



May 23 2024 at 6:30pm

**Meeting Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room
Public Safety Building, 2395 Twelve Mile Road**

Agenda Items:

1. Call to Order motion to approve Tricia second Caroline
2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes / Today's Agenda Tricia motion Caroline seconded
3. Public Comment Madeline, learned about the BEAC from the Native Plant Sale and is here to see what it's all about. She'd like to be a member if there is a position
4. City Council Liaison Report - Councilperson Jessica Vilani emailed since she was unable to attend
HOT TOPICS!

Berkley BOSS kicks off June 8th with the Art Bash

Volunteers are needed for the Art Bash – Sign up here if interested:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AACA628ABF49-48715261-2024#/>

May items of interest

Interim City Manager: Nate Geinzer will serve as interim City Manager during the search for a permanent CM. There is a strategic pause in place to provide for time to address some existing issues and create greater stability of operations before bringing in someone new. It is anticipated that the posting will go up after the July 4th holiday with an October/November anticipated start date for the incoming leader.

o If you are interested in providing feedback on desired City Manager attributes, please send me a list of names/e-mail/phone numbers and I will provide those to our search firm for inclusion in a special survey of involved stakeholders

Berkley Days: Official statement from City was released; awaiting additional after action review.

No decisions will be made on the future of Berkley Days at this time.

Budget: hearing for FY 2024-2025 was conducted and budget was approved.

Community Development: New parking guidelines are being explored; also reviewing Turro rental car service as a potential intrusion into the neighborhood.

DDA: America flags will be installed along 12 mile and Coolidge from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Memorial Day: VFW will host annual Memorial Day ceremony at the City Hall gazebo on Monday at noon.

1. Thoughts on attributes requested for new City Manager
5. Recap of EAC Activities
 - o Berkley Days: usage of the "Park Your Ride" was down on each of the days. Weather didn't help. People may have been discouraged to walk their bike through the entire



festival grounds. Many bikes were locked to the tennis courts and park. The corral opening was facing the public, which may have affected the safety. Thoughts for next year: could it be closer to an entrance? have materials/activities something tangible to pass out?

- o Native Plant Sale: not quite as busy as the sale in the fall. There was a lot of networking, people just learning about our committee for the first time. Next year make sure we promote it more before, the website, the city, emails, local garden groups, parks and rec letterboard by tennis courts, library, the old movie theatre marquee. Tentative date Saturday 9/15 10-2. Tricia reaching out to Parks and Rec to confirm it works with them.

6. Announcements:

Volunteer Appreciation luncheon on Wednesday June 12th.

Caroline still working on putting together a CLothing Swap, this time for the fall.

Reaching out to the library.

The cardboard recycling bin at DPW got upgraded, to a bin with a smaller opening so that residents will break down the cardboard. Do we make money from this?

Caroline will reach out to DPW to confirm recycling bins will be at the Art Bash, who collects them? Does anyone sort returnables? Mark and Noel are available to operate the "Park Your Ride" booth for the Art Bash.

Caroline will reach out to Shawn at DPW to talk about another large recycling event. Tricia wants to know what thoughts are on what to do with the money we've raised from the plant sales. Are we still interested in doing a small native garden?

Adjournment motion to adjourn Caroline, second Tricia

Next Meeting: June 20, 2024

https://www.berkleymich.org/boards_and_commissions/environmental.php