



Revised

Martha Baldwin Park Board Agenda
Department of Public Services
851 South Eton, Birmingham, MI 48009
Thursday, June 16, 2022
11:00 AM

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of the Minutes of:** December 16, 2021
- IV. Agenda Items-**
 - 1. Marx Sculpture Donation for Untitled #1 and Untitled #2
- V. Communications/Discussion Items**
 - 1. Park Review (verbal)
 - 2. 2nd Draft Interpretive Sign
- VI. Discussion of Items Not On the Agenda**
- VII. Public Comment**
- VIII. Next Regular Meeting –TBD**
- IX. Adjournment**

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The highly transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant is spreading throughout the nation at an alarming rate.

As a result, the CDC is recommending that vaccinated and unvaccinated personnel wear a facemask indoors while in public if you live or work in a substantial or high transmission area. Oakland County is currently classified as a substantial transmission area. The City has reinstated mask requirements for all employees while indoors. The mask requirement also applies to all board and commission members as well as the public attending public meetings.

**Martha Baldwin Park Board Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2021**

Robert Kenning, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:00 am at the Department of Public Services Conference room, 851 S. Eton

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Forrester, Robert Kenning, Patrick Rock

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Linovitz

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services
Carrie Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager
Brendan McGaughey, Parks and Forestry Foreman

New member Patrick Rock was welcomed to the Martha Baldwin Park Board.

It was moved by Linda Forrester, seconded by Robert Kenning that the minutes of the July 30,2020 meeting be approved as submitted.

Yeas- 2 Robert Kenning, Linda Forrester

Nays- 0

Absent-1 Andrew Linovitz

Communication/Discussion Item #1 –Park Review (verbal)

The board discussed history about Martha Baldwin and Martha Baldwin Park. Utilizing the technology in the DPS conference room, the board reviewed the park via Google Maps. It was determined to have the next meeting at the Park.

Communication/Discussion Item #2 – Maintenance Agreement (verbal)

Manager Laird reviewed the maintenance agreement that has been set up with an environmental contractor, Cardno for the maintenance of the bioswale/wet meadow garden/monarch waystation. Cardno is an approved vendor with and has provided competitive pricing through Oakland County. Municipalities in Oakland County are invited to participate in this cooperative program available to local cities, townships and villages in Oakland County. Manager Laird discussed the upcoming 2022 season, the frequency of visits by Cardno and scope of work including weeding, spot treatment, debris removal and mulching.

Communication/Discussion Item #3 – Draft Interpretive Sign

The Board provided feedback on the draft of the Interpretive Sign that is to be installed at the bioswale/wet meadow garden. Placement of the sign is to be determined at a future meeting at the park. Manager Laird is to provide the sign company with direction.

Communication/Discussion Item #4 - Lebanese Cedar Tree (verbal)

Manager Laird informed the Board that the Lebanese Cedar Tree that was planted in Martha Baldwin Park, gifted by the Consul General of Lebanon, experienced transplant shock and will be replaced with another Lebanese Cedar in 2022.

The next meeting will be TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 am

Carrie Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Planning Division)

DATE: May 13th, 2022

TO: Martha Baldwin Park Board Members

FROM: Brooks Cowan, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Marx Sculpture Donation for Untitled #1 and Untitled #2

Birmingham resident Sue Marx has applied to donate two sculptures titled "Untitled #1" and "Untitled #2" to the City. The sculptures were created by her late husband Stanley "Hank" Marx and are currently located in her front yard on Oak Street next to Greenwood Cemetery.

Untitled #1 was built in 1982 and consists of an angular hollow core steel structure with elegant angles that are welded. The angularity and spacious quality allows for an interactive experience with the form. The sculpture is 8 feet in height with a base that is approximately 8 feet by 6 feet. The sculpture is meant to be placed directly on the ground, it is not meant to be bolted down.

Untitled #2 was also built in 1982 and consists of powder coated & fabricated steel that is angular in nature and golden in hue. The angularity is meant to create an interactive experience with the viewer and late day and early dawn light add to its illumination. The sculpture stands 5 feet in height with a base approximately 6 feet by 6 feet.

