

**Oakland Drive/Winchell Neighborhood Association  
Board of Directors Election Questionnaire**



This questionnaire is intended for use in helping the ODWNA board establish the candidate election slate as well as informing Association voting members of your interest in becoming a board member. This will be your best tool for telling the neighborhood why you would like to be an ODWNA board member. **The information provided below will be distributed to voting members of the Association with their ballots so that they might contact the applicant to learn more about them.**

**Contact Information:**

Name: Chris Shook

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(will be provided to voting members)

Education: Bachelor of Music – WMU, Master of Music – NMU, Certificates of Completion from the Institute of Real Estate Management

Occupation: Executive Employer: Jim Gilmore, Jr. Foundation

BOARD POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR: vice president

1) What are your reason(s) for wanting to serve on the ODWNA board?

To offer to help with neighborhood issues so that the neighborhood continues to be a good looking, vibrant, safe and clean place for all to enjoy and so that neighbors can feel "at home" when they arrive within our boundaries. By serving I wish to encourage all to participate in the good will created by our website, speaker series, car show and clean up days.

2) Please give your background, experience, or expertise, which you feel will be of value to the ODWNA.

I have served on many municipal, church, real estate and other boards and committees (see resume) for 50 years that have given me the experience of working with a boards and membership organizations in an efficient, sincere and industrious manner.

3) How could the ODWNA better meet the needs of the people living in our neighborhood?

Continue to advocate for the advancement of the Neighborhood Plan into the future by working with the City of Kalamazoo and other governmental units (Kal County, the DEQ, the DNR) and private groups such as the Nature Center, Bike Friendly Kalamazoo. The board could explore/study the option of becoming a IRS recognized 501(c)(3) to be able to receive government and private grants for neighborhood improvements etc.

4) Are there any specific neighborhood and/or city issues that you feel the ODWNA needs to become more involved in?

Work with City and Consumers Energy to review/study placing electric lines and transformers underground.

Investigate beautification money that may be available from the City for enhancement plantings such as trees, bushes, shrub barriers, flowers, etc.

5) List other community boards, clubs, organizations, etc., to which you now belong or have belonged in the past.

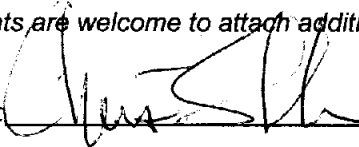
see list in resume

6) Have you received, read, understand, and agree to meet the criteria/expectations of an ODWNA board member if elected?

Yes.

*\* Applicants are welcome to attach additional information such as a current resume, if available.*

Signature



Date:

3-16-2023

## Resume

Christopher J. Shook



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### Education

Bachelor of Music, Western Michigan University, 1973  
Master of Music, Northern Michigan University 1975  
Continuing Ed, Institute of Real Estate Mgmt. 1988 to 1991

### Experience Business

Jim Gilmore, Jr. Foundation, *President* 2012 to 2023  
Gilmore Broadcasting Corporation,  
*Executive Vice President* 1989 to 2012  
Gilmore Enterprises,  
*Assistant Vice President Real Estate* 1984 to 1989  
Jim Gilmore Enterprises,  
*Maintenance and Buildings* 1974 to 1984

### Experience Music

Bass Trombone, Kalamazoo Symphony 1971 to 1973  
Second Trombone, Grand Rapids Symphony 1975 to 1985  
Second Trombone, Kalamazoo Symphony 1986 to 1988  
Principal Trombone, Kalamazoo Symphony 1988 to 1990  
Principal Trombone, Battle Creek Symphony 1990 to 2020

### Experience Philanthropy and Board Service

Kalamazoo DDA Parking Committee	1989 to 2020
Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated, Chair (3yrs)	1995 to 2018
Downtown Development Authority, Chair (5yrs) (term-limited plus an extra 1 yr, Mayor's request)	2004 to 2013
Kalamazoo Downtown Partnership, Chair	2018 to 2020
Kalamazoo Cultural Center (Epic Ctr), Chair	1999 to 2023
Stulberg International String Competition, Chair (2yrs)	2011 to 2020
Fontana Chamber Arts, Treas (2yrs) Chair (5yrs)	2016 to 2023
Oakland Drive Winchell Neighborhood Assn. V. Pres.	1988 to 2023
American Federation of Musicians, Local 228, Pres.	2018 to 2023
International Trombone Association, Sec/Treas	2008 to 2023
New Year's Fest, Board member	1998 to 2023

*Where Chair is indicated also meant service on all sub committees such as finance, marketing, nominating, executive.*

### Other Affiliations and Philanthropic Activities

St. Thomas More Real Estate Steering Committee to build new sanctuary and educational building serving 9 years, 3 as Chair	1998 to 2007
CEO Council (Successor to CGA)	1995 to 1997
St. Augustine Cathedral Music Committee	intermittent
Rotary Club of Kalamazoo	since 2000
Fontana Investment Council	2016 to 2023
Kalamazoo Cultural Center Capital Campaign	2022 to 2023
Member of St. Augustine Cathedral Parish	since 1982

### Personal Bio Information

Married to Katherine Kelly Shook. They have three grown children and one grandchild.

Moved to Sheffield Drive May of 1986 adding on to their house in 1992. Chris loves where he lives in the Winchell Neighborhood.

Retired from symphonic performing, Chris enjoys performing with a quartet of local musicians.

He is also member/manager of the Shook Family, LLC which owns a 260 farm and other assets that he owns with his siblings.

In his spare time he enjoys being with family, neighbors and friends as well as reading of history and a special place in his heart for vacationing at Glen Lake.