



# Royal Oak

Minutes

## Royal Oak Environmental Advisory Board

April 24, 2024, 7:00 p.m.  
Royal Oak Farmers Market  
316 East Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Present: Amanda Herzog  
Woody Gontina  
Tessa Benziger  
John Bosack  
Frank Komola  
Nicholas Marcelletti  
Ed Slesak  
Paul Vial

Absent: Zoe Chase  
Julie Lyons Bricker  
Tom Regan

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### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved unanimously, and included the addition of the compost ordinance review - item 8d.

Moved by: Paul Vial

Seconded by: John Bosack

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion Adopted

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Amanda Herzog

Seconded by: John Bosack

Motion to approve minutes of the February 28, 2024 meeting.

Motion Adopted

**4. Public Comment**

**5. Director of Public Services and Recreation Report**

Director Filipski noted the recent approval of a resident-sponsored pollinator garden on city property near Gardenia and Main; encouraged group to recruit for 2 vacancies on EAB; noted that although slightly delayed, the new community garden @ Oakland Elementary is still moving forward.

**6. Sustainability Manager Report**

**7. City Commissioner Report**

**8. New Business**

**8.a Model Bylaws Discussion**

Susan Barkman and Aaron Filipski led a discussion on the model bylaws. The group provided feedback on a number of different components and staff will return with a more final draft.

**8.b Social Media Strategy**

Developing theme

Posting for a vacancy online

Home efficiency could be a good theme for June and promote turn out for the program.

**8.c Presentation by Member Komola Re: Website, Documentary**

Member Komola shared some interesting environmental websites including Planet Detroit and EGLE, and shared positive feedback about the documentaries "Kiss the Ground" and "Common Ground".

**8.d Review of Compost Ordinance and Guide**

Chair Gontina read the

Moved by: Paul Vial

Seconded by: Nicholas Marcelletti

Motion to approve the compost ordinance revisions as presented.

Motion Adopted

**9. Old Business**

**9.a 2024 EAB Focus**

**9.b Earth Day 2024 Recap**

Chair Gontina briefly discussed the success of the 2024 Earth Day festival, and noted some potential improvements for future years.

**10. Subcommittee/Program Updates**

**10.a Social Media**

**11. General Announcements / Reports**

**11.a Next Meeting: May 22, 2024**

**11.b SOCRRA Refuse/Recycling Reports - February & March 2024s**

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Moved by: Tessa Benziger

Seconded by: John Bosack

Motion to adjourn EAB meeting of April 24, 2024.

Motion Adopted