



Brighton City Council Meeting

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Regular Meeting
January 5, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call
4. Consider approval of the agenda
5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of Minutes: [study session of December 15, 2022](#)
- b. Approval of Minutes: [regular meeting of December 15, 2022](#)

Correspondence

6. Call to the public
7. Staff updates
8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

New Business

9. [Consider approval of appointments to the Brighton Arts and Cultural Commission and the Downtown Development Authority](#)
10. Consider Entering into Closed Session to Receive a Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communication Pursuant to section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(h)

Other Business

11. Call to the public
12. Adjournment



City Council Study Session

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MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON DECEMBER 28, 2022

1. Call to Order

Mayor Tobbe called the study session to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Tobbe, Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, Councilmembers: Albert, Emaus, Gardner, Gipson (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), and Pettengill.

Staff Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, Finance Director Liz Gaines, DPS Director Marcel Goch, DPW Superintendent Daren Collins, DPW Superintendent Brad Schrader, Deputy DPS Director Corey Brooks, Assistant to the DPW Director Patty Thomas, DPS Clerk Traci Mularoni, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Deputy Chief Craig Flood. There were approximately seven people in the audience.

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to excuse Councilmember Gipson for personal reasons. **The motion carried, 6-0**

3. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried without objection (6-0).**

4. Call to the Public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:31 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke regarding an agenda item.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 6:35 p.m.

5. Discussion: DPW project update

The DPW team discussed and provided updates on various project statuses throughout the city.

6. Call to the Public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 7:21 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke regarding an agenda item.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 7:23 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. **The motion carried without objection (7-0).**



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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2022

1. Call to order

Mayor Tobbe called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll call

Present were Mayor Tobbe, Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, Councilmembers: Albert, Emaus, Gardner, Gipson, and Pettengill.

Staff Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, Finance Director Liz Gaines, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, DPS Director Marcel Goch, DPW Superintendent Daren Collins, DPW Superintendent Brad Schrader, Deputy DPS Director Corey Brooks, Assistant to the DPW Director Patty Thomas, DPS Clerk Traci Mularoni, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Deputy Chief Craig Flood. There were approximately seven people in the audience.

4. Consider approval of the agenda

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Albert to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes: regular meeting of December 1, 2022

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 7:33 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

7. Staff updates

Clerk Brown relayed her experience during the recent election recount at the county noting it is a very tedious process but was a great opportunity for election workers to participate.

Director Goch provided updates to various infrastructure and planning for 2023.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

City Council wished all a happy holiday season.

Councilmember Gardner provided an update on Livingston County pet licensing and Brighton Arts and Culture Commission updates. A question was posed regarding two sculptures, Metropolis and Decision Pending.

Councilmember Pettengill noted the December 8, 2022, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting heard two variance requests.

Discussion

9. Brighton Area Fire Authority Lease Agreement

City Council, staff, and the city attorney discussed an extended lease agreement with the Brighton Area Fire Authority.

New Business

10. Consider approval of Resolution #2022-28 to Accept Contract No. 22-5115 Between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Brighton for the pedestrian crossing signs and light-emitting-diode (LED) borders on Main Street from North First to South West Street for the Main Street Streetscape Project.

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve of resolution #2022-28 to accept contract no. 22-5115 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Brighton for the pedestrian crossing signs and light-emitting-diode (LED) borders on Main Street from North First to South West Street for the Main Street Streetscape Project. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

11. Consider Approve of the construction engineering services proposal from Giffels-Webster for the Main Street Watermain Project for a cost of \$96,000

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to approve of the construction engineering services proposal from Giffels-Webster for the Main Street Watermain Project for a cost of \$96,000 and associated budget amendments. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

12. Consider approval of appointments to the Board of Review

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve of the reappointments to the Board of Review. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

13. Acceptance of the transmittal of pension and OPEB reporting under Public Act 202 of 2017

14. Consider Entering into Closed Session to Receive a Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communication Pursuant to section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(h)

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to enter into closed session to receive a written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(h) at 8:04 p.m. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Albert to come out of closed session at 8:26 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to instruct the city attorney to proceed as discussed in closed session. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

15. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 8:27 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

16. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. **The motion carried (7-0).**



City of Brighton

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER TO CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 5, 2022

SUBJECT: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE BRIGHTON ARTS AND CULTURAL COMMISSION AND THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

- The Brighton Arts and Cultural Commission consists of five members including a council member liaison. The city has received two applications to fill two vacancies on the board. Neither applicant has served on this board in the past, please see letters of interest attached.
- The Downtown Development Authority consists of thirteen members. The city has received three applications to fill one vacancy on the board. The applicants have not served on this board in the past, please see letters of interest attached.

