



City of Hamtramck

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Beautification Commission August 5th, 2021; 6:00PM

1. **Call to order**
2. **Roll call (2 Minutes) at 6:12 pm**
Present: Angela Fortino, Sean Cote, Julia Sosin, Julianne Bursinger
Absent: Rumana Rahman
3. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag (2 Minutes)**
4. **Public Comment (two minutes limited to Beautification Commission issues)**
The Islamic Center of Hamtramck is looking for update on the tree project, the commission will get contact info through Mara
5. **Approval of Agenda – Add or Delete Items (2 Minutes)**
Fortino moves, Cote seconds; ayes unanimous
6. **Approval of Minutes (2 Minutes)**
Minutes of July (June 29th, 2021) normal meeting
Cote moves, Sosin seconds; ayes unanimous

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

1. **New Member Introduction (2 Minutes) – Next month**
2. **Tree Planting Programming (15 minutes)**
 - a. Program Lead - Sean?
 - b. Guest Speaker: Greening of Detroit Program
 - i. Greening of Detroit is a partner on the USFW grant to plant 300 trees Fall 2021 to Fall 2022
 - ii. Fai Foen is director of green infrastructure with Greening of Detroit
 - c. Overview (15 Minutes)
 - i. Greening prioritizes planting of urban tolerant, shade and ornamental trees
 - ii. Logistics involved: Confirm planting sites as appropriate (marking out existing trees, ground conditions, confirming Right of Entry, and calling Miss Dig; Tailoring community outreach to partners; discuss and confirm maintenance expectations; support our community partners recruitment within the neighborhood; specify, procure and assist in the installation of the plant and landscape material for the planting; Community Planting Day; watering.

- d. *Autumn and Future Treen Plantings*
 - i. City of Hamtramck Management Plan: low tree diversity, at least 1,255 vacant sites – plan recommends adding 75 trees/year
 - ii. Fall 2020 – 25 trees on Mitchell. Greening handled all outreach, species planning, and recruited volunteers with partner support. City of Hamtramck staff (Casey) led door-to-door flyering, DPW approval, and coordinated planting day efforts
 - iii. Question – do we have the volunteer list from Fall 2020 plantings?
 - iv. Fall 2021: central business district. Focus on McDougall street, heading east as tree numbers allow. **How would the Beautification Commission like to support these efforts?**
 - v. Outreach – Greening develops materials to be shared for review by Labor Day (would need to be translated), we share through our networks and flyer on McDougall between Evaline and Holbrook
 - 1. Planting Day on Saturday, October 23rd. Prep would start Thursday before
 - 2. Social Media – Greening of Detroit will create event, the Beautification Commission can be a host
 - 3. Press release in Hamtramck Review?
 - 4. Providing refreshments?
 - vi. Irrigation plan for two years – weekly is best, especially in hot summer months in July and August. 10-15 gallons/week unless it has been raining a lot.

3. City Website Updates Needed (2 Minutes)

- a. Liaison: Julia Sosin
- b. Updates:
 - i. Contact list (Remove Jessica, Romana, add Rumana)
 - ii. Member expiry dates (Julianne's)
 - iii. Titles/Roles (Sean Chair; Angela Vice-Chair)
 - iv. Uploading agendas/minutes
 - v. Chairs (Sean) will do agenda, Julia will send minutes

4. Hamtramck Historic Stadium (5 Minutes) – table to next month due to time

- a. City Update
- b. Opportunities for Commission Engagement
- c. Nominate Commission Liaison

5. Sarah Garrett Park (5 Minutes)

- a. Project Liaison - Sean
- b. City Update on:
 - i. Crooked bench - TBD
 - ii. Permanent monument sign - TBD
 - iii. New event date – TBD

- iv. *Leftover money*
 - 1. To buy boulders and mulch – Beautification Commission will send Mara with amount of mulch we'd like to order.
- v. *Access to fire hydrant?*
 - 1. DPW took away fire hydrant attachment – need to get reinstated to save trees/shrubs. Not getting mowed regularly, garden needs weeding. Will do unofficially as a group

6. Dog Park Project Update; (5 Minutes) – table to next month due to time

- a. *Project Lead - Angela*
- b. *Options for land*
- c. *Potential partnerships*

7. Garden Awards Update (5 Minutes)

- a. *Project Lead - Julianne*
- b. *Event Overview and Dates*
 - i. Have not heard back from Mayor or Hamtramck Gardener Swap; the Beautification Commission will be judges
 - ii. Edit form so that submitter is different than the person being nominated
 - iii. Two week window to nominate people

8. Anti-Litter Program Update (5 Minutes)

- a. *Program Lead and Hamtown Trashies Liaison - Angela*
- b. *General Updates: Donated Items, Needed Items*
 - i. Donated items: Push brooms, safety vests, gloves
- c. *Summer Storm Drain Clean Up*
 - i. Date Proposed: August 28th
 - ii. Focus: Easements and Catch Basins Street Side / Alleys
 - iii. Bag drops/pickups.
- d. *Labor Day Post Fest Clean Up*
 - i. Date Proposed: TBD
 - ii. Focus: Post event activities coordinated with fest organizers; ideas?
 - iii. Labor Day Fest Contact? Mara to provide
 - iv. Bag drops/pickups
- e. *Halloclean*
 - i. Date Proposed: October 30
 - ii. Focus: Cannif, Conant, Hoolbrook, Joseph Campau
 - iii. Dumpsters

9. New Items

SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS

- 1. Chairman's Report

2. Members' Report
3. Update from Mara on behalf of the City of Hamtramck
 - a. Council has to be the first to know of any grant money.
 - b. New CED Coordinator, Ross, will be the new city liason with tree grants.
4. Motion to delete Pledge of Allegience from our agenda. And ammend Section II items to be other reports.
 - a. Sean moves, Fortino seconds; ayes unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Cote moves, Fortino seconds; ayes unanimous

Adjourns at 7:03 p.m.

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