



City of Hamtramck

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Beautification Commission

February 4th, 2021; 6:00PM

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1. Call to order
 - a. Paris moves; Bursinger seconds; Ayes unanimous.
 2. Roll call
 - a. Present: Julianne Bursinger, Jessica Paris, Sean Cote, Julia Sosin, Angela Fortino, Michele Oberholtzer
 - b. Absent: Romana Choudhury
 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 4. Public Comment (two minutes limited to Beautification Commission issues)
 5. Approval of Agenda – Add or Delete Items
 6. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Minutes of January 7th, 2021 normal meeting
 - ii. Minutes of January 21, 2021 special meeting
 - iii. Paris moves; Cote seconds; Ayes unanimous.
- SECTION I: AGENDA ITEMS – For Discussion/Action/Information
- i. Removing inactive member Romana Choudhury
 1. Entertain motion to request Mayor removes this member based on number of recorded absences.
 - a. Bursinger moves; Cote seconds; Ayes unanimous.
 - ii. Finalize 3 projects to move forward on ASAP
 1. Becoming compliant as a board
 - a. Headed by Jessica Paris
 - b. Goal: formalize by-laws – ex. minimum number of meetings members are required to attend per year; waivers on repeat officers; requests for participation of any advisory members; annual reporting
 - c. Benefits: will help us with grant proposals (ex. Tree City USA)
 - d. Max and Mara will provide us with list of compliance requirements
 - e. Hamtramck’s code of ordinance published in American League of Publishing
 2. Spring Clean Sweep & Continual Litter Cleanup Program
 - a. Headed by Angela Fortino; Julianne Bursinger and Jessica Paris to assist

- b. Goal: Plan upcoming spring cleanup – ex. Propose list of needs to council (dumpsters); work with judges to open event up for community service hours; solicit food donations from local restaurants
 - c. Usually in April – pick date next meeting (March 4th) to go before city council on March 9th or March 23rd
 - d. Frequent, smaller cleanups can occur throughout year. Combine with fun activities like seed swap, costumes, etc.
 - 3. Tree Planting & Community Engagement
 - a. Headed by Sean Cote
 - b. Goal: translate helpful information about tree plantings – ex. List of approved trees; City-owned properties needing resident involvement – and engage community on tree plantings related to the master plan
 - c. Peter Murray and Dean Simionescu identified as potential partners – could form a working group of Beautification Commissioners and resident advisors
 - d. Casey Copp is working on a list of native species
- iii. Follow up on tasks
- iv. General Discussion
 - 1. Al-Islah Islamic Center Tree Planting – Casey and Mara should reach out to the mosque to discuss how to accommodate trees with future bike lanes
 - 2. Parks & Rec Plan – all comments now incorporated, City is using to apply for DNR grant
 - 3. Gateways – Wayne Co. controls funding. City is focusing on I-75 and Carpenter overpass, with opportunities for public input at city council meetings. The North and South gateways on Jos Campau are still projects that need fundraising – potential Beautification project
 - 4. Joseph Campau bike lanes to be installed in spring. City will share plans once available.
 - 5. Grants
 - a. Does Hamtramck qualify for technical assistance grants to pay for landscape architects to improve landscape along sidewalks?
 - b. Ralph Wilson Jr. legacy Fund focuses on design and beautification
 - 6. Open Meetings Act training – Feb. 25th, 7 – 8:30 p.m. City will send out information

SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS

- 1. Chairman's Report
- 2. Members' Report

ADJOURNMENT

Cote moves; Bursinger seconds; Ayes unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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