



# City of Hamtramck

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**Beautification Commission  
December 8th, 2022; 6:00PM  
HenriettaHaus 8609 Joseph Campau**

**1. Call to order**

Rumana called to order at: 6:15

**2. Roll call (2 Minutes)**

Rumana Rahman, Julie Sailus, Sean Coté, Alatheia Reese, Glafira Gordon in attendance; None absent; Max Gilganis from city

**3. Public Comment (3 minutes limited to Beautification Commission issues)**

Opened for public comment at 6:16

- Natalie Jakub, Green Living Science Executive Director; chairs a committee for Detroit city council
- Max has a draft of a Trash and Litter Report to the DDA, highlighting the need to replace trash cans on Joseph Campau with recycling
- Max said we'll return to Twila's rest stop to debut by her birthday on May 21

**4. Approval of Minutes (2 Minutes)**

**Minutes of October 6th meeting**

Sean motion to approve, Rumana seconded; all in favor, none opposed

**SECTION I: AGENDA ITEMS – For Discussion/Action/Information**

**1. Commission Chair Update and other Commission Business**

- Business
- Peter resigned from the commission
- Rumana said that she would like to have a co-chair, or to step down if two others would like to take over
- Julie clarified that we have two open seats now
- Rumana mentioned we are still opened to advisors as well, if someone is interested in joining in the work without becoming a commissioner
- We need to send the agenda to the city to publish at least three days before the meeting
- Next meeting is on the 1/5

**2. Recycling - Next Steps**

- Max said from the city perspective we need to solve trash first

- Natalie said that by bringing a new program in it can disrupt the status quo and get people to think more
  - City of Detroit launched a pilot program in four neighborhoods with a drop off center
  - The current program is opt-in, for free with education, \$25 to join without
  - Green Living Science/Detroit renew a specific grant application each year for funding and it's granted each time
  - Michigan Recycling Coalition and RRS have been good support
  - Part 115 was just passed and will inform how counties will handle their waste and create solid waste management plans
  - 20 ambassadors throughout Detroit go door-to-door and to events sign people up and educate them
  - EGLE has tire scrap grants
  - Detroit has a weekly hazardous waste drop-off, the county has a few different spots
  - Wayne county CLEAN program
- Rumana asked about how to prioritizing grants
- Natalie said
  - Start small
  - The bigger grants require a highly developed plan
  - Start with The Recycling Partnership
  - Do a pilot program
  - Opt-in can lower contamination issues
  - Detroit is going to pilot an opt-out
- Max noted from the city perspective, we don't have the money to pay people to write grants, or to manage grants we would theoretically receive
- Alatheia asked Natalie what the first step should be
- Natalie suggested looking first for gaps we can fill while figuring out what resources are needed
- Max suggested the commission figuring out challenges, gaps, impact, then report to the city so it can be included in the trash and litter report, which has a February 1st deadline
- Yvonne is the grant writer
  - EPA has a recycling grant for >\$250k
  - EGLE Renew funding aren't open yet, but it has a match that the city would have to come up with
  - EGLE will have micro grants in the new year
- Recycling subcommittee will meet this month
- 3. Prioritization and scoping for the next quarter**
  - Ordinance to have it ready for spring
  - Lead in water
- 1. Closing public comment (3 minutes)**
  - Natalie appreciated coming, and is happy to help

- Worked with city council members and department directors on research trips with grant funding from foundations

## ADJOURNMENT

Rumana made motion to adjourn; Sean seconded; all in favor, none opposed

Adjourned at 7:08

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