

**Minutes  
Royal Oak City School Liaison Committee Meeting**

**Royal Oak City Hall  
203 South Troy Street  
City Commission Chambers 121  
Royal Oak, MI 48067**

**Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 6:00p.m.**

1. Call to Order by Royal Oak City Manager Paul Brake at 6:02p.m.  
In attendance for the city: Paul Brake (manager); Monica Hunt (city commissioner); Brandon Kolo (city commissioner); Melanie Macey (mayor pro tem); Mike Moore (police chief). In attendance for the school: Mary Beth Fitzpatrick (superintendent); Deb Anderson (school board president); Tim Ciechorski (school board treasurer); Marty Cardamone (school board trustee); Kathy Abela (executive director finance and facilities); Jeff Synowiec (operations manager). Also present Carol Schwanger (city – executive assistant)
2. Approval of Agenda with the addition of Student Senior Coalition as suggested by Tim Ciechorski.
3. Public Comment there was no public comment.
4. New Business
  - a. Community Garden Update: all plots have been adopted; fencing is installed; planting to begin Sunday, April 24; signage for the bee hives although bees are not aggressive toward humans signage as a courtesy to the public; city will be completing access to water; finally school reports the west portion of the Girard parking lot will be expanded and construction is scheduled to begin May 16 and continue for three weeks approximately – it should cause little interruption and not be an access concern for community gardeners.
  - b. Arts, Beats and Eats 2022 Festival Agreement: Mary Beth Fitzpatrick is requesting payment increase for the use of the three school parking lots for the festival. There has not been an increase in fees since 2015. Brandon Kolo added the city will have to look at the budget for the event to confirm the increase will be feasible. Ms. Fitzpatrick also inquired about volunteers from the school community working at their lots for the festival. Chief Moore will provide her contact information for ABE for the requirements (number of volunteers; dates; times and hours required).
  - c. Student Senior Coalition: Tim Ciechorski and Melanie Macey reported there is preliminary discussions to implement the coalition to have seniors/students work collaboratively on projects. Status at this time is to pursue avenues and find projects.
5. Unfinished Business
  - a. Grant Park Site Lease Agreement Five-year Renewal Update: Kathy Abela stated the school board approved a one-year extension to the current agreement at the

Thursday, April 14 meeting. Mary Beth Fitzpatrick and Deb Anderson explained there is no intent to not enter an agreement for a longer term and there are no plans for the school district to develop property, however, the district will be conducting strategic planning during the 2022-23 school year. Once this is completed, making the long-term decision on the agreement extension will be able to be made.

6. Adjournment at 6:27p.m.

Next Meeting is currently schedule for July 20, 2022, however, August 17, 2022 would be a better date for the school district. City representatives have no objection to move the meeting one-month. School will confirm the change of date.

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