



MINUTES

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

Monday, February 10, 2020
7:00 P.M.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL**

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

Also Present: Council Liaison Steve Wilcoxon
Staff Liaison Ronald Akers, Public Services Director
Commission Recording Secretary, Nancy Hare-Dickerson

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

IV. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Commissioner Michalowski: Request to add - Composting Presentation by Commissioner Collins.

Foley (Second: Greenwald) moved to approve the Agenda as amended.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried

V. **MISCELLANEOUS**

Commissioner Michalowski: Initiated procedural discussion as to a conflict for use of City Council chambers for the March 9th Sustainability Commission due to the upcoming Primary election.

[Commission consensus to reschedule the March 9th meeting date to March 16, 2020]

VI. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. A Community Approach to Building Resilience in Ypsilanti with Desmond Kirwan

Desmond Kirwan, Paige Porter and Trevor McCarty shared what they hope will end up being their University of Michigan Masters research in the School for Environment & Sustainability. Their presentation, with handouts, addressed climate resilience, how to prepare Ypsilanti to be more resilient to climate change impacts (resilience hubs), as well as project funding.

[Commissioner query, comment and discussion followed]

2. Composting with Commissioner Collins

Commissioner Takunia Collins presented, with handouts and a visual, on the most efficient and effective way to make a compost pile.

[Query/discussion followed, including how to better educate residents about the benefits and how-tos of composting]

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of January 13, 2020 minutes

Bayha (Second: Gibbons) moved to approve the January 13, 2020 Minutes as submitted.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried

VIII. WORK SESSION- none

IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

1. Sustainability Plan Updates

Staff Liaison Akers: Gave a brief explanation of the draft Sustainability Outline and Environmental Challenge document provided to commissioners.

[Discussion followed as to additional topics to possibly add to the outline]

Commissioner Michalowski: Asked commissioners to further review the materials in preparation for discussion at next month's meeting.

2. EGLE Recycling Grant Update

Staff Liaison Akers: Explained the purpose of and outlined the criteria for the grant. Provided an update as to meetings/attendance at neighboring recycling/solid waste facilities. Shared information regarding an additional recycling grant that may be pursued. Provided an update as to the City/Ann Arbor Recycling partnership revised contract for drop off services on Ellsworth and as to planned drop off events at the City DPS site.

Council Liaison Wilcoxon: Provided an update of City Council's approval of a public engagement plan.

3. A2Zero Partner Update

Commissioner Gibbons: Provided an update that the next large outreach event is the Ann Arbor Carbon Neutrality Town Hall at Pioneer High School on February 22nd.

4. GHG Inventory and Report Status Update

Commissioner Michalowski: Indicated - no current update.

5. Resolution 2019-02 – Resolution Procedure

Commissioner Michalowski: Explained the intent behind the resolution.

[Clarifying and procedural discussion ensued]

Collins (Second: Greenwald) moved to table Resolution 2019-02 – Resolution Procedure, to allow for absent commissioner input.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried

6. Curbside Recycling Guidelines/Education Discussion

Staff Liaison Akers: Passed out a copy of "City of Ypsilanti – Curbside Recycling Guidelines" to commissioners.

Commissioner Collins: Provided an update as to the YouTube recycling video being planned, which was previously discussed at the January meeting.

7. Resolution 2020-002 - Support for Native Plants Resolution

Commissioner Michalowski: Explained the intent behind the resolution.

[Discussion ensued regarding possible revisions/additions/clarification].

[Commissioner Greenwald agreed to spearhead editing/clarifying language]

8. Ypsilanti Road Diet Update

Council Liaison Wilcoxon: Provided an update of City Council's approval and what the Road Diet entails.

[Discussion followed]

X. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners, who wished, shared updates of meetings, events and activities they have been involved with and/or are working on related to sustainability.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT-none

XII. PROPOSED BUSINESS

Commissioner Michalowski notated items for addition to the March agenda.

XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE - *NOTE DATE CHANGE

*Monday, March 16, 2020

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: 9:27 p.m.

Bayha (Second: Collins) moved to adjourn the meeting of the Sustainability Commission.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried