



MINUTES

City of Ypsilanti SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING One South Huron Street Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

Monday, May 13, 2019
7:00 P.M.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:02 p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Keith Michalowski	Absent	Nancy Heine	Present
Emily Drennen	Absent	Julia Bayha	Present
Bryan Foley	Present	Katy Greenwald	Present
Christian Cannon	Present		

Also Present: Commission Recording Secretary Nancy Hare-Dickerson

III. **INTRODUCTION**

A. Commissioner Beth Gibbons

Beth Gibbons, newly appointed commissioner from Ward 3, introduced herself and provided an overview of her background, work and interests.

IV. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Greenwald (Second Bayha) moved to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried

V. **PRESENTATIONS**

None

VI. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

VII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of April 8, 2019 minutes

Greenwald (Second Foley) moved to approve the Minutes as submitted.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried

VIII. **RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

A. Sustainability Plan Working Session Scheduling

Commissioner Heine: Suggested discussion be moved to the June agenda when more commissioners are in attendance. *[Commissioner Consensus]*

- B. Housing Affordability & Accessibility Committee Representative (1st Thursday of the month)

Commissioner Foley: With the meeting day having been returned to Thursday from Sunday, he stated his willingness to continue as representative.

- C. Commission Goals Review and Update

Commissioner Bayha: Suggested discussion be moved to the June agenda when more commissioners are in attendance. *[Commissioner Consensus]*

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2019-013 Banning Single Use Plastic (passed by Council)

Commissioner Heine: Suggested placement on the June Agenda to allow any desired discussion from absent commissioners. *[Commissioner Consensus]*

- B. Resolution No. 2019-084 Ypsilanti Central Business District Parking Study and Strategy (passed by Council)

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X. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- A. Commissioner Heine: Provided an update regarding the metrics for the MGC Challenge. She stated she will continue to work on accessibility issues and then will be entering data.
- B. Commissioner Drennen: Absent.
- C. Commissioner Bayha: Shared feedback regarding the Earth Day event. Discussed planning and improvement ideas for next year. Commissioner Greenwald offered that some of her students may be able to assist in the planning.
- D. Commissioner Foley: Recognized the passing of Ward 3 City Council Representative and former mayor, Pete Murdock. Also provided an update regarding the Ypsilanti Community Clean-up Day, scheduled for May 18th, from 9am to 12noon, and stated that volunteers would be appreciated.
- E. Commissioner Greenwald: Provided an update regarding the EMU Sustainability Commission. Stated that Heather Kahn-Welsh will replace Tom Kovacs for the upcoming academic year while Tom is on sabbatical.
- F. Commissioner Cannon: Provided an update regarding the Perry School solar project. Stated that he would like to have a presentation by Alexis Thompson, Co-President of GRID Alternatives – Students for Sustainable Energy placed on the June agenda.
- G. Commissioner Michalowski: Absent.

XI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

XII. PROPOSED BUSINESS

- A. Sustainability Plan Working Session Scheduling
- B. Commission Goals Review and Update
- C. Resolution No. 2019-013 Banning Single Use Plastic (passed by Council)
- D. Resolution No. 2019-084 Ypsilanti Central Business District Parking Study and Strategy (passed by Council)
- E. Commission Goals Review and Update
- F. Presentation: Alexis Thompson, Co-President of GRID Alternatives – Students for Sustainable Energy (Commissioner Cannon)

XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, June 10, 2019

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: 7:44 p.m.

Greenwald (Second Foley) moved to adjourn the meeting of the Sustainability Commission.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried