

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Emily Drennen – Present

Nancy Heine – Present

Natalie Sampson – Present

Thomas McKee – Present

Leah Vanlandingham – Present

Brett Zeuner – Present

Julia Bayha – Not present at roll call but arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Keith Michalowski – Present

Thomas Kovacs – Present

Councilperson Bashert, Fire Chief Max Anthouard, and City Attorney John Barr were also present at the meeting

III. COMMISSION TRAINING

At 6:36 p.m. Mr. Barr started a training presentation on the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Following the presentation commissioners were able to ask questions of Mr. Barr.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Heine moved to approve the agenda and minutes; Commissioner Zeuner seconded the motion.

All commissioners voted in favor of approving the agenda and minutes in a roll call vote.

V. PRESENTATIONS

Three presentations were given:

- 1) Emily Plummer, EMU graduate, presented on her undergraduate research project which focused on sustainable businesses in Ypsilanti

- 2) Erica Mooney, community member, presented on her experience with the city's previous sustainability plans and activities. She offered advice on how the commission can move forward on fulfilling its stated obligations under the city's ordinance.
- 3) Commissioner Zeuner gave a presentation on an outreach and communication strategy that included calling for non-digital outreach measures to be included with

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Katie, community member, asked about the powers of the commission and the possibility of informational event or programming

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Changes to attendance and residency of the Commission Bylaws were proposed. The proposed changes were then voted on in a roll call.

All members voted in favor of the proposed changes to the Commission Bylaws.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Two votes were made during the new business portion of the meeting.

- 1) Roll call vote on creating the outreach subcommittee with Commissioner Zeuner taking on this task.
 - a. All commissioners voted in favor
- 2) Roll call vote on creating the Michigan Green Communities Challenge subcommittee with Commissioners Kovacs, Sampson, and Vanlandingham taking on this task.
 - a. All commissioners voted in favor

IX. FUTURE BUSINESS

The commission briefly discussed the county's draft Solid Waste Plan and a response to the Paris Climate Accord but decisions on these matters were postponed due to the meeting running over by 30 minutes at that point.

Commissioner Sampson left at 9:35 p.m.

X. SECOND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Emily Plummer, EMU graduate, commented on how to involved small businesses in the commissioner

Amanda Mayer, community member and EMU student, asked for more information on the Michigan Green Communities Challenge

XI. ADJOURNMENTS

The meeting was formally adjourned at 9:47 p.m.