



# City of Hamtramck

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## Beautification Commission

October 1, 2020; 6:00PM

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1. Call to order - 6:06 PM
    - a. Paris moves; Fortino seconds; Ayes unanimous
  2. Roll call
    - a. Present: Jessica Paris; Angela Fortino; Julianne Bursinger; Sean Cote; Julia Sosin
    - b. Absent; Romana Chowdhury
  3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
  4. Public Comment (two minutes limited to Beautification Commission issues)
    - a. None
  5. Approval of Agenda – Add or Delete Items
    - a. Paris moves; Bursinger seconds; Ayes unanimous
  6. Approval of Minutes
    - i. Minutes of August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Additional Meeting
      1. Paris moves; Fortino seconds; Ayes unanimous

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

- i. Jessica Donnelly from EMU Safe Route to School
  1. About the project: Eastern Michigan University's Center of Health Disparities Innovation and Studies (CHDIS) is wrapping up year two of the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) grant funded by Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) that is focused on Asian Americans. Three domains of the grant: Community Health, Nutrition, and Physical Activity (Jessica Donnelly's domain). Working with Hamtramck because of our very densely populated Asian American community. To develop the Safe Routes to School project, they have met with principles of Dickinson West, Dickinson East and Tau Beta. COVID-19 necessitated an extension on the grant and exploring options while classes are held virtually. Safe Routes to School encourages people to explore the city. Related goals: implementing quick builds in partnership with the city (Beautification and Planning Commissions) to mediate issues on common walking routes. Walk Audit near completion of three schools.
  2. Possible collaborations with Beautification Commission
    - a. Develop signage along different walking routes; support with the quick build, which emphasizes place-making, traffic calming.

- b. Timeline – Virtual Focus Group discussing walk audit, will require homework before meeting. Date TBD, tentatively Wednesday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> looking for BC members to attend. Doesn't matter how many BC members attend if not actively discussing business
    - c. AARP Walk Audit Toolkit – to share with the committee
  - 3. Staying in touch
    - a. <https://www.emich.edu/chdis/our-work/publications/safe-routes.php>
    - b. Jessica's email = jmoon8@emich.edu
- ii. Using our Google Drive to organize projects
  - 1. Borrow Arts and Culture Commission's idea to track projects on spreadsheets
  - 2. Spreadsheet now exists in the google drive
- iii. Choosing a Fall Project
  - 1. **Garbage clean-up on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m.**
    - a. Meet at Pope Park. Costumes encouraged
  - 2. Materials we already have:
    - a. Angela donated some claws to the City, and candy.
    - b. Jessica Paris has some gloves leftover.
  - 3. Materials we may need:
    - a. Garbage bags – Jessica will follow up with previous donors
    - b. Dumpsters? Alex says City will pick up garbage.
  - 4. Social media - Jessica will put together flyer; everyone else share
  - 5. Categories for prizes: Most Interesting Find of the Day, Best Costume, Best Selfie with garbage. Hashtag to come
- iv. Follow up on tasks
  - 1. Julia added to the Google Drive a list of private foundations that have given money to environmental causes
  - 2. Angela informally spoke to a GM Giving representative Heidi, who has an ongoing program with Hamtramck and GM retirees that was put on hold due to COVID. Traditionally they partner with high schools, look for needs from City Council or a commission to execute a funded project. Another connection: U.M. Taubman College of Architecture is looking for capstone projects. Will add these contacts to the Google Drive
  - 3. Alex emailed us an estimate for 11345-11361 Joseph Campau tree planting from contractor. Expensive because of tearing up concrete. We may have to supplement with community funding. Or, once the cement is out, maybe could bring costs down with volunteers.
  - 4. Sean met with Tool Lending Library – workday on October 17<sup>th</sup> to catalogue all the donated tools in the shed. One of the neighbors near Popp's Packing is handing out seeds
    - a. Opportunity for collaboration: donate more gardening/landscaping tools, promote the mini seed library
      - i. Hamtramck Garden Swap Facebook group – dialogue on seed saving library
- v. General Discussion
  - 1. Julianne – going to research the Beautification Council of Southeast Michigan to see if they are still active, if there are grant opportunities. Dues are \$20/year
  - 2. Tree Planting on Nagel St. Oct 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am

## SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

**Paris moves; Sosin seconds; Ayes unanimous.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.**

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