Prepared by: Tara Brown, City Clerk

Approved by: Gretchen Gomolka, City Manager

Attachments: Letters of Interest
Resumes

Michelle Miller

From: Rob Demilner <rdemilner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 4:43 PM
To: Michelle Miller
Subject: Art & Culture

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Hi Michelle

Thank you for taking time to meet with me last week answering my questions regarding the vacancy on Brighton's Art and Culture Commission.

As I mentioned, I was thought about putting my name in for consideration a few years ago but work and travel would have interfered. That situation has changed and I'd like to put my name in hat as the saying goes.

All of the changes that are planned for Brighton in the next couple years makes the Arts Commission an exciting group be involved with.

I will send you a resume, but briefly my career was as a Media Producer directing documentaries, producing TV commercials, and new academic media for the classroom. This was done at PBS/Detroit, Doner Advertising, and the University of Michigan. I think my background could compliment the others you mentioned already on the commission.

Please advise next steps.

Thank you
Rob DeMilner

Michelle Miller

From: Rob Demilner <rdemilner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:45 AM
To: Michelle Miller
Subject: Re: Art & Culture

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Rob DeMilner
335 S First St. Brighton, Mich 48116
rdemilner@yahoo.com
cell: 248-779-3808

Education. Eastern Michigan University. Degree in TV and Film Production.
University of Michigan. Graduate Screenwriting classes

Work History:

Media Consultant, Language Resource Center at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

- Work with faculty to create new media for the classroom and online;
- Teach video production workshops; serve on technology committees.
- Directed 2 historical documentaries in Europe for the University. Most recent (2017) was *The Birth of the Spanish Language*. It was shot in Madrid, Toledo, and Seville, Spain.

Executive Producer. Doner / Leo Burnett Advertising, Southfield, Mich.

- Produce TV commercials for local and national clients: Mazda, Coca Cola, BP, Red Roof Inn, Minute Maid....
- Highlights: 4 Cadillac commercials shown on the Super Bowl, 2002-2008

WTVS PBS Detroit Camera / Editor

- Shoot and edit documentaries, floor director for in studio productions.

Michigan Council of the Arts,

- Awarded grant to direct film on Art inside Jackson Prison.

Another World aired on PBS and numerous film festivals including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC

On Monday, December 5, 2022, 03:52:27 PM EST, Michelle Miller <millerm@brightoncity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon, Rob!

I will ensure the meeting minutes are posted this week. I wanted to let you know that the mayor is going to put the appointment on the December 15, 2022 meeting. I want to let you know that your resume is not attached to the email you sent, it happens to be a blank page. Will you please forward it to me again?

Thank you,

Michelle

Michelle R. Miller

Human Resources Manager

City of Brighton

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From: Rob Demilner <rdemilner@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 3:50 PM

October 21, 2022

Michelle Miller
(810) 225-9251
millerm@brightoncity.org

Dear Ms. Miller:

I'd like very much to be considered for the position on the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission. I have lived in the city of Brighton for just over ten years and enjoyed every moment of it. From the sculptures scattered throughout the city to the festivals held each year, I have enjoyed and participated in all of our community's cultural opportunities. With experience in both the property management field and the arts and crafts community, I believe I am uniquely qualified and excited to be a part of Brighton's Arts and Culture Commission.

My nearly two decades of professional experience in property management allows me to see Brighton's arts and culture with an understanding of how those things can affect the city financially. My many years of arts and craft show involvement allows me to understand the importance of artistic influence within a community.

