

BERKLEY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of March 17, 2026

6:30 PM

2nd Floor Meeting Room, Public Safety Building

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions
Present: Caroline Brohn-Dicks, Mark Richardson, Noel Rendelman, Tricia Losey, Jason Benedict, Madeline Alexander, Gary Elrod, Alex Brown and welcome to our new member Nicole Burgess!
2. Approval of Agenda
C. Dicks motions, T. Losey supports, agenda is approved.
3. Approval of Minutes, February, 2026 meeting,
C. Dicks motions, N. Rendelman supports, minutes are approved.
4. Public Comment
No members present
5. Chairperson's Report: (Richardson)
6. City Council Liaison Report: (Councilperson Elrod)

Per a discussion with Mark, looking into the 2019 Green Infrastructure Plan, it seems it did not go anywhere. The question remains where did the energy revolving "fund" go-transitions of city staff added confusion to whether or not it was even there in the first place. The city is starting to put together a Strategic Development Plan for the next 5 years with a lawyer, with sustainability being a large component of it.

From a conversation he had with a representative from Southfield, there needs to be some clarification regarding the recycling/compost data from Oakland County-numbers can be skewed based on the companies that provide the trash and lawn waste. Batteries are the number one material that residents seem to be confused about.

7. Staff Liaison Report: (Brown)
Looking into setting up a date for a SOCCRA tour, for both the recycling facility and composting site. Waiting for the weather to warm up and dry out.

Working on locking down dates for the Electronics Recycling/Paper Shredding. Looking to have one in the spring and one fall moving forward. Tentatively May 23rd and October 10th.

Looking at the Kenmore/Cornwall Native Garden area to be adopted as a community garden

8. Action item: finalize and adopt 2026 events calendar

9. Discussion Item: Work Plan Priority: improving Berkley transportation infrastructure (all)

Do we want to focus on bicycles, or broaden the conversation to pedestrians and mass transit? There have been attempts to make bike routes in Berkley, Mark shared materials from 2012 when a bicycle route was proposed. As part of the budgeting process, Coolidge Hwy has been identified as the most important road construction project. Looking into identifying a bike pathway and procuring some signs. Check with Parks and Rec to see if anything has been started

10. Discussion Item: Work Plan Priority: Berkley natural feature and green infrastructure (all)

2020 grant funded study by the Clinton River Watershed, 6 projects were identified all on city property, including adding rain gardens to Bacon Park. We will look into if there is any money in rebates from Oakland County

11. Discussion Item: comments and updates on other work plan priorities

The spring clothing swap is finalized for Saturday, 4/25. Times and marketing materials will be confirmed and shared.

12. Old Business: Recommendation for locating native plant bed (All)

Stick with the community center or look into a rain garden at Bacon Park, based on the shared study.

13. New Business:

14. Announcements:

The Detroit Zoo is hosting a recycling event on 4/18.

15. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn T. Losey, seconded by M. Alexander, approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm