

**Environmental Advisory Committee  
 October 17, 2019 at 7 p.m. Huntington Woods City Hall  
 Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order:** 7:08 p.m.

**Attendance**

Members	
Julie Petrik	Absent
Daniels Brooks	Excused
Mari Masalin-Cooper (Secretary)	X
Sarah Jo Sautter	X
Bridget McKinley	Excused
Saulius Mikelonis	Excused
Aaron Retish	X
Ben Falik (Chair)	Excused
David Egan	Excused
Sophie Hart (Student Representative)	Excused
Jules Olsman (Commission Liaison)	Absent
Amy Hood (DPW)	X
Amy Sullivan (City Manager)	X
Tara Pieron	X
<b>Public Participation</b>	

**2. Approval of September 2019 Minutes:** Approved

**3. Food compost media campaign**

Need to create informational messages to promote different methods of composting  
 Last Food Compost pick-up is in December with yard waste  
 Sarah Jo will create a draft content calendar in Google Docs when to post messages

**4. Green Infrastructure:**

- a. *Climate Mayor's* update – Amy S. listened to webinar on sustainable cities using an assessment funding process instead of loan for energy improvement projects.
- b. *SEMCOG multi-community grant update:* Meeting minutes from Planning Commission’s thoughts on Road Diet being typed up and sent to the City Commission. Next step would be considering bringing the three cities together to discuss.

**5. Zoning Ordinance:**

a. *Solar ordinance review update:* Members reviewed solar panel language from Pleasant Ridge. Integrated are flush mounted and work as roofing. Non-integrated do not work as roofing. Currently stand alone panels are not permitted. Need additional information about what happens in the Historic District re: Solar Panels. Aaron R. suggested the EAC consider identifying possible incentives for

developers to incorporate solar and anything that will improve energy efficiency to be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their consideration.

- Amy S. will send proposed ordinance revisions to Planning Commission and then city attorney for review.

*Add-New Agenda item.* Discuss development bonuses for building sustainability like solar, geothermal, replacing furnaces, water heaters.

*b. Proposed ordinance on application of pesticides and fertilizers* - Storm water management regulations as reviewed by members will be sent to the Planning Commission for their review, public hearing and recommendation to the City Commission

*C. Residential front yard landscaping standard for new build ordinance change.* Current standard is 80% grass. Amy H. How do we incentivize current and new builds to put in a more sustainable landscape material? Needs more discussion.

**6. Public Participation** None

**7. New Business**

Daniel B.: concerns about DTE lighting proposal and possible light pollution.

Amy H.: Traditionally there is a December Pot Luck with the Arts and Garden Board. Looking for a place to host and a date to do it. Thoughts on moving to January. And consider to hosting at the Rec Center or Library.

**8. Committee member remarks** None

**9. Next meeting:** November 21, 2019

**10. Adjournment:** 8:12 p.m.