

Meeting

Date: February 17, 2025

Time: 6:30pm.

Location: Meeting was held at City Hall 1 South Huron St. Ypsilanti, Mi 48197. It was recorded and hosted by City of Ypsilanti Staff Bonnie Wessler.

1. **Call to Order** 6:37 by Commissioner Merlos
2. **Roll Call** Present Commissioners Beu, Connor-Barrie, Merlos, Moore, Seagraves, Thorburn, Sweet, Absent Commissioner McAtee. Present City Employee Bonnie Wessler. Absent City council liaison Patrick McLean
3. **Document Approval**
 - A. **Approval of agenda-** Agenda was amended to remove commission elections. Moved by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Beu. Passed
 - B. **Approval of Minutes-** Minutes from December were amended with correct date of tonight's meeting. Commissioner Connor-Barrie moved and Commissioner Sweet seconded. Passed
4. **Audience Participation** -None
5. **New Business** -
 - A. **"Working Group" recap-** A lot aligned with Parks report. Looking for potential partnerships. Commissioner Merlos reported on the Jackson Bright Walls-nonprofits and business owners work together. Commissioner Moore is interested in a Free Wall Space that anyone could paint on. Commissioner Moore will reach out to artists and landlord Beal. Commissioner Merlos will draft an ordinance to ask that Arts be part of the Community Benefits Ordinance.
6. **Standing Business**
 - A. **Master Plan timeline and Commission role-** Ms. Wessler stated that the lawyers are talking the contracts over. She will let us know a new timeline once the contract has been approved.
 - B. **Adopt-a-park evolution** Commissioner More is looking at scheduling some days where volunteers can come and work on specific projects. Ms. Wessler stated that there is some interest by other groups to have a big day event-not like those of the past original Ypsilanti P.R.I.D.E. cleaning day that occurred in May.
7. **Reports**
 - A. **City Updates** Two communication boards have arrived. They will be placed in Riverside Park and Parkridge Park when weather permits. City has been working on snow removal. This spring/summer there will be street reconstruction on Harriet Street that may affect some activities.
 - B. **Friends Groups/Facility Reports/Event Updates**
 - i. **Rutherford Pool** -Boiler was inspected. We are meeting with the county to talk about their registration system. After meeting with them we will talk to the Metro Park people. Commissioner Sweet offered to share what they do in Canton. It is the same program that Ypsilanti Township Uses.

ii. **Senior Center - None**

iii. **Parkridge** - Two summer camps

Commissioner Sweet will reach out to HRWS council for Fall River Day in 2025

8. Audience Participation - None

9. Adjournment 7:29

Next meeting: Monday March 17, 2025, 6:30 PM