



City of Hamtramck

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Beautification Commission June 1st, 2023; 6:00PM

1. Call to order

Call to order at 6:05

2. Roll call (2 Minutes)

Sean Coté, Rumana Rahman, Julie Sailus, Glafira Gordon present; Althea Reese absent

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

Lynn Blasey:

This Saturday is CommuniTEA at Zussman park in front of city hall
May be rock painting in conjunction with a Emily Hasse, community member
Free project
11am-1pm

Landscaping at Sarah Garrett

HACC has a Juneteenth event from 10am-1pm - focusing on health services

Glafira suggested sedum and sage + annuals funded by the city

Planning on a dedication of the park at the end of June (possibly the 28th)

City would like us to help

Another group is also planning a Juneteenth celebration march that will go from Sarah Garrett to Vets Park

Neighborhood arts fest October 7

Hamtramck Queer Alliance

Pride After Dark event June 16th

Working on a pub crawl

Will be in the Motor City Pride parade

Chalk art every Friday night – meeting at Campau and Caniff

DCFC Pride Night the 24th

4. Approval of Minutes (2 Minutes)

Minutes of April meeting

Tabled until June, as they were not available

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

1. June clean ups
 - 17 June, meet Sarah Garrett and surrounding area, but also citywide
 - 25 June, Pride Clean Up
 - Replace Litter with (vegan biodegradable cruelty free) Glitter
 - Day after DCFC Pride Night
2. Update Michigan Dept of Health lead poisoning mitigation
 - Rumana had contacted WSU who was doing a filter study
 - They need help to find people who can speak Arabic and Bengali
 - Rumana met with someone from MDH to give feedback on the text because the word “lead” was not going to be understandable
 - The person she met with is also interested in coming to the community for testing
 - Rumana spoke with women at the local Hudsel health center to ask about how testing of pregnant women in the city, and the numbers were low
 - The MDH rep said they can help coordinate getting a mobile health clinic focused on lead testing
 - Rumana wants to form a subcommittee to help create a list of people and events for ideal times/dates for when the mobile clinic should be present
 - Max Gilginas from the city offered to help
 - Piast Institute health hike/health fair
 - Hamtramck Allstar Junior Coalition
3. Recruitment for Commission – Ideas/Discussion
 - Gary is new recruit who will be added to the commission at the next city council meeting
 - Lifelong resident
 - Graduated from Hamtramck High, had a career in higher ed and community education
 - Miss Mason water restoration project - worked on water shutoffs, and Max Garbarino encouraged him to join
 - Looking to help people find deeper meaning inside of what they’re participating in
4. Trowbridge rest stop – set planning meeting/sub committee
 - Max Gilganis met with Bill Meyer and he would like to meet with us soon, so that by May 2024 the stop can be completed
 - Max will setup the meeting
5. Joint meeting with HACC – Discussion and planning
 - Labor Day Festival: September 2-4

SECTION II: GENERAL REPORTS

Staff Report

- \$50k for the summer youth program
- 10 will be hired by Max Gilginas
- Will do cleanups and such, and then one day a week will be working with GM volunteers to do mutual aid
- Will also make a video report on trash or storm water/flooding

Chair Report

- None

Commissioner Reports

- Strawberry Festival was a success, St Florian would like us to come back for the Soup Festival

Public comment (3 minutes)

Destiny Brown from Global Detroit grow economics for immigrant communities

- Small business development
- Mostly work in Hamtramck and Detroit Council District 3
- Destiny is the social cohesion project manager to help bridge the gap between Black Detroit residents and new immigrant to find common ground through community organizing
- Wants to create a collective calendar for all the different events and community meetings
- Planning festival for August 19th to promote cultural uniqueness, potentially workshops for small home repair; location TBD somewhere in Hamtramck, or maybe Laskey Recreation Center

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at: 6:54

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