



CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS

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

ENVIRONMENTAL CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 13, 2022 AT 10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

1. Excuse Absences (if applicable)

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [2.](#) Draft Minutes from 4/28/22

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

REPORTS

3. Financial Update - Escrow Account
4. Seed Library - General Update
5. Plant Sale - General Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

6. Nuisance Tree Ordinance Discussion
7. Rake with the Mayor
- [8.](#) ECC Workplan

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ADJOURNMENT

Regular Meeting
Environmental Citizens Committee
April 28, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Environmental Citizens Committee was held on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Municipal Building at 300 West Thirteen Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Present: Chairman Salley and Members: Ms. Bartleman, Ms. N. Fox and Councilor Rohrbach

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

Also Present: Public Works Supervisor Ballantine, City Manager Marsh and Deputy City Clerk Boucher

22-01. Excuse members.

Motion by Councilor Rohrbach, seconded by Ms. N. Fox, to excuse Ms. C. Fox, Ms. Porter and Mr. Theodoroff from today's meeting.

Yeas: N. Fox, Rohrbach, Bartleman and Salley

Nays: None

Absent: C. Fox, Porter and Theodoroff

Motion Carried.

22-02. Meeting Open to the Public.

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

22-03. Minutes.

Motion by Mr. N. Fox, seconded by Ms. Bartleman, to adopt the minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 11, 2021 as printed.

Yeas: Rohrbach, Bartleman, N. Fox, and Salley

Nays: None

Absent: C. Fox, Porter and Theodoroff

Motion Carried.

22-04. Additions to the Agenda.

Motion by Ms. N. Fox, seconded by Ms. Bartleman, to add Seed Library to Current Projects on today's agenda.

Yeas: Bartleman, N. Fox, Rohrbach and Salley

Nays: None

Absent: C. Fox, Porter and Theodoroff

Motion Carried.

22-05. Tree Program.

General Update

Public Works Supervisor Ballantine gave an update that 40 trees funded by the OakStem Grant will be planted in the DDA District along with the General Construction plantings. The Right of Way Tree Program currently has 100 people on its waiting list.

Funding will come from Arbor Day and the adoption of the new budget. Residents must sign a waiver stating they will help water the trees planted on their property. There are now two water trucks assigned to maintain the trees in the city. For Fiscal Year 2022, a total of 150 trees will be planted for the DDA District, General Construction, Right of Way Tree Program and Arbor Day.

22-06. Current Projects.

Apartment Recycling

Public Works Supervisor Ballantine asked for volunteers to contact the apartment complexes to confirm if they have a recycling signs and carts at their locations. He will provide a list of the apartment complexes and the property manager information. Public Works Supervisor Ballantine thanked Ms. N. Fox and Ms. Bartleman for their assistance with this program.

Cart Program

City Manager Marsh shared that the Community Advisory Board donated \$17,000 to offer 100 garbage cart and recycling cart combos in the MSHDA areas in the city. The garbage cart and recycling cart combos are being sold by Green for Life (GFL) for \$150 each. This Fall, the City will host a Block Party for the Neighborhood Enhancement Program and include information on rat control and Code Enforcement. City Manager Marsh applied for a Neighborhood Improvement Grant through Habitat for Humanity that will help at least 45 homes.

Public Works Supervisor Ballantine is researching information on the Michigan Small Community Education Grant Program, an effort funded by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) along with The Recycling Partnership.

Ms. Bartleman offered an education class through Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) for the Neighborhood Enhancement Program. She suggests having the block party at Huffman Park.

Current/Future Planting Projects

City Manager Marsh updated that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has decided to remove the garden at Progress Drive and John R Road that was intended to enhance the Welcome to Madison Heights sign. She is researching information on the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity discretionary (RAISE) Grant that helps communities around the country carry out projects with significant local or regional impact.

Public Works Supervisor Ballantine replied to Ms. Bartleman's inquiry that due to current road construction, the City is unable to do a road diet study to consider any bike lanes.

