

Sustainability Commission Regular Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2017
City Council Chambers - One S. Huron St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
7:00 PM

Action Minutes

Sustainability Commission - City of Ypsilanti

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Emily Drennen - Present

Nancy Heine - Present

Natalie Sampson – Not Present

Thomas McKee - Present

Leah Vanlandingham - Present

Brett Zeuner - Present

Julia Bayha - Present

Keith Michalowski - Present

Thomas Kovacs - Present

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda

1. Cmmr. VanLandingham motions to add volunteer opportunities to agenda

a) Cmmr. McKee seconds

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2. Cmmr. Zeuner motions to add update from MDEQ internship to agenda

a) Cmmr. VanLandingham seconds

3. Consent agenda is approved unanimously

B. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

1. Unanimously approved

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

A. No audience members – no participation

V. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Cmmr. VanLandingham gave short presentation of volunteer opportunities

B. Cmmr. Zeuner gave short presentation on internship at MDEQ

VI. ACTIVE BUSINESS

A. Review and Approve Commission Bylaws

a) Add “per fiscal year” after absences in section 4 - Meetings of bylaws

b) Cmmr. Kovacs commented:

(1) Review alternative fuel policy - where is it? Need to check on this

(2) Comment on by-laws

c) Chair cmmr. Michalowski clarified reason for making comment on “one voice”

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d) Chair Michalowski entertained change contingent on absence clarification

e) Cmmr. Kovacs motioned to pass

(1) Cmmr. McKee seconds

B. Sustainability Plan Sub-Committee Update

1. Cmmr. Kovacs gives update on sustainability subcommittee

a) August 17th meeting - defining sustainability (considering three pillars of sustainability)

b) Put it on Google Docs to publicly edit

c) Read definition from Google Doc

d) Reviewed comments - social versus community - conciseness

e) Proposal of change society to community in definition —

C. Outreach Sub-Committee Update

1. Cmmr. Zeuner gives update on sub-committee and asks if other commissioners are interested in helping and/or joining the sub-committee.

2. Cmmr. Kovacs suggests presence at Ypsi events

a) First Fridays?

b) Ypsilanti Clean-Up Day

c) Citizen Science projects

3. Cmmrs McKlee and Michalowski offer help

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- a) Make Google Calendar/Spreadsheet
- b) Volunteer groups — Lion's Club? Rotary Club?
- 4. Cmmr. VanLandingham offers to make a list of groups
 - a) Schools - environmental education in Ypsilanti K-12
- 5. Cmmr. Bayha offers her assistance and willingness to help
- 6. Meeting for next Thursday is proposed
- D. MGC Challenge Sub-Committee Update
 - 1. Cmmr. McKee gives update on two meetings since last commission meeting in September
 - a) August 16th – First meeting
 - (1) Attendance by Cmmrs. VanLandingham and McKee
 - (2) Broad goals made – benchmarking current progress
 - (3) Ambitious goal - entry form ready by November meeting - to allow for pursuance of other goals
 - b) Second meeting date for september 6th
 - (1) Attendance by Cmmrs. VanLandingham and McKee
 - (a) Three community members also attended
 - (2) Divided work into broad categories
 - (3) Uniform recording format - Enter other sustainable competitions

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- (4) Apply for other awards and grants
- (5) Pursue other recognition for the committee
- (6) Two seats open - to stay under quorum
- (7) Cmmr. Drennen offers help with MGC review and submittal process
- (8) Cmmr. Heine asks for clarification on which level or tier we will pursue
- (9) Cmmr. McKlee clarifies that we are not setting eyes on a specific tier
- (10) Cmmr. Leah clarifies that you can't do silver or gold without first doing bronze - so we should start with that

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

- A. No audience participation

VIII. PROPOSED BUSINESS

- A. Cmmr. Bayha expresses interest in Facebook group for commission
- B. Cmmr. VanLandingham wants commission to be more involved - reiterates volunteer opportunities like Growing Hope.
 - 1. Opportunity to learn about farming, urban agriculture while building team cohesion
- C. Cmmr. Zeuner proposed MDEQ connection – utilizing state resources, if needed
- D. Cmmr. Heine suggests bringing more speakers
- E. Cmmr. Bayha suggests a Solar Ypsi - presentation
- F. Cmmr. Drennen suggests bringing social groups to commission

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G. Cmmr. VanLandingham brought up joint council meeting - Washtenaw County
Solid Waste Plan

H. Cmmr. Heine clarifies - solar ypsi for October

I. Cmmr. Drennen said she emailed solar ypsi

1. Asked for clarification on mayor's help with finding youth members

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. Monday, October 2nd, 2017 at City Council Chambers

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. Commission meeting adjourned on schedule