

1. Sustainability Commission May Agenda

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2. Draft March 2023 Minutes

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[MARCH 2023 SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING NOTES \(1\).PDF](#)

**Agenda**  
**Sustainability Commission**  
**May 8, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**City Hall - 1 S Huron St, Ypsilanti**  
**Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

Beth Gibbons, Chair	P	A
Julia Bayha	P	A
Bryan Foley	P	A
Nancy Heine	P	A
Takunia Collins	P	A
Liz Ratzloff	P	A
Shannon Baer	P	A

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- March 2023

**IV. Audience Participation**

- *Open for general public comment. Please limit to five minutes.*

**V. Election of Officers for the Sustainability Commission**

**VI. Report out on Sustainability Commission Activities**

- Earth Day Ypsilanti, April 16 12 - 5pm
- EPA Proposal Idea
- Preparing Ypsilanti Priorities for CPRG State Grant

**VII. Upcoming Activities**

- Round-up of spring/early summer sustainability events
- Presenter Suggestions or Topics to Tee-up for June through September 2023

**VIII. Staff Report & Updates**

**IX. Reports (Commissioners & Council Liaison)**

**X. Adjournment**

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**III. Approval of Minutes**

- November 14, 2022
  - i. Unanimous approval (friendly amendment to change commission heine's attendance to present)
- December 2022
  - i. Unanimous approval
- January 2023
  - i. Unanimous approval (friendly amendment to remove draft from title)

**IV. Audience Participation**

- Introduction of Dylan Goings, chair of the City of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee (advisors to the Ypsilanti City Planning Commission)
  - i. The committee wants to get more involved in local events and health out with earth day. The committee works on issues related to navigating and getting support from the city. Right now the main focus is a vision zero plan, which aims to reduce traffic fatalities to zero and encourage alternative modes of transportation, while helping the city identify areas of improvement.
  - ii. The committee hasn't looked through the CAP, but there is a lot of overlap so hopefully they will do so in the future. They would welcome working with the sustainability commission on implementation

**V. Upcoming Events**

- Earth Day Ypsilanti, April 16 12 - 5pm
  - i. Requested \$1100 from City Council for event support
  - ii. Liz and Nancy will help with set up
  - iii. TC will get recycling materials from city of ann arbor
  - iv. Bonnie will connect with County Rain Garden coordinator
  - v. Ypsilanti bike coop will open their mobile shop
  - vi. Two different wellness/fitness classes will be offered
  - vii. Alex Thomas will be interviewing people
  - viii. Nancy asked county commissioners to distribute the event
  - ix. TC will have potato booth

**VI. EPA Proposal Idea**

- Proposal Concept

- i. Government to government. Making \$1 million to cities who partner with community based organizations to support EJ, resilience, adaptation, and affect health and health impact work
  - Partners & phases discussion
    - i. Brainstormed additional partners and will submit grant before next meeting, liz will join the efforts and bring to the environmental council
- VII. **Sustainability Commission 2023 Planning & Goals**
  - Summary of discussion from January 2023
- VIII. **Staff Report & Updates**
  - Arbor Day - we need to celebrate trees
    - i. Trees at freedom school
  - Michigan green community work
- IX. **Reports (Commissioners & Council Liaison)**
- X. **Adjournment**