



Minutes

Royal Oak Environmental Advisory Board

**August 28, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Royal Oak Farmers Market
316 East Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067**

Present: Amanda Herzog
Woody Gontina
Tessa Benziger
Zoe Chase
Frank Komola
Julie Lyons Bricker
Ed Slesak
Jill Robinson

Absent: Brock Bosack
Nicholas Marcelletti
Paul Vial

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Julie Lyons Bricker

Seconded by: Zoe Chase

Motion to approve the agenda as published.

Motion Adopted

3. Approval of Minutes

Member Robinson noted that her name did not appear in the previous month.

Moved by: Jill Robinson

Seconded by: Julie Lyons Bricker

Motion to approve the minutes of the board's June 26 and July 31, 2024 meetings.

Motion Adopted

4. Public Comment

Mike Thompson of Lawson Park Homeowner's Association advocated for allowing the association to 'adopt' the traffic diverter berms.

Bill Gavreau further discussed adopting a couple of berms. Supports the initiative to facilitate resident-adopted areas for maintenance.

Ronald Arnold also spoke in support of the concept.

Treva Sept 11 6pm will give an informational talk at the library.

5. New Business

6. Old Business

6.a Revisit Bylaws Conversation

Member Lyons-Bricker provided several revision suggestions which were notated in the draft document by attending staff.

Commissioner Herzog discussed making sure the city manager had the authority to select different or multiple staff liaison.

The members discussed how/if there should be a formal nominating process in advance of the annual organizational meeting and if there should be a minimum of 1 year prior service for the chair and vice chair positions.

The members and staff discussed the occasional use of subcommittees and how to function with those in accordance with OMA rules.

The group expressed a general preference for 13 total members, with discussion on how many should be students.

Chair Gontina suggested added language to the statement of purpose that mentions the board's task of facilitating community communications for related issues.

Staff will provide a revised draft that incorporates the suggested revisions for board review at a future meeting.

7. Receive and File

7.a City Commission Report

7.b Staff Report

7.c Subcommittee/Other Reports

7.d SOCRRA Waste & Recycling Tonnage Reports

8. General Announcements

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.

Moved by: Zoe Chase

Seconded by: Ed Slesak

Motion to adjourn.

Motion Adopted