



**June 20 2024 at 6:30pm**

**Noel  
Trish  
Rebekah  
Jess  
Mark**

**Agenda Items:**

1. Call to Order 18:41
2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes / Today's Agenda Trish motioned to approve, Mark seconded
3. Public Comment
  - o Jason Benedict, 2020
    - i. League of Michigan Bicycles
      1. Auditing catalpa where accidents occur next Tuesday after work
      2. Would be great to have bicycle infrastructure!
  - o Nate Guisner, interim city manager
4. City Council Liaison Report - Councilperson Jessica Vilani
  - o June items of interest
    - i. Berkley BOSS is officially open!
    - ii. Changes to overnight residential parking ordinance are being considered; no changes have been approved at this time. Removal of overnight restrictions is not being considered. Residential parking updates: the existing parking ordinance is being updated to include an online option to apply for overnight parking permits, a modification of the parking restriction times (No parking 2:00 -6:00 am 2:00 – 5:00 am) and a potential hardship option for annual parking passes for residents. NO CHANGES have been formally approved at this time. Second reading of the ordinance will occur at the next council meeting in July. Council has requested that staff come back with a list of recommendations on how a potential hardship option could be handled.
    - iii. 'The Columbia' PUD: Multi-family housing unit received approval for PUD variances and can proceed.
    - iv. City Hall honors Berkley female trailblazers: Three conference rooms in City Hall have been named after historical Berkley women.
    - v. Millage: a conversation was had to discuss the short-term future of a millage proposal; there are no plans to move forward with a millage at this time.
    - vi. City Manager Search: the official search will kick off the week of July 8th. It is anticipated to last 12-16 weeks.
    - vii. Cardboard Recycling: big success! This is seeing great use and emptied every two weeks.



- viii. Budget line item: Has been requested (again). Hopefully with no more imminent personnel transitions we can get this squared away before the fall plant sale.
- 5. Recap of EAC Activities
  - o Art Bash - Mark and Noel ran the bike corral. Steady stream of business through the entire event! Mark posted to the Art Bash website! Worthwhile! Location worked out well. Can always use volunteers!
    - i. Next time: more volunteers and more publicity!
    - ii. Draw more of a connection with the committee
- 6. Upcoming of EAC Activities
  - o Workshop in Fall around upcoming grant and rebate opportunities that are coming to weatherize homes and energy efficiency. American Rescue Act, \$211 million for Michigan. Need to wait until Michigan finalizes the rules for how the money is distributed. Not means based.
    - i. bring in panel? federal level, state level, contractor, utilities
  - o Potential electronic recycling day
  - o Fall native plant sale Sept 15th
- 7. Announcements
  - o WDET public radio station hosts political evenings locally <https://wdet.org/event/smart-politics-an-election-discussion-hosted-by-wdet-news-director-jerome-vaughn/>
  - o Berkley Garden Walk this Saturday
  - o Berkley Garage Sale this weekend
- 8. Adjournment 7:47

**Next Meeting: August 15 2024**

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