

Citizens Engagement Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes for 8/4/2021

7pm

Location: Berkley City Council Chambers

Attendees: Matt Baumgarten, City Manager
Natalie Price, City Council Liaison
Jessica Vilani
Nicole Menard
Katie Ware
Brandon Moss
Sandy Fisher

Absent Colleen Graveline
Jaye Sanders

Meeting Called to Order

Motion made to call meeting to order at 7:02 pm by Jessica Vilani.

Motion seconded by Sandy Fisher.

Roll Call

Colleen and Jaye - Absent

Matt Baumgarten filling in for Torri Mathes

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve made by Sandy Fisher.

Motion seconded by Nicole Menard

Motion to Approve Minutes from July 14

Motion to approve made by Nicole Menard.

Motion seconded by Katie Ware.

Citizen Comments

No citizens in attendance.

Order of Business

1) Board Elections

Recommendation was made to fill open Secretary spot now, and then hold annual re-elections in January. This will allow new members rolling on in summer some time to get to know everyone and determine if they would like to take on a leadership role.

Katie nominated Sandy for the role of secretary. Seconded by Brandon.
Unanimous approval by group.

2) Facebook page for resources

Posting is going well, we are continuing to grow in membership. Everyone is encouraged to share resources at any time when they come across them. During your assigned week, your goal is to post daily. Natalie encouraged the group to look at Oakland County resources as well.

Jessica will continue to refrain from posting regularly until the City Council election is over.

Posting Schedule:

Aug 9: Sandy
Aug 16: Colleen
August 23: Jaye
August 30: Brandon
September 6: Katie
September 13: Nicole
September 20: Sandy
September 27: Jaye
October 4: Brandon
October 11: Katie

3) Upcoming Events

Group is still unsure if we want to participate in community events - the biggest question to be determined is our role - what would our goal of participation be? Ambassador? Citizen liaison?

Natalie suggested we partner with the city or other Boards for their events.

Group determined this should be kept as a standing item.

4) Volunteer Portal

Discussion determined that we should work with city and other boards first to determine what roles are needed for volunteers. Too much risk in recruiting people and then not having anything for them to actually do.

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Staff Comments (Matt Baumgarten)

Master Plan: It is now available for review. State law requires it to be under review for 63 days. Comment boxes are located in city buildings and on the website. Feedback period ends on September 23.

Bulletin Boards: Torri needs someone on committee to serve as a point person for bulletin board content. Bulletin Boards are located near Rite Aid on 12 Mile. Nicole volunteered to work with Torri on this.

Rain Events: City wants to do a deeper dive into flooding. Wanted to know what we are hearing about this.

Adjournment

8:15pm motion to adjourn by Jess Vilani.

Motion seconded by Sandy Fisher.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 7pm