1. Nearly two decades of balancing budgets and making marketing decisions for multi million dollar properties
2. Seventeen years of looking at properties with an eye for detail that increased both the livability for our residents and profitability for our owners
3. Eight years of direct arts and craft show involvement in such shows as Plymouth's Art in the Park and Milford Memories taught me to find the right product for the community in which the show was held
4. Many more years of assisting my mother in her stained glass business and my mother in law in her painting taught me the value of art within a community
5. Graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in marketing taught me to find the logic in making business decisions

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to further discuss how the Arts and Culture Commission and I would mutually benefit from a collaboration. My phone number is (248) 798-8275 and my email is paigelambertus@gmail.com. I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Paige M Mahakian

Paige M. Mahakian

728 Spencer Road, Brighton, MI 48116

Telephone (248) 798-8275

Email paigelambertus@gmail.com

Professional Experience

Spencer Street Canine Treats, Brighton, MI 2014 to present
Owner

Achievements

- Day to day management of gourmet dog treat business including sales planning, marketing, quotations, and bulk pricing negotiations
- Participation in Michigan art shows throughout the year to increase sales, create new customer relations and drive traffic to website
- Created marketing programs to drive traffic to website and increase net operating income
- Effectively manage social media platforms to increase interest in company, attendance at art shows, and sales through website

Beztak Properties, Farmington Hills, MI 2012-2013
Regional Director

Achievements

- Managed a portfolio of four luxury apartment communities totaling over 1000 apartments in southeast Michigan
- Worked with property managers at all four properties to create and meet occupancy and budgetary goals
- Assisted property managers in the writing of annual budgets and five year business plans
- Worked with on site teams of apartment communities to create best possible experience for residents
- Wrote recommendations for company with regards to exploration of business opportunities in third party management

Aldingbrooke Apartments, West Bloomfield, MI 2010-2012
General Manager

Achievements

- Managed 667 apartments, townhomes and condominiums on 140 acres
- Increased the net operating income of property by \$2.3 million in two years
- Hired, trained, and motivated a team of 25 employees to provide residents with the best possible rental experience
- Mentored team members throughout the company portfolio
- Worked with vendors to facilitate the best pricing and quickest service possible
- Created annual budget and five year forecasting reports
- Worked closely with marketing department to increase occupancy rates
- Created events and fundraisers at property to increase resident involvement and retention

Citation Club Apartments, Farmington Hills, MI 2002-2010
Property Manager

Achievements

- Managed 600 apartments in luxury apartment community on 70 acres
- Exceeded budgeted net operating income annually by at least 2%
- Facilitated excellent resident relations, resulting in less than 20% turnover of rental properties annually
- Created marketing programs to increase interest in property and rental rates
- Hired and trained a team of 18 employees to provide residents with unprecedented service
- Maintained large community center comprised of 10,000 square foot clubhouse, full gym, indoor and outdoor pools and hot tubs, dry heat sauna and locker rooms
- Created resident functions and community fundraisers to increase resident involvement and retention

Fairmont Park Apartments, Farmington Hills, MI 1999-2002
Property Manager

Achievements

- . Managed 377 apartments in mid-sized community in Oakland County
- . Maintained over 100 acres of landscaping, pool, tennis courts and walking trail
- . Hired, trained, mentored and motivated a team of 10 employees
- . Worked with vendors and contractors to supply the best service possible at the lowest price

Education

Walsh College
Bachelor of Business Administration (2014)
Graduated Cum Laude

References Available upon request

July 21, 2022

City of Brighton, MI
200 N. First St.
Brighton, MI 48116

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to submit my résumé for consideration for the upcoming City of Brighton Downtown Development Authority Board positions. I reviewed the Facebook post and heard the notice at the most recent DDA meeting on July 19, 2022.

I am a lifelong resident of the Brighton area and have lived in Genoa Township most of that time. My wife, Natalie, and I own two businesses on Main St.: Buckley Jolley Real Estate Team and Wallflower Mercantile. We are co-owners of the building located at 312 W. Main St. which is currently being redeveloped for our businesses and a Main St. fronting restaurant TBD.

I have been a local real estate broker for over 25 years with experience volunteering on state and local boards for our real estate trade organization, serving as chair or president on many of those. I am very comfortable with parliamentary procedure, the details of committees, tasks, projects, budgets, big ideas that benefit the organization, and working together with other members for a common good.