Untitled #1



Untitled #2



The Public Arts Board has reviewed a number of different locations including Quarton Lake and the Chesterfield Fire Station, however the owner was not entirely favorable of such locations.

In May of 2022, staff conducted a site visit to Martha Baldwin Park with DPS and scouted potential locations. DPS is amenable to allowing the sculptures in two of the flower beds on each side of the sidewalk that cuts through the middle of the park. Potential flower beds are pictured below. One of the flower beds previously had a sculpture from Mark Di Suvero which was removed in 2019.

On May 15th, 2022, the Public Arts Board motioned to recommend approval of the two flower beds pictured below in Martha Baldwin for the locations of Untitled #1 and Untitled #2. The locations must be reviewed by the Matha Baldwin Park Board before going to City Commission for final approval.

Suggested Action:

Make a motion to recommend approval of the two suggested locations in Martha Baldwin Park for the sculpture donations of Untitled #1 and Untitled #2.

Martha Baldwin Park – east of sidewalk path



Martha Baldwin Park – between Maple and Park pathway



WHAT IS A BIOSWALE?



The bioswale at Martha Baldwin Park was installed in the summer of 2018 by the City of Birmingham to decrease runoff during storm events. Bioswales are vegetated, shallow landscaped depressions designed to capture, treat and infiltrate stormwater runoff. This means that during rain events, this basin will hold water, keeping it from running into the sewers, allowing the plants that are planted in the basin to filter any pollutants out before it is absorbed back into the ground. Not only does this bioswale help filter out pollutants and decrease runoff, but the plants that are growing in the basin are great for pollinators. The various species in the basin attract a wide variety of pollinators, from Monarch Butterflies and bees to Hummingbirds.

A FEW OF YOUR LOCAL POLLINATORS



Green Leafhopper
Cicadella viridis



Painted Lady
Vanessa cardui



Eastern Honey Bee
Apis cerana



Dun Skipper
Euphyes vestris



Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Acorus gramineus



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Acorus gramineus



Common Wood-Nymph
Cercyonis pegala



Swamp Milkweed Leaf Beetle
Labidomera clivicollis

WHAT HAS BEEN PLANTED IN THIS RAIN GARDEN/BIOSWALE?



Blunt Spikerush
Eleocharis obtusa

1

Hosts many different species of insects including leafhoppers. Also a food source for waterfowl.



Swamp Milkweed
Asclepias incarnata

2

Larval host for Monarch butterflies and nectar source for many different species of butterflies and bees.



Fox Sedge
Carex vulpinoidea

3

Sedges are larval hosts to many different butterfly and skipper species.



Common Ironweed
Vernonia fasciculata

4

Host plant for several moth species. Nectar source for Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Painted Lady and Monarch, as well as multiple bee species.



Blue Flag Iris
Iris versicolor

5

Nectar source for multiple different bee, butterfly and skipper species.



Sweet Flag
Acorus gramineus

6

Host plant for species of leaf beetles.



Red Twig Dogwood
Cornus sericea

7

Larval host for Spring and Summer Azure. Nectar source for bees and butterflies and berries are a food source for birds.



Cardinal Flower
Loebelia cardinalis

8

Nectar source for multiple species of butterflies and hummingbirds.



Joe-Pye Weed
Eutrochium purpureum

9

Nectar source for multiple different butterfly, bee and moth species.



Rose Mallow
Hibiscus moschuetos

10

Nectar source for bees and hummingbirds. Host plant for multiple species of butterflies and moths.



Queen of the Prairie
Filipendula rubra

11

Pollen source for bees.



Marsh Blazing Star
Liatris spicata

12

Nectar source for multiple species of butterflies and bees.



Buttonbush
Cephalanthus occidentalis

13

Nectar source for Giant Swallowtail, Painted Lady, Common Wood Nymph as well as humming birds.



Monkey Flower
Mimulus ringens

14

Nectar source for bumblebees and host plant for multiple species of butterflies and moths.

METAMORPHOSIS OF THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY

