



# City of Hamtramck

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## Beautification Commission

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021; 6:00PM

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1. Call to order
    - a. Paris moves; Fortino seconds
  2. Roll call
    - a. Present: Jessica Paris, Sean Cote, Michele Oberholtzer, Julia Sosin, Angela Fortino
    - b. Absent: Juliane Bursinger, Romana Chowdhury
  3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
  4. Public Comment (two minutes limited to Beautification Commission issues)
    - a. Colleen Burke & Tim Price from Arts and Culture Commission interested in collaboration
    - b. Paris moves; Cote seconds
  5. Approval of Agenda – Add or Delete Items
    - a. Paris moves; Sosin seconds
  6. Approval of Minutes
    - i. Minutes of December 3rd, 2020
      1. Paris moves; Sosin seconds

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

- i. Welcome to our newest member, Michele Oberholtzer
- ii. Joe Lewis Greenway – Mara Braciszewski, the new Community & Economic Development Manager with the City of Hamtramck
  1. Gateways Improvement Project doc for us to review [in the Google Drive]
    - a. City received large Community Development Block Development Grant (CDBDG) to improve gateways
      - i. Commissioners will review doc and discuss at next meeting
      - ii. Also review Master Plan to get further background on gateways
    - b. Their ASK: Precedent images of what we would like to see at these gateways? Brainstorm what is relevant to the community?
    - c. Joe Louis Greenway – Christine Peltier (project manager for City of Detroit) wanted to maintain connection with Hamtramck after Alex left
    - d. Zen Center, Woodward Throwback and the Community Foundations all interested in collaborating
    - e. **Motion for special meeting on Thursday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm** - Paris moves; Fortino seconds; ayes unanimous.

- f. Is bike lane construction starting in the city this spring? What is relationship to Joe Lewis Greenway to Dequindre Cut? What type of bike lanes are they? – need to confirm this among the group
- iii. Follow up on tasks
  1. Moved on to next agenda item
- iv. General Discussion
  1. Ideas for new projects:
    - a. Tree planting & sound barriers
      - i. Ex. Sarah Sims Garrett Park very exposed to freeway
        1. How to memorialize the displaced families?
        2. Dwydell Garrett newest member to Arts & Culture Commission
    - b. COVID-19 tribute
    - c. Beautifying space alongside the railroad tracks
    - d. More litter pickup
    - e. Welcome to Hamtramck Sign Improvements
      - i. Can fundraise for it, but would have to get approval from City Council
    - f. American in Bloom report suggests some of these have been done by the City but are not obvious to the public – Sean has sent some questions to Casey
  2. Tree Ordinances
    - a. Can the City take initiative to remove dangerous trees on private property example: where utility lines are dangerous?
    - b. Community Education & Involvement – homeowner responsibilities, what species to plant, which to avoid
      - i. We will start a draft guide on the google drive
      - ii. Groups that have had tree plantings: Human Relations Committee, Block Clubs, City of Hamtramck (Casey is the lead on this)
  3. City-Owned Property – Michelle will put list on the Drive
  4. Reminder to submit public comment on the Parks & Rec Plan to Casey Copp

## SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS

1. Chairman's Report
2. Members' Report

## ADJOURNMENT

Paris moves; Oberholtzer seconds; Ayes unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

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