



City of Hamtramck

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Beautification Commission

September 17, 2020; 6:00PM

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1. Call to order – 6:26 pm
 2. Roll call
 - a. Excused: Jessica Paris
 - b. Present: Julia Sosin; Angela Fortino; Sean Cote; Julianne Bursinger
 - c. Absent: Romana Choudhury
 - d. Resigned: Amanda Levitt
 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. Fortino moves; Cote seconds, Ayes unanimous
 6. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Minutes of August 20th, 2020 Additional Meeting
 1. Added Jessica Paris present, added address to Mosque, and change date of tree planting
 2. Fortino moves; Cote seconds, Ayes are unanimous

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

- i. Greg Kowalski (shared information before Call to Order)
 1. Briefly discussed how the Hamtramck Historical Commission formed a 501c3 Friends group to do fundraising; highlighted the importance of having a clear organizational vision, cultivating relationships with donors, communicating through mailings and social media, and maintain donor trust by having a functional, strong team dynamic
- ii. Opening on the commission
 1. Amanda Leavitt has resigned. Anyone in Hamtramck who would like to join the commission is encouraged to send an application to Alex or Max. Even if they are not selected, it would be great to have them attend all meetings and form a subcommittee.
- iii. Follow up on tasks
 1. Angela's grant research – The commission needs clear vision of goals and timelines. The 11345-11361 Joseph Campau tree planting will serve as a green infrastructure pilot project that we can highlight in grant applications. Angela will clean up notes and post to the Google Drive shared folder.

2. Alex is trying to get a quote for the 11345-11361 Joseph Campau planting.
3. Jessica attended the Arts and Commission meeting two weeks ago to build relationships. Idea they shared: document project ideas and completion dates for real-time updates.
4. Sean: Jessica Donnelly from Safe Routes to School would love to attend a meeting. Infrastructure projects that would improve walkability
 - a. Alex's office has also been talking with Jessica Donnelly, they are interested in helping Hamtramck develop a parks and rec plan
5. Tool Lending Library – closed meeting, but Sean will attend and report back
6. Tree Planting on Sept. 19th – Sean, Julia and Julianne plan to attend

iv. General Discussion

1. Tree City USA – if you get “approved” more access to grants

SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS

1. Chairman's Report
 - i. None
2. Members' Report
 - i. None

ADJOURNMENT

Cote moves; Bursinger seconds; Ayes are unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm

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