335
(248) 474-5500 extension 2221

Library Board Application Addendum: Dr. Cheryl Blau

REASON FOR APPLYING

Please state your reasons for volunteering to serve our community as an appointed public representative.

I have been a Farmington/Farmington Hills resident for over 40 years now. Throughout these decades, I have taken full advantage of the many services provided by our two public libraries.

- During high school, college, and graduate school, the librarians assisted me in locating the resources I needed for my research, while the libraries provided me access to technological tools I did not have at home.
- In my work as a K-8 teacher over the past 30 years, I have borrowed many nonfiction books from our Farmington and Farmington Hills libraries on topics my students and I have studied along with novels for students with particular interests and tastes.
- As a parent, I have borrowed many helpful books on child development and parenting as well as having enjoyed bringing my children to activities at the library when they were young.

Now that my children are nearly grown, I would like to devote some of my time, energy, and expertise to ensuring that these resources continue to be available for the members of our two communities.

EMPLOYMENT/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Please describe your professional qualifications and/or employment experience.

I have been a K-8 teacher for 30 years in both public, private, charter, and parochial schools. I have particular expertise in community building, program and curriculum development and implementation, creative application of instructional technologies, and the neuroscience behind how the brain learns. I have also had a lot of experience providing staff development and giving presentations on topics including classroom management, giftedness, differentiating for learning challenges (ADD, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Sensory Integration, etc.), parenting, and helping children cope with stress and anxiety.

In addition to a BA in Education and Liberal Arts, I have an MEd in Instructional Technologies, a PhD in Educational Leadership, and an MA in Clinical and Humanistic Psychology. Along with my full-time classroom teaching, I have also taught courses at both the University of Detroit-Mercy and Oakland Community College, participated in the Excellence in Teaching program at Oakland Schools, and helped write curriculum for Oakland Schools. Earlier in my career, I was a consultant for the "Cable in the Classroom" project, during which time I worked with educators and school districts throughout Southeast Michigan to help them utilize what was then cutting-edge technology as a springboard to enriched student learning in their classrooms. I also wrote the first K-6 Keyboarding Curriculum for Southfield Public Schools and coauthored the district's first K-12 Computer Curriculum.

Although teaching is my passion, I have also worked as an LLP psychologist, providing counseling to children, families, couples, and individuals.

COMMUNITY/PUBLIC SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Please describe your previous experience with community-based organizations or other volunteer activities.

I am a proud member of the Warner Mansion Warnerettes Parasol Drill Team in downtown Farmington. I have been a member of this wonderful group for three or four years now and have taken the initiative to serve as the "Warnerettes Welcomer," holding get-to-know-you teas and extra rehearsals for people who are new to the group or who may be interested in joining. This has helped us gain new members and retain current members.

I have also done quite a bit of work for the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, writing and then teaching a four-lesson interactive curriculum on the Jewish history of Michigan and Detroit to students in grades 4-6 throughout the state. I also volunteered to serve as a Cub Scout Den Leader when there were more boys that year who wanted to join than could fit in the one den already established at Longacre Elementary School.

ADDITIONAL ATTRIBUTES

Please describe any special skills, abilities, talents, etc., that you are willing to share.

I have strong communication, conflict resolution, and consensus building skills. As a classroom teacher at New Morning School to students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8, these are skills I use successfully in my work each and every day. Most importantly, I am able to help people develop relationships with one another based upon mutual trust and respect, which then enables them to come to the table with an open mind, recognize what we agree upon, and begin to craft a mutually beneficial plan from this foundation.

In addition, I am cheerful, friendly, optimistic, creative, energetic, enthusiastic, fun, and not easily frustrated. When I am working with students, teachers, family members, neighbors, or any group of people and we try but fail, we get up and keep on trying until we find a solution that works for all parties involved. I would be honored to use my skills and energy to help our libraries continue to thrive in the coming years.

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BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

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Last First Middle

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Number & Street City Zip

Home Telephone: _____ Voting Precinct: _____

Employer: _____

Business Address: _____
Number & Street City Zip

Business Phone: _____

Have you been a resident of Farmington for the past 12 months? yes no

Please state your reasons for volunteering to serve our community as an appointed public representative.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PREFERENCE(S)

Mayoral Appointments

- A. Children, Youth & Families
- B. Downtown Development Authority *
- C. Retirement System Board of Trustees
- D. Planning Commission
- E. Commission on the Environment

Council Appointments

- F. Construction Board of Appeals *
- G. Farmington Community Library
- H. Special Assessment Deferred Payment Review Committee
- I. Traffic and Safety Board
- J. Board of Review
- K. Board of Canvassers
- L. Board of Zoning Appeals
- M. Commission on Aging
- N. Arts Commission
- O. Historical Commission
- P. Friends of Civic Theatre Committee *

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EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Name of College/University	Degree	Year Attained
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Name of Institution/High School	Diploma/Certificate	Year Attained
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Please bring any additional documents when you make your first visit.

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