Seed Library

Ms. N. Fox updated that she received seed donations from the Royal Oak Library and the Good Neighbor Garden in Ferndale. She set up a pop up seed library and gave away at least 100 seed packets at the Parks and Recreation basketball game last Saturday. Ms. N. Fox shared postings from the Seed Library Facebook Page that includes a seed

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starting tutorial. Seed Library logs are available at the Library to track seed packets taken.

22-07. Financial Update.

City Manager Marsh informed everyone that the Environmental Citizens Committee (ECC) has a current account balance of \$7,542.84.

Ms. Bartleman invites everyone to a Plant Sale on Sunday, May 29th from 2 – 5 p.m. and SOCWA will provide an education outreach on compost during this event. She requests that City Manager Marsh email her the volunteer form for the event.

22-08. Other Business.

Arbor Day Celebration

Public Works Supervisor Ballantine shared that the Department of Natural Resource Grant has offered the City \$10,000 funding.

Wyland Water Challenge

City Manager Marsh advised everyone that the City will receive and file the Wyland Water Challenge.

Ms. Bartleman request that the City apply for funding through the Wyland Water Challenge by creating a storm water program.

Councilor Rohrbach suggested partnering with the Clinton River Watershed Council for the Wyland Water Challenge.

21-83. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Chairman Salley adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the City Hall.

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Deputy City Clerk

Workplan “idea seeds”

Environmental Citizens Committee

1. Sustainability and Energy Plan

- a. Hire a consultant to work with staff and the ECC to create a sustainability and Energy plan for the city, including
 - i. Project selection and implementation
 - ii. Funding opportunities
 - 1. EGLE has a Community Energy Management grant that opens in late October that would assist in paying \$15,000 toward a sustainability “master plan.” The city has been added to the grant notification list, and the contact is CrawfordJ15@michigan.gov at 517-231-1051
 - iii. Evaluation of programs included by the ECC to prioritize

2. Natural Environment and Ecosystems

- a. Eliminate discretionary use of synthetic pesticides in parks by 2028
- b. Tree inventory to calculate the percentage of the tree canopy to increase a % per year until we reach 40%. *Need to know where we are to start.*
 - i. Continue to pursue tree grants actively
 - ii. Continue with Tree City designations
 - iii. Request through the budget process funding to continue or expand the resident tree planting incentive program.
- c. No-Mow
 - i. Develop a policy to be followed for areas to be considered and time period to allow no mow
 - ii. Identify public land that can participate in no mow
 - iii. Education and promotion
 - 1. *We need to include the cons also, such as rats. Be prepared for adverse reactions and educate on the front end.*
- d. Pollinator Protection
 - i. Encourage native plants and pesticide-free pollinator habitats
 - ii. Invite Rochester Pollinators to speak to ECC with a field trip to Rochester park to see recent gardens

3. Resident and Business Education and Awareness

- a. Conduct a Stakeholder sustainability survey
- b. Research and connect with existing organizations to conduct resident seminars or education programs and pieces quarterly over a two-year program – Live Green Series. Residents that attend all classes could be recognized in some way (example - Madison Heights Sustainability Stars with a garden sign or something)
 - i. Recycling and Composting (yr 1)
 - ii. Renewable Energy (yr 1 session 2)
 - iii. Green Transportation Options (yr 1 session 3)

- iv. Preventing Food Waste (yr 1 session 4)
- v. Buying Local (yr 2 session 1)
- vi. Gardening for nature (yr 2 session 2)
- vii. Invasive species (yr 2 session 3)
- viii. Alternative energy – Solar accessibility (yr 2 session 4)

Ideally, these programs would continue yearly so a resident could join in at any time.

- c. Create a Green Leaders program – this program would recognize environmental stewardship. To qualify, applicants would demonstrate activities in four categories and, depending on points awarded, receive a gold, silver, or bronze MH ECC Green Leaders sticker. The sticker could be displayed prominently on the window of businesses and can also be used in marketing materials. In addition, companies would be recognized during the City's State of the City also.