

**Agenda**  
**Sustainability Commission**  
**December 9, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**City Hall - 1 S Huron St, Ypsilanti**

Beth Gibbons	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
Paula Sizemore, Chair	P	A
Erik McCleary	P	A

- **Approval of Minutes**
  - November 2024
  
- **Audience Participation**
  - *Open for general public comment. Please limit to five minutes.*
  
- **Community Resilience Hub**
  - Report out
    - *Zines summarizing community needs were gathered Input on resources needed by the unhoused community*
    - Input on resources needed by the unhoused community were gathered
    - More will be done to continue thinking about/acting on how to continue the work
    - We talked about adding things to a Pattern Book
  - Subcommittee Formation on the root cause of these issues
  - Paula will send emails to all commissioners to inquire about ongoing discussions
  
- **Update to Fleet Policy**
  - Suggested lifting up hybrid vehicles in policy. First responder vehicles will be hybrids and vehicles ordinance,
  - Reviewed policy, clarified reinvestment into fleet for ongoing maintenance.
  
- **Earth Day April 2025 Updates (EDY/5)**
  - Earth Day Weekend April 26 - 27, 2025
  - 48197/48198
    - High school
    - Willow Run Acres activity at Chapelle
    - Parkridge Event
    - Something at Riverside –??
    - Ypsilanti Pride Board
    - MESS
    - EMU Activity??

- City-wide activities?
    - Growing Hope (?)
    - Office of Engage (EMU) Bright Futures/SEMIS
    - Interfaith Council on Peace and Justice
    - YDL
    - Senior Center in Rec Park with focus on green infrastructure
  - Community-wide Earth Day Programming
    - Notice to Superior, Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township
    - Music screening
  - Bee City Materials, other Ypsilanti green infrastructure, native lawns, etc
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  - Earth Day Food Truck -
    - How do we do this as ZERO waste and without exhaust.
  - Music event
    - Potential performers
  - Hosting events out in 48197/48198 - eg Clay Hill
  - If we could find some indigenous Indians around here! We could welcome them too.
- **Actions:**
  - Search for conflicts with surrounding communities
  - Develop event summary
  - Develop a draft budget
    - Create sign-up form for community events
    - Share with Tom
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- **Staff Report/Updates**
  - Green Communities Challenge - reopening in January
  - Submitting a grant to electrify the cities fleet
    - 2025 - 2026 acceleration to action
    - Clean Fuel Policy
- **Filling Commission Seats**
  - Provided approved letter to YCS NHS student groups to fill youth seats
    - Students expect some compensation.
  - Sustainability Commissioner Seat/Nominations
- **Reports (Commissioners & Council Liaison)**
  - Commission members provided updates on activities across the community.
  - Make a budget request to Council as soon as possible for any Earth Day events
  - The Council is trying to improve the process for moving things more quickly.
  - We were going to review ordinances around lawns and stuff like that; Council wants to send guidance to Commission to work on lawn blowers.
- **Nancy Heine**
- City of Ypsilanti must have a court, we need to have a representative; We need to keep public health, CMH, and Court
- Luxwall Company - They develop energy efficient glass for companies; They're right here! We should promote them and talk them up. They're talking about building a huge plant in Detroit; Their corporate offices are right here. Company highlight!

- U-M to open a major research center, building a \$1.2Billion state-of-the-art facility, Los Alamos Lab
- TC Collins query about funding/grant:
- Beth: Grant used to strengthen resilience hub (located outside of City) serves broader Ypsilanti, another grant opportunity Partners to Places, will send Bonnie information about that. From the County desk - grant was hired to be the new racial equity officer for the County.
  
- End of Year reporting

**Notes:**

**Upcoming Meeting Topics**

- Early 2025 - Pollinators, lawn care, ecosystem changes
- *JustTransition or MAJIC (Green Jobs)*
- Ann Arbor 2030 District
- Update on County resources/location
- Michigan Medicine Updates