

Naming Committee Meeting
City Hall, 203 South Troy Street
Conference Room 136
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Draft Minutes

Call to Order at 5:10 pm.

Present: Alex McMall, Robin Winters, John Wendland, Tania Slaughter

Absent: Bill Sullivan

Public Comment

Approval of March 08, 2022, Minutes

Motion made by McMall, second by Slaughter, to approve the March 08, 2022, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by McMall, second by Wendland, to approve the Feb 16, 2023, agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business - Renaming Royal Oak Arboretum

Aaron Filipski, DPS director, gave a presentation on the history of Fred A. Erb. (See attached.)

Mr. Filipski talked about the Erb Family Foundation and its work to advance environmentally healthy spaces. Through a generous grant, 100 trees will be planted in Royal Oak's arboretum, in honor of the 100th anniversary of Mr. Erb's birth. Other improvements to the arboretum will also be funded through the grant.

Based on the criteria established in Article IV, Section 39-28 of the City of Royal Oak Municipal Code, the naming committee discussed and agreed that Mr. Erb embodies the requirement of being a person of good character who has contributed to the advancement of our city and is historically significant.

Motion made by Wendland, second by Slaughter to recommend to the Royal Oak City Commission that the Royal Oak Arboretum be renamed the Fred A. Erb Arboretum. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business - Presentation by Susan Barkman

Ms. Barkman gave a presentation on the roles of boards and committees.

Unfinished Business

None.

Motion made by McMall, second by Slaughter, to adjourn at 5:54 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

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