



MINUTES

City of Ypsilanti SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING Virtual Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2021
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Keith Michalowski	Present	Katy Greenwald	Present
Nancy Heine	Present	Beth Gibbons	Present
Julia Bayha	Present (*late arrival)	Takunia Collins	Present
Bryan Foley	Present	Desirae Simmons	Present

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

Additional Staff Present: Bonnie Wessler, Public Services Project Manager (Zoom Meeting Host)

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Michalowski: Request for correction - to move item 7.2.- "Michigan Catalyst Communities Academy" from the Consent Agenda, to 9.1- under Resolutions/Motions/Discussions. "UofM Ypsilanti Resilience Hub Project Follow Up" would move from 9.1 to 9.2- under Resolutions/Motions/Discussions.

Heine (Second: Gibbons) moved to approve the Agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Commissioners Michalowski, Heine, Foley, Greenwald, Gibbons, Collins, Simmons

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Bayha*

V. INTRODUCTIONS – none

VI. PRESENTATIONS

1. Ypsilanti Community Schools Resiliency Center (YCSRC)

Marquan Jackson, Ypsilanti Community Schools Homeless Liaison, shared that through support received from various foundations/agencies, the Resiliency Center, which is housed at the Willow Run campus, opened in December 2020. He discussed the work the Center has done and is doing to assist YCS families, as well as where they look to take the initiative in the near future. *[Commissioner comment followed]*

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of December 14, 2020 minutes

Heine (Second: Foley) moved to approve the December 14, 2020 Minutes as submitted.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Commissioners Michalowski, Heine, Bayha, Foley, Greenwald, Gibbons, Collins, Simmons

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

VIII. WORK SESSIONS - none

IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

1. Michigan Catalyst Communities Academy

Commissioner Michalowski explained that the desire of the Academy is to add two members from the Sustainability Commission and what the commitment would entail. *[Commissioner comment followed]*. He asked that any interested commissioners contact him within 24-hours.

2. UofM Ypsilanti Resilience Hub Project Follow Up

Commissioner Michalowski asked that commissioners respond to the group, per the email he shared, to sign up for an interview period in order to show support and to help them move forward on the resilience work they are doing.

X. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners provided comment and shared updates of events and activities they are involved with and/or are working on related to sustainability. Some discussion topics included: Annual Report, Earth Day, Community Outreach, Parkridge Community Center, Resiliency Hub, Council budget considerations, Huron River Watershed/Pen Dam, Water Street development/local impact, Seed Kit Creation/Gardening, the Adapt game.

Council/Staff Liaisons also provided updates of meetings, events and activities they are involved with which relate to the Sustainability Commission.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

XII. PROPOSED BUSINESS

Commissioner Michalowski asked commissioners to email to him any items they would like to see added to the agenda.

XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, February 8, 2021

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: 9:12 p.m.

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

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried