



CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS

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

ENVIRONMENTAL CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

JULY 13, 2023 AT 10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

1. Excuse Absences (if applicable)

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [2.](#) Draft Minutes from 4/20/23

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

REPORTS

3. Seed Library - General Update
4. Plant Sale - General Update
- [5.](#) Financial Update - Escrow Account

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. Arbor Day Event - Report
7. Bloom Project - Mini-Grant Program Report

NEW BUSINESS

- [8.](#) Resident Comment - HHW/E-Waste Program

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation through electronic means in this meeting should contact the City Clerk at (248) 583-0826 or by email: clerks@madison-heights.org at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt will be made to make reasonable accommodations.

A Regular Meeting of the Environmental Citizens Committee was held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, 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 (arrived @ 10:06 a.m.), Ms. Fox, Mr. Klepacki, Ms. Porter, and Councilor Rohrbach

Absent: Mr. Theodoroff

Also Present: Interim Director of Public Services/Deputy Director of Public Services Ballantine (arrived @ 10:07 a.m.) and Deputy City Clerk Boucher

23-24. Meeting Open to the Public

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

23-25. Minutes

Motion by Councilor Rohrbach, seconded by Ms. Fox, to adopt the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2023, as printed.

Yeas: Fox, Klepacki, Porter, Rohrbach, and Salley
Nays: None
Absent: Bartleman and Theodoroff
Motion Carried.

23-26. Seed Library

Ms. Porter received seed donations that are being organized and the seed library will be displayed again at the library after its reopening. They accepted donated plant pots and are available for anyone who needs them.

Ms. Fox updated that seed packets have been assembled for upcoming events.

23-27. Plant Sale

Ms. Fox informed there hasn't been any presale request for the upcoming plant sale.

23-28. Bloom Project Mini-Grant Program

The members discussed in detail the three (3) organizations applications, seventeen (17) residential applications, and grant money to be awarded.

Motion by Councilor Rohrbach, seconded by Ms. Fox, to approve \$1,450 organization Bloom Project Mini-Grants to Rachel Harwell for John Page Middle School and Patricia Perry for Madison School District.

Yeas: Bartleman, Fox, Klepacki, Porter, Rohrbach, and Salley
Nays: None
Absent: Theodoroff
Motion Carried.

Motion by Councilor Rohrbach, seconded by Mr. Klepacki, to approve \$100 residential Bloom Project Mini-Grants to Rachel Hermann, Caitlyn McAllister, Alicia Mcclenathen, Michael Nance, and Melissa Shull.

Yeas: Bartleman, Fox, Klepacki, Porter, Rohrbach, and Salley
Nays: None
Absent: Theodoroff
Motion Carried.

23-29. Excuse member(s)

Motion by Councilor Rohrbach, seconded by Mr. Klepacki, to excuse Mr. Theodoroff from today's meeting.

Yeas: Bartleman, Fox, Klepacki, Porter, Rohrbach, and Salley
Nays: None
Absent: Theodoroff
Motion Carried.

23-30. Finance Update – Escrow Account

Interim Director of Public Services/Deputy Director of Public Services Ballantine confirmed there's \$11,196.93 in the escrow account, it includes the \$500 debit to East Michigan Native Plants but not any approvals from the last ECC meeting.

23-31. Tree City - Arbor Day Planning

Councilor Rohrbach updated that signage for the Arbor Day event is ready. Ms. Bartleman and Mr. Klepacki are scheduled to pick up ten (10) trees to give away at the event. Recreation will provide a tent and table

for the committee. Councilor Rohrbach will announce the Bloom Project Mini-Grant winners and Ms. Fox will contact all the grant recipients. There will be raffle entries available for participants to win the tree giveaway and winners will be announced at the event.

Ms. Bartleman added that the trees must be delivered by 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 22nd. She will provide seed flyers at the Arbor Day event. She applied for wholesale pricing at Wild Types to purchase bigger trees, shrubs, and a variety of plants.

