



CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS

CITY HALL - MADISON CONFERENCE ROOM, 300 W. 13 MILE RD.

ENVIRONMENTAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

MARCH 28, 2024 AT 10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

1. Excuse Absences (if applicable)
2. Introductions

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [3.](#) Draft Minutes from 7/13/23

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

REPORTS

4. Presentation - Energy Sciences
- [5.](#) Financial Update - Escrow Account
- [6.](#) Part 115 Materials Management Plan
7. Cart Program Rollout
8. Seed Library - General Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

9. 2024 Arbor Day Event
10. Upcoming Plant Sales/Board Events

ADJOURNMENT

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A Regular Meeting of the Environmental Citizens Committee was held on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 10:09 a.m. in the Municipal Building at 300 West Thirteen Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Present: Chairman Salley and Members: Ms. Bartleman, Mr. Klepacki, and Councilor Rohrbach

Absent: Mr. Theodoroff, Ms. Fox, and Ms. Porter

Also Present: City Manager Marsh, Director of Public Services Ballantine.

23-33. Excuse Absences

Motion by Councilor Rohrbach, seconded by Mr. Klepacki to excuse the absences of those who gave notice.

Yeas: Bartleman, Klepacki, Rohrbach, and Salley

Nays: None

Absent: Fox, Porter, Theodoroff

Motion Carried.

23-34. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Motion by Councilor Rohrbach, seconded by Mr. Klepacki to add Item 9 to New Business: Discussion of Gardens in the Parks.

Yeas: Bartleman, Klepacki, Rohrbach, and Salley

Nays: None

Absent: Fox, Porter, Theodoroff

Motion Carried.

23-35. Minutes

Motion by Councilor Rohrbach, seconded by Mr. Klepacki, to adopt the minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2023, with the correction to the last paragraph (Tree packets, not seed packets).

Yeas: Bartleman, Klepacki, Rohrbach, and Salley

Nays: None

Absent: Fox, Porter, Theodoroff

Motion Carried.

23-36. Meeting Open to the Public

Resident Cathy Ellison spoke regarding fireworks in the neighborhoods, community gardens, and the program offered by Midtown Composting. Discussion ensued regarding the state-level law as it pertains to fireworks.

Resident Merri Busch introduced the Madison Heights Gardeners facebook group, and expressed her interest in coordinating volunteer planting and maintenance efforts at several welcome signs, and rain gardens in the parks. Marsh explained the current status of the Progress and John R sign, as well as prior issues with volunteer groups suddenly disbanding. Bartleman discussed the importance of considering native plants for such projects. A suggestion was made to add this topic of discussion to the upcoming Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, to create a collaboration between it and the ECC.

23-37. Seed Library

The seed library received another very large donation, and has been giving away many seeds.

23-38. Plant Sale

The plant sale went well, the next one will be next year. Discussion ensued about why the plant sales don't do better; the intent is to get the plants out there, not necessarily make a high profit, although the sales are doing well financially. Bartleman would like to work with WildTypes to get more trees and especially shrubs available.

23-39. New Business: Resident Comment

City Manager Marsh requested that this matter be moved ahead on this agenda as she had a conflicting meeting. City administration has been reaching out to other companies to provide other options, with little success. Director Ballantine stated that while the suggestion had come up to create a central drop-off point at DPS, there was conflicting information on what the threshold was for DPS to be categorized as a HHW producer.

23-40. Financial Update – Escrow Account

Director of Public Services Ballantine confirmed there's \$10,682.34 in the escrow account.

23-41. Unfinished Business – Arbor Day Event Report

Event was successful with a good level of turnout. For next year, suggest separate tables for seeds and trees, education for how to plant the tree, and more volunteers. There was too much going on at one table. Definitely worthwhile, and look forward to discussing in January to get a head start on it.

23-42. Bloom Project Mini-Grant Program

No progress reports have been submitted yet. Discussion ensued about the concern of depleting the escrow account if this program is repeated next year.

23-32. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Chair Salley adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m. The next meeting is Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 10 a.m.

Sean P. Ballantine
Director of Public Services



MGC Accelerator Cohort Materials Management Module Session Outline

Subject to change

Session 1 – Setting the Stage

- Setting the Stage – How does your community manage a variety of material streams?
- Survey on services provided (e.g., landfill, recycling, compost, curbside, drop off, HHW, yard waste organics), costs, delivery partners, and education.
- Recycling (and Organics) are Coming – Essential components of Part 115-compliant Materials Management Plans
- Equity – Who has access to services?
- Best Practices in Community Sustainable Materials Management
- Funding Overview – Grants and Operating Expenses

Session 2 – Talking Trash – Recycling and Landfill Diversion

- Preparing for Part 115 – Solid Waste Plan Review & Setting your Baseline
- How to Set Community Goals around Materials Management
- Why Education and Community Engagement Matters
- Scale matters – Single Hauler RFP and Collaborative Bidding
- You may get funding to help!
- CLOSUP Survey Data

Session 3 – Organics and Climate Change

- How does this fit a Climate and Resilience Plan?
- Starting Upstream – Food Waste Reduction at homes and food service institutions
- Building Organics into your program (e.g., composting/organics and food waste reduction/recovery)
- Disaster Debris Management
- Siting and permitting
- Using Pilots - Ins and outs of composting

Session 4 – Circular Economy

- Opportunities in your Community to Build a Low Carbon and Equitable Circular Economy
- The Sharing Economy
- Working with your Local Economic Development Folks