



City of Hamtramck

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Beautification Commission May 5th, 2023; 6:00PM

1. Call to order

Call to order at 6:18

2. Roll call (2 Minutes)

Rumana Rahman, Alatheia Reese, Glafira Gordon, Julie Sailus, Sean Coté present;
none absent

Karolynn Faulkner

LEAP members Stella VP, mentioning the Willow Oil Project protest - it was approved by Biden, will be drilling for oil on indigenous land

Jessie Kwek took over for Jessica Donnelly from EMU physical activity domain

John Jakary

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

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. Earth day cleanup

- Karolynn report
- Max and John did flyering, city website, etc. Noticed new volunteers, sounds like it went well

2. Collaboration with WSU urban planning

- Rumana, Lynn Blasey, and Max Gilginas are working together on this
- Kendall from WSU was at the last meeting to discuss lead levels in the city, requesting help on a survey for use of water filters
- Kendall brought materials that were difficult to read in Bengali

- Someone from Michigan Department of Health is researching to figure out what materials they can provide
 - We also don't have good data about lead levels for pregnant women and children under 6
 - DoH has a mobile lead testing rig for more testing in the city
 - DoH will be at the next meeting with an update
3. Trash/Recycle update
 - Julie updated
 - Sending options to city
 - Potentially working with DDA
 4. Bike lane education
 - Rumana has concerns about usage and education on for residents
 - Julie works at New Dodge and has noticed a lot of people driving and parking in the bike lanes still
 - Julie and others who work at New Dodge park across the street at the Advanced Auto Parts store who are ok with it
 - Stella said that she had two friend who were hit by cars on Gallagher on the way home from the high school, and agreed the bike lanes are good for safety
 - Stella mentioned that there are a lot of people without bikes in Hamtramck, suggested a summer camp for learning to ride bikes
 - Jessie is planning a bike rodeo - collaborating with JLG
 - Karolynn mentioned an event was planned for last year, but there wasn't enough leadership and the event fell through - Julie has connections to cycling organizations that can help out
 5. Cleanup
 - 3rd Saturday of each month there is going to be a clean up
 - Max Gilginas is working on the flyer that will be posted
 - 10 am city hall is the meeting place
 - Snacks, water, gloves, trash bags will be provided
 6. Tree planting
 - Greening of Detroit is working from the tree study
 - Funded by a grant that we pass through to Greening
 - Meeting at 2328 Carpenter, for a planting on Lumpkin and Fleming
 - 70 volunteers currently, looking for 30 more
 - May 18th
 7. Graffiti problem
 - Co-department
 - Julie has connections, will work with Arts & Culture commission
 8. Report on grants
 - Friday with GM volunteers
 - Every Neighbor Program

Public comment (3 minutes)

- John created a brochure for volunteering with the Be A Good Neighbor program

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at: 7:04

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