Interim Director of Public Services/Deputy Director of Public Services Ballantine advised that Hales Street will be closed at 13 Mile Road for the Run for the Health of It 5K.

23-32. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Chair Salley adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m. The next meeting is Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 10 a.m.

Phommady A. Boucher
Deputy City Clerk

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07/01/2022			705-000-295-7000 ENVIRONMENTAL CITIZEN COMMITT		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
07/01/2022	GJ	JE	REVERSE MANUAL JOURNAL ENTRY: 110587	11058754		9,838.07	(9,838.07)
08/08/2022	GJ	JE	ECC PLANT SALE	11058678		116.69	(9,954.76)
08/09/2022	GJ	JE	ECC PLANT SALE	11058680		177.28	(10,132.04)
08/15/2022	GJ	JE	ECC PLANT SALE	11058717		2,060.31	(12,192.35)
08/22/2022	CR	RCPT	MISCELLANEOUS ALL OTHER 08/22/2022			1,456.50	(13,648.85)
08/23/2022	AP	INV	EAST MICHIGAN NATIVE PLANTS LLC	1109	1,951.92		(11,696.93)
03/08/2023	AP	INV	EAST MICHIGAN NATIVE PLANTS LLC	1122	500.00		(11,196.93)
05/02/2023	GJ	JE	ECC PLANT SALE	11059678		149.64	(11,346.57)
05/03/2023	AP	INV	ALICIA MCCLENATHEN	4/28/23	100.00		(11,246.57)
05/03/2023	AP	INV	CAITLYN MCALLISTER	4/28/23	100.00		(11,146.57)
05/03/2023	AP	INV	JOHN PAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL	4/28/23	1,450.00		(9,696.57)
05/03/2023	AP	INV	MADISON DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS	4/28/23	1,450.00		(8,246.57)
05/03/2023	AP	INV	MELISSA SHULL	4/28/23	100.00		(8,146.57)
05/03/2023	AP	INV	MICHAEL NANCE	4/285/23	100.00		(8,046.57)
05/03/2023	AP	INV	PLANTS FOR ECOLOGY	4/21/23	232.00		(7,814.57)
05/03/2023	AP	INV	RACHEL HERMANN	4/28/23	100.00		(7,714.57)
05/16/2023	GJ	JE	ECC PLANT SALE	11059708		144.92	(7,859.49)
05/17/2023	GJ	JE	ECC PLANT SALE	11059718		156.18	(8,015.67)
05/18/2023	GJ	JE	ECC PLANT SALE	11059719		307.64	(8,323.31)
05/19/2023	GJ	JE	ECC PLANT SALE	11059741		250.95	(8,574.26)
05/22/2023	GJ	JE	ECC PLANT SALE	11059748		312.36	(8,886.62)
05/30/2023	CR	RCPT	MISCELLANEOUS ALL OTHER 05/30/2023			2,603.00	(11,489.62)
05/30/2023	GJ	JE	ECC PLANT SALE	11059773		2,105.85	(13,595.47)
06/07/2023	AP	INV	EAST MICHIGAN NATIVE PLANTS LLC	1136	2,913.13		(10,682.34)
06/30/2023			705-000-295-7000	END BALANCE	8,997.05	19,679.39	(10,682.34)

Sean Ballantine

From: Emily Rohrbach
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 8:58 AM
To: Sean Ballantine
Subject: Fw: Public Comment for the ECC & ITAC

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Can you put this on the agenda for the next ECC meeting?

From: Jennifer Nagle <jen4k2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 4:22 PM
To: Nickole Fox <nickolefox@gmail.com>; mbliss10@gmail.com <mbliss10@gmail.com>; Emily Rohrbach <emilyrohrbach@madison-heights.org>; Sean Fleming <seanfleming@madison-heights.org>; David Soltis <davidsoltis@madison-heights.org>
Cc: Roslyn Grafstein <RoslynGrafstein@madison-heights.org>
Subject: Public Comment for the ECC & ITAC

Hi!

