



# City of Hamtramck

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## Beautification Commission

June 29th, 2021; 6:00PM

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1. Call to order
  2. Roll call
    - a. Present: Jessica Paris, Julianne Bursinger, Angela Fortino, Sean Cote, Julia Sosin, Michele Oberholtzer
  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
    - a. Items to add: Add Sarah Garrett Park, Michele coming off commission
  6. Approval of Minutes
    - i. Minutes of June 3rd, 2021 normal meeting
      1. Pairs moves, Fortino seconds; ayes unanimous
- SECTION I: AGENDA ITEMS – For Discussion/Action/Information
- i. Dog Park Discussion – Angela
    1. Complaints regarding private lot (Lumpkin/Faber south of Holbrook) that is used for dogs
      - a. Likely owned by by American Axle
      - b. Encourage who want a city-owned dog park to attend Beautification Commission meetings
    2. Develop one on city-owned lot?
      - a. Michele has shared map of city-owned lots for potential dog park locations (on Google Drive)
      - b. Many of those lots were tied up until Sarah Garrett lawsuit was closed (?); City wants to build on them asap
      - c. Julianne, Angela will start researching this.
  - ii. Garden Awards – Sean
    1. Eight awards doanted from the Midtown 3C7 block club (awards = golden shovels) that we would like to offer city-wide, to establish an annual thing
    2. Judging panel – Mayor, block club nominations, public nominations
    3. Awards
      - a. Tallest sunflower
      - b. Tidiest yard
      - c. Most flowers
      - d. Biggest change

- e. Vegetable garden
- 4. Divide city up by block-club boundaries or voting districts
- 5. Sean will head that up
- iii. Michele's commission status
  - 1. Mayor is aware of Michele's leaving, not sure if sending official – that is enough
  - 2. Kathy is sending a letter confirming regarding Jessica's resignation
- iv. Sarah Garrett Park
  - 1. Opening event:
    - a. Communication breakdown about the Opening Event – who was invited, how to invite people, etc.
    - b. City Manager and Ms. Burk are in charge
    - c. Event is being rescheduled and is open to public, asking people to RSVP so that they can receive goodie bags
    - d. Mara will email us all with new date; now they are waiting for the monument to be installed
  - 2. Crooked bench needs to be fixed – follow up with the Public Services Department
  - 3. Watering flower beds on Wednesday evenings around 6pm, may delay if particularly hot day. Social Forestry Project recommended watering through the season while trees get established.
  - 4. Crooked tree: put a shovel under the tree, tilt it correctly, shovel mulch underneath to prop it up.
- v. Follow up on tasks
  - 1. Official note of appreciation for non-commission members
    - a. Social Forestry Project and Telly's for their assistance with Sarah Garrett plantings; Lynn Blasey for organizing planter box project on Joseph Campau
    - b. Social media & resolution to council
      - i. Jessica will draft, we can use as template
  - 2. Fiduciary
    - a. Treasurer recommends postponing MOU with Hamtramck Community Initiative to end of 2021 for next season
- vi. General Discussion
  - 1. Quick build meeting with Eastern Michigan University on Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. on zoom.
    - a. Julia will advertise on Facebook; Angela will advertise on IG
  - 2. Motion to select Fortino as vice-chair, Coye as chair to replace Jessica Paris
    - a. Paris moves; Sosin seconds; ayes unanimous
  - 3. Need to recruit 4 new members
    - a. Regardless of the number of active members, the quorum will still be based on the total possible numbers (one more than half) – 5 members for quorum.
  - 4. City of Hamtramck is hiring for Community Economic Development department

## SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS

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

## ADJOURNMENT

Paris moves, Cote closes; unanimous

Adjourned at 6:57 pm.