Over the past 2 ½ years, I have also taken a high interest in the City of Brighton's upcoming Streetscape project, attending nearly every formal and informal public meeting. I have a great respect for the work and effort it has taken to get to the current status of the project.

We are proud Lifetime Members of the Brighton Area Historical Society and we donate \$5 for every historical business t-shirt sold at Wallflower Mercantile to BAHS. Honoring the history of the community is an important factor in molding the future of the community.

Having lived in the Brighton area my whole life and owning businesses and a building on Main St., I believe I could bring a unique perspective to the DDA, if appointed. As a new member, I would take time to understand the dynamics of the group and appreciate the historical knowledge and experience other board members offer.

I loved Brighton in 1977 and I love the downtown even more today. I am excited to see the upcoming improvements and necessary smart growth for this desirable community.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if I should supply additional information.

Sincerely,

Todd Buckley

810.599.5880 - todd@buckleyjolley.com

TODD BUCKLEY

As a lifelong Brighton area resident and longtime business owner, I am looking for a new volunteer opportunity to serve my community.

CONTACT

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810.229.7000 office

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todd@buckleyjolley.com

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Brighton, MI 48116
(314 W. Main St. in November 2022)

HOME ADDRESS:
5171 Walnut Hills Dr.
Brighton, MI 48116

WEBSITES:
www.BuckleyJolley.com
www.WallflowerMercantile.com
www.NorthManitouLightKeepers.org

EXPERIENCE

Buckley Jolley Real Estate Team – Broker/Owner

2004 - Present

Built and managed a start-up independent real estate company. In addition to managing the team, I work with both home sellers and buyers with their sales, oversee marketing and client appreciation events, coordinate economic forecasting, company finances and budgets, and work on business development. And like any other small business owner, I do whatever needs to be done.

Wallflower Mercantile – Member/Owner

2021- Present

Assisted with a start-up retail shop, work on special projects and business development, and helped implement festival presence for the shop.

Keller Williams Realty & Griffith Realty – Associate Broker

1997-2004

Assisted home sellers and buyers with home selling/buying process.

VOLUNTEER WORK, COMMITTEES, BOARDS, & LEADERSHIP

North Manitou Light Keepers – Founding Member

2016-Present

Working to restore an offshore (Lake Michigan) lighthouse to its former grandeur while building a team of volunteers and giving tours to both members and guests. Also served as Treasurer and assist with grant applications and implementation of this non-profit organization.

BSA Troop 350, Brighton – Asst. Scoutmaster & Merit Badge Counselor

2017-Present

Support the troop with rank advancement, merit badge completion, high adventure trip planning, and mentorship.

Michigan Realtors – Public Policy Committee Member and Chairperson

2017-2021

Worked with staff to support private property rights and encourage sensible legislation in Michigan. Served as Chairperson in 2020 assisting staff in communication with the Governor's office to have Realtors released in the first wave of the COVID shutdown.

Livingston County Association of Realtors – Board of Directors

2002-2009 & 2013-2017

Served as President of the local trade organization in 2009 & 2016 and as Treasurer in 2006 & 2007. Represented 700 Realtor members with local, state, and federal real estate related issues and policy. Also served on the following committees: Finance, Professional Standards, Grievance, Forms, and Education. LCAR Realtor of the Year 2006 & 2017.

SELCRA, Hamburg Rush Soccer, Brighton Blaze Baseball

2003-2014

Volunteer coach for soccer and baseball.

EDUCATION

Michigan State University

1991-1996

Bachelor of Science Degree - College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Dean's List. President of the student organization for undergraduate major.

Michael Caruso

From: Kelly Haataja
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 1:07 PM
To: Michael Caruso
Subject: FW: DDA Board Position
Attachments: Larscheid, Kenneth DDA.doc

From: Running Lab <ken@runninglabstore.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 1:06 PM
To: Kelly Haataja <HaatajaK@BrightonCity.org>
Subject: DDA Board Position

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Hello,

I want to express my interest in running for the DDA board. Please see attached resume. My business is located at 409 W. Main St within the DDA district.

