



March 28, 2016

Mike Williams
President, Hammond City Council
P.O. Box 2788
Hammond, LA 70404-2788

Re: Nominations for Hammond Downtown Development District (HDDD) Authority Vacancies

Dear Mr. Williams:

According to the Downtown Development Authority's enabling legislation, "Three of the members shall be appointed from lists of nominees submitted by each of the six largest assessed property owners within the district." The two vacant seats on the Board are two of those three appointments.

As determined by the Tangipahoa Parish Assessor's Office, the six largest assessed property owners are as follows:

1. First Guaranty Bank
2. First NBC
3. Whitney Bank
4. Bellsouth Telecommunications
5. Regions Bank
6. Investar Bank

To qualify for nomination, the legislation requires that:

All taxes and licenses of all nominees as well as those placing names in nomination must be current. Each member of the DDD Authority shall own property in the district or shall be a business owner within the district, or be an officer of a corporation or other business entity owning property in the district and shall be a registered voter in Tangipahoa Parish.

From among the nominations submitted to the Downtown Development District Board, the following meet this criteria:

- Walton Greer, Whitney Bank
- Theresa Harris, First NBC
- Michael Norman, Investar Bank
- Bruce O'Krepki, Square 71
- Tim San Fillippo, 5 Stones Media
- Jonathan Wong, Cate Street Seafood

After reviewing the nominations, the DDD Board would like to recommend the appointment of Bruce O'Krepki and Jonathan Wong (bios attached). Both of these individuals have expressed a strong interest in serving on the Board and we believe that as business and property owners within the DDD, both gentlemen would serve the DDD very well.

Thank you for your role in this process and your continued support of the Downtown Development District.

Please contact me at (985) 351-5111 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melody Woodworth".

Melody Woodworth
Executive Director

Bruce O'Krepki

Age 56

Married Geri Hoffer O'Krepki

Children Max 26
Gus 23
Molly 22
Bruce (deceased)

Education De La Salle High School, New Orleans 1977
University of New Orleans 1978-1981
Southeastern Louisiana University B.A. 2009

Work 35 years experience
Developer

Organizations

City Club of Hammond
Board Member of Oak Knoll Country Club
Hammond Area Running Club

Athletic Achievements

High School State Baseball Championship 1977
Completed a 26.2 mile marathon in all 50 states
Completed the Ironman Triathlon Championship in Hawaii 2004

Currently developing the Square 71 project at the corner of W Morris Ave and SW Railroad Ave. This will be a mixed use development to include commercial and residential spaces. Expected completion is early summer of 2016.

Jonathan Wong is an alumni and Restaurateur from the Great City of Hammond. He grew up in The Trey Yuen Family Restaurant Business, where he learned the foundation of hard work and culture. Through college he was a dishwasher, bus boy, cashier, fry guy, sushi chef, and an active dj and event promoter.

Since graduating he has been involved in Cate Street Seafood Station (est. 2004) and The Boston Restaurant (est. 2012). Everyday he is "all hands in" with his team, family, and Great City of Hammond.