



City of Hamtramck
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**Beautification Commission - Minutes
August 3 2023; 6:00PM
Hamtramck City Hall
3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck MI 48212**

INTRODUCTION

1. Call to order **6:07pm**
2. Roll call Rumana Rahman (Chair) **X**, Julie Sailus, Glafira Gordon **X**, Alatheia Reese (6:16pm arrival), Gary Saganski **X**
3. Public Comment (Three minutes limited to Beautification Commission issues)
 - a. **Jessi**, public comment, HALF on August 20th, 11-3pm. Bike tours led by MoGo. Interest if Commission can join at the event.
 - b. **Lynn** – Labor Day Festival coming up, Arts and Culture Commission is hosting a Boards and Commission booth again, intent is to promote the Boards and Commission to the community. A&C has advisory board members. Helps people get involved without being official board member. Weeding planter boxes.
4. Approval of Minutes **6:20pm**
Rumana motioned, Gary seconds. All in favor.

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

1. **Elect a Secretary**
Unanimous support to not elect secretary, pushed to next meeting.
2. **Mural Idea** – Keyworth Stadium Wall (Jessi to elaborate)
 - a. Project has budget for muralist (2 applied)
 - b. Hoping in coming weeks to have a collaborative mural
 - c. Getting kids to help paint
3. **Safety Discussion** – Hamtramck Police Dept.
 - a. Flag vandalism, there have been identified 5 juveniles
 - i. Misdemeanor tickets for parents
 - b. Misconception it's **not** considered a Hate Crime (Pride flags)
 - c. Adult who would do such a thing → arrested and would be charged
 - d. **Rumana makes motion for subcommittee for this topic**
 - i. Gary and Rumana form Community Safety subcommittee
 - e. **Rumana motions, Gary seconds.**
 - f. All ayes.
 - i. Jessi and Alatheia are advisors
4. **Commission Meeting Cadence** – change to every 2 months
 - a. Commission agrees to keep it as is at monthly meetings.
5. **Gary Presentation on Research tools and Bulletin**
 - a. Proposal for listening sessions that the beautification commission can run

- b. 5 sessions, iterative process for relevant stakeholder info
- c. Proposal for subcommittee
 - i. Publish in newspaper through city
 - ii. Alatheia suggests a link/QR code for signs on planters
- d. **Translations**
 - i. Inclusive of the many other languages in the city

Proposal to form Listening Session Subcommittee

Gary motions, Alatheia seconds. **7:35pm.**

All in favor

SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS

1. General Reports
 - a. Staff Report
 - i. Report on Grants (Summer Youth Program)
 - ii. Still need Every Neighbor volunteers, please!
 - b. Chair Report
 - c. Commissioner Reports
2. Public Comment (Three minutes limited to Beautification Commission issues)
3. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 8:02pm

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