
Absent: W. Gontina, P. Lemme, T. Purrenhage

Public: J. Long, E. Lorenz, D. Sloan, G. Thompson,

Public Comment:
(1) David Sloan – Visited England and while visiting observed that many countries have banned plastic water bottles. They sell water in glass bottles. A thought and idea for the group to consider.

(2) Edna Lorenz works at Beaumont – Edna is the Energy Manager at Beaumont Hospital. She manages 8 hospitals. Edna explained the Strategic Energy Management (SEM) pilot program through DTE. DTE will come into a facility and complete an energy audit. Service was free but Beaumont gets energy rebate credits. Each monthly meeting, they attend DTE will provided consultants for energy management. Beaumont is going into their second year of this program. Example Project: Beaumont implemented using fresh air for cooling. Take air from outside, changing the way operate systems. The Beaumont systems incorporate fresh air into building.

(3) Gloria Thompson – Royal Oak High School Student - government class requires students to attend a public government meeting. Gloria interested in starting a garden club at Royal Oak High School. Gardening could Include composting with leftover foods from school. Suggested working with Royal Oak Garden Club or Nature Society. Also, seeing if Royal Oak High School has a Green Team

(4) Jackson Long – Royal Oak High School Student – government class requires students to attend a public government meeting.

2. Greg Rassel Report – Setting up tour at SOCCRA. Trying to figure out a time for tour so line is operational. Any day during the week in the summer or September meeting will include a tour of SOCCRA. Group would like to tour during September meeting.

- J. Lyons-Bricker provided details on two grants:
  - US Green Building Council – LEED for Cities. Grant is for a membership in USGBC estimated to be worth 25k dollars. Membership would include: expert tech assistance in greenhouse gas, energy, and water tracking (use ARC software). Get an overall score
which can be used to compare Royal Oak to other cities. Able to get the Royal Oak Mayor, local business owners, and Royal Oak Schools Superintendent to send letters of support.
  o April 1, 2019 – DNR grant application to pave the trail behind community center.

3. City Commissioner Report – Shar Douglas:
  o No inspections of houses.
  o No selling of animals in Pet Stores (ordinance passed)
  o Working on budget
  o Oakland County giving 1 million dollars for Normandy Oaks.
  o Royal Oak property owners will get a tax-cut this year
     o Normandy Oaks – Construction starts in April 2019. Royal Oak received one million dollar grant from Oakland County Parks and Rec to pay for amenities in park (paths, trails).

   • Shifts 9am - 11am: Kevin, Chris & 11am-1pm: Ken, Amanda M, Amanda H. (all day)
   • Set up signs after Saturday, May 25
   • Fall Recycling Event - Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019

5. Sustainability Plan Update (J. Lyons-Bricker):
   • Plan is on hold but working to grab metrics for LEED. Holly Donoghue and Julie Lyons-Bricker traveling to Washington DC, June 4-6, for LEED for Cities training. With LEED membership comes technical advice. SEMCOG grant for multiple communities. Julie has been in touch with Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Huntington Woods, Royal Oak – apply for SEMCOG grant. Meeting with other cities on May 23, 2019.
   • DTE – Strategic Energy Program – DTE talked to City of Royal Oak about it. DTE will give city an energy assessment. Request to city manager to move forward with SEP program. Could complete a program like Beaumont. Will fit into Sustainability plan.

6. RO 100 Year Anniversary 2021 (Kevin Pierson) – Brainstorming ideas:
   • 100 acts of green (give 100 ideas to residents)
   • new tree at park
   • planting 100 trees for past and 100 trees for future.
   • Install solar panel
   • What month will city celebrate?

7. Green Team (updates) –
   • Installed recycling bins at library (under desks).
   • Library got compost bin on May 21 for library staff (pilot program).
   • Used some green team money to purchase green themed books.

Library Presentations – Library needs to know presentation and description by end of October 2019.

Next meeting September 25, 2019
Motion to adjourn at 7:49 – K. Long. Second S. Douglas