Thanks,

Ken Larscheid
Owner - Running Lab
Vice President Running Industry Association

Kenneth J. Larscheid

409 W Main St ♦ Brighton, MI 48116 ♦ (810) 986-0756 ♦ ken@runninglabstore.com

DDA BOARD MEMBER

Profile Summary

Innovative manager with excellent leadership abilities, skilled at building teams and leading change in competitive environments. Critical thinker and decision-maker with strong problem-solving and organizational skills. Ability to smoothly manage complex and conflicting needs in a dynamic environment. Excel at taking other's perspectives while maintaining the broader picture to reach a successful conclusion.

Accomplished business development strategist with success growing revenues and implementing continuous improvement. Utilize consensus-building strengths to form collaborative internal partnerships and sustainable client relationships to bring about success. Proficient at reducing cost, improving service levels and utilizing resources to meet deadlines. **Computer Skills:** MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher.

Core Competencies

Operations Management
Account Management
Sales Forecasting
Customer Relations

Marketing | Promotions
Inventory Management
Social Media | Online Store
Staff Supervision | Development

Vendor Relations
Purchasing
Retail Sales
Merchandising

Professional Experience

Taste of Brighton Board Member ♦ Brighton, MI

2021 - present

Plan and execute marketing for the Taste of Brighton festival and Ladies Night Out Events. Acquire sponsorship and participation for both events.

Running Lab ♦ Brighton, MI

Owner | Manager ♦ 2011 to present

Manage store operations, inventory, marketing and promotions, and buying. Supervise and train employees. Work closely with vendors. Oversee the website, product launches, online store and social media.

Accomplishments:

- ▲ Expanded to a 4400 sq ft location in 2021.
- ▲ Named a Top 50 running store in the U.S. 2012, 2020, and 2021.
- ▲ Vice President Running Industry Association representing 160 retailers

New Balance Athletic Shoe ♦ Boston, MS

Elite Sales Representative ♦ 2007 to 2010

Apparel Sales Representative ♦ 2005 to 2007

Managed a territory in Michigan selling to running stores, including shoes, apparel and accessories. Managed a tri-state territory selling running apparel from 2005-2007. Managed accounts, including providing a superior level of customer service. Conducted sales forecasting.

Accomplishments:

- ▲ 2009: Elite Sales Representative of the Year (achieved highest increase in shoes and apparel).
- ▲ Consistently exceeded sales goals.

New Balance Fox Valley | North Shore ♦ Appleton, WI | Chicago, IL

Assistant Manager ♦ 2003 to 2005

Supervised and trained 5-12 sales associates. Purchased inventory. Developed sales goals and forecasted sales. Created merchandising displays. Provided outstanding customer service.



El Arbol Taqueria

Steve Pilon
Owner

140 W Main St
Brighton, MI 48116
810-522-6750
Steve.pilon@yahoo.com

12.12.22

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to officially submit my interest for the open DDA board position for the City of Brighton.

I feel that my commitment and passion to the community and my past PSD board experience this would be a good match.

We have a great line up of small businesses downtown and I believe we need a voice to showcase them all.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions

Steve Pilon

STEPHEN MARK PILON

Chef/Entrepreneur

Professional chef with over 30 years of experience in international cuisine. Capable of supervising and motivating staff to perform to the best of their abilities across every service.

Experience

2019 - Current

Owner - *El Arbol Taqueria*

Co-own a very authentic Mexican restaurant with my daughter. We have had double digit growth since we opened in 2019. Annual food and beverage revenue is 2 million dollars

2011 - 2021

Owner/Chef – *The Wooden Spoon*

Oversaw all operations of food and beverage for a very popular and successful restaurant including the original construction build out. We had a staff of 35 people and annual revenue of 1.8 million

2003 - 2011

Executive Chef - *Oak Pointe Country Club*

Over saw all aspects of the culinary operations for private member dining and banquets. Stayed on with the company when the clubhouse burned down and became food and beverage director as well. Was also a traveling culinary advisor for ClubCorp and aided other clubs within the company. Annual food and beverage revenue of 2.6 million

Education

1990-1993

Associates of Science Culinary Arts

Schoolcraft College

*World Culinary Olympics 1992

*Certified Executive Chef 2007

Skills

- Creativity
- Leadership
- Organization
- Problem solving
- Teamwork

Contact

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