



City of Hamtramck

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Beautification Commission September 1st, 2022; 6:00PM

1. Call to order
 - a. Call to order: 6:17
2. Roll call: *Rumana Rahman, Sean Cote, Peter Buhr, Alatheia Reese, Julie Sailuse, Glafira Gordon*
 - a. *Rumana Rahman, Sean Cote, Peter Buhr, Julie Sailus, Glafira Gordon in attendance; Alatheia Reese absent*
 - b. *Max Gilganis Hamtramck community involvement coordinator*
 - c. *Dichondra Johnson from Hamtramck Parks Conservancy*
 - d. *Lynn Blasey from Arts and Culture Commission*
 - e. *Dwydell Garrett from Arts and Culture Commission*
3. Public Comment (three minutes limited to Beautification Commission issues)
 - a. Opened at 6:19
 - b. Max will be in the Labor Day Parade as the Trash/Plague Doctor, welcoming anyone to join
 - c. Dichondra is within her first 6 months as ED/CEO
finalizing all of the administration side to be a fully independent organization, like land-lease and removing MML as current fiscal sponsor;
hosted STEAM camp at the stadium with GM
50 or so kids
free, kids loved it
GM loved it and plans to do it again
Continuing to work with Friends of Historic Stadium and US Tennis Association to work on scheduling
Still need to solidify calendar
Funding for gardens, trails, playscapes, etc.
Intention is to not piecemeal the park future, it will update the existing plan and to work from something formalized
More community feedback will happen
There is a family fund that is already dedicated to a fund
Funding set aside for trails
Kaboom and GM are the parties involved in the playscape

Soil testing has been done for playscape areas

Indications that soil remediation will be necessary for any food production gardens

Dichondra and Rumana noted that our organizations are complimentary

Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of the month, in the 3rd floor city hall; virtual possible

Recently added to United Way SEM for volunteer recruitment

- d. Lynn Blasey Chair of Arts and Culture Commission
 - Saturday September 3 11-1, tea at Zussman Park
 - repeats the first Saturday of each month
 - takes donations
 - sponsored by AAPI PAC
 - Campau Planter Boxes
 - Russ Gordon (Franklin Electric) and Bengal Auto Sales donated a truck (Blasey's Water Wagon) and large water tank to water planter boxes
 - Truck will be unveiled at the Labor Day Parade
 - Doing test run on Saturday to get water from fire department or city hall
 - Looking for volunteers with good driving records to drive the truck especially in July and August
 - Lynn has been collecting plant donations in her yard, but will soon be transporting them into planter boxes
 - Glafira offered her Syhlet plot for more space for donations and for things that don't have room to transplant
 - October 7th, Friday, 10am, partnering with GM who donated 1,250 spring bulbs
 - Meeting at Pope Park
 - Planters will be marked
 - 19 volunteers signed up from GM
 - Hamtramck Area Disaster Recovery Group
 - She has been working with FEMA to form this long term recovery group
 - Interviewing case managers
 - Mission will be to start reaching out to people who made claims with FEMA in the floods the last few years to ensure people have recovered
 - Meets every other Friday at 11 via zoom
 - Has fiduciary, needs help with grant writing and communications
4. Approval of Minutes from July 7th meeting
 - Sean Motioned
 - Peter Seconded
 - All in favor; none opposed

Rumana motioned to strike Wayne County, add dog parks
Peter seconded
All in favor; none opposed

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

1. *Update on Veterans Park Subcommittee survey*
 - *Peter, Julie, Glafira went to Veterans park to make an assessment*
 - *Peter will forward link to existing Veterans park area plan*
 - *Potentially removing one of the baseball fields to replace with solar panels as rain water catchment*
 - *Considering:*
 - *dog park*
 - *pollinator garden*
 - *community garden*
 - *shade garden/curb appeal*
2. *Commission Agenda Posting and Protocols*
 - *Will focus on posting sooner*
3. *Update on Dog Park*
 - *Julie will talk to Lynn to find out what other park details have been discussed already*
 - *Still pursuing where it can be, Veterans Park or elsewhere*
 - *Peter recommends being forthright but not aggressive*
4. *Scoping Commission Projects Prioritization*
 - *Tabled until next month*

SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS

1. General Reports
2. Public Comment (three minutes limited to Beautification Commission issues)

ADJOURNMENT

Rumana motioned to adjourn
Sean seconded
All in favor; none opposed
Adjourned at: 7:28