

# City names Cowley to DDA post

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Greg Cowley, a partner with Cowley's Old Village Inn on Grand River, was appointed Monday to serve on the Farmington Downtown Development Authority.

City Council members made the appointment to fill the position vacated by President Ron Oglesby. Oglesby cited health and family concerns and said he wants to devote more time to his law practice.

Though at the end of his term - his last meeting was Feb. 8 - Oglesby remained an active advocate for the organization.

"Ron Oglesby recruited me," Greg said after the meeting.

A Wilmarth subdivision resident, Greg is a partner in the new restaurant with his brothers Mike and Pat.

He also works as a sales director for National Account Services in Dearborn, which does outsourcing for human resources, benefits and payroll.

His parents John and Marie purchased the restaurant in 1970.

The family completely rebuilt the restaurant and bar, which is scheduled to open in time for St. Patrick's Day. Having made such a substantial investment in the downtown area, Cowley is eager to participate on the DDA board.

"The National Main Street Program really attracted me," Greg said.

He referred to a three-year technical services grant which will help guide redevelopment of the downtown area.

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The grant was received last year through Oakland County's Main Street program.

Greg believes his daytime

marketing expertise can also be directed toward "selling" the City of Farmington.

Greg is married to Maureen, who is an assistant manager at Cowley's.

They have three sons, Sean, 21, a Purdue University student, Timothy, 19, a student at Kalamazoo College and Brendan, 16, a sophomore at Catholic Central.

Several people were interviewed for Oglesby's position. They included Skip Rosenthal, owner of Books Abound on Grand River; Julie Grippo, owner of The Baby Studio in the Village Mall at Grand River and Farmington roads; and Paul Beyers, an attorney in downtown Farmington.

Officials are also still taking

applications for former DDA board member Bob Heinrich's position. Heinrich, president and CEO of Metrobank on Grand River, resigned from the DDA at the end of the Feb. 4 meeting.

He cited time constraints as the reason for his resignation. He was appointed chairman of the Michigan Bankers Association last June.

A state trade association, MBA lobbies at the state and federal level for legislative change in the banking industry and provides other services to members.

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