I don't know when the next meetings for the committees are, but I have AN OPINION regarding e-waste / e-cycling and would like it discussed.

Sooo... Unless there's another program I can't find, due to a half hour drive AND a super limited window to drop off means that electronic and battery / e-waste recycling *isn't happening* in Madison Heights. Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and the 4th Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.? Seriously?

We can do better!

A quick perusal of the ECC minutes shows there hasn't been discussion on this since 2009, and the ITAC has never discussed this.

MicroCenter will take precisely two brands for recycling, perhaps they could be persuaded to do more?

Or can we get DPS a bin -- or something -- for e-waste? I'm sure we could get a volunteer -- or someone!! -- to drive it down periodically.

Thanks!

Jennifer Nagle
 734-578-3024

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From: Jennifer Nagle <jen4k2@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 10, 2023 at 4:01 PM
Subject: Missing info from website

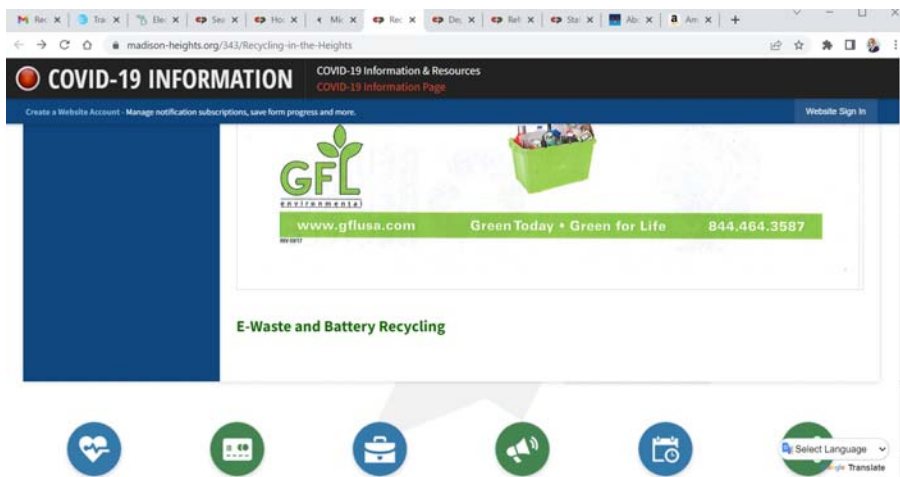
To: <dps@madison-heights.org>

Cc: Sean Ballantine <seanballantine@madison-heights.org>

Hi there!

On the page "[Recycling in the Heights](#)" there is a section for "E-Waste and Battery Recycling," but no text under the header.

Might want to add some text, such as "Electronics, whether it is small kitchen devices and unwanted computer or computer components, can be considered "[Household Hazardous Waste, please visit that page for more information on recycling.](#)"



The [Household Hazardous Waste](#) page (screen capture below) mentions an arrangement with US Ecology of Detroit, but it does not list electronics or batteries on the page, though it does on the PDF of the full list.

Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste can be dropped off at [US Ecology of Detroit](#), located at 2000 East Ferry Street, Detroit, MI, 48211 (313)923-2240. This service is FREE for residents of Madison Heights.

Dropoff hours are on Thursdays from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM, and every fourth Saturday from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Appointments are no longer necessary!

Accepted Items

- Flammable liquids, corrosive acids, motor oil
- Oil based paint, paint thinners, paint removers
- Poisons
- Solvents, wood preservatives
- Weed and feed, fungicides, pesticides, herbicides

Click [HERE](#) for a full list.

You probably want to add batteries, electronics, and computers to the list.

Also, their drop-off hours are *absurd*. I'm going to write the Environmental Citizens Committee about, I don't know, getting DPS a bin for local people to deposit their electronic recycling. Or something. GPL should really take care of it.

Thanks!

Jennifer Nagle

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History is who we are and why we are the way we are. --David McCullough