



SUSTAINABLE BATTLE CREEK COMMITTEE

Authorization:

Resolution No. 41, adopted by the City Commission on December 4, 2007, established the Environmental Policy Study Committee. Resolution No. 158, adopted June 18, 2013, changed the name of the committee to be the Sustainable BC Committee, and updated its purpose. Resolution No. 36, adopted December 19, 2017, changed the membership guidelines to allow for the appointment of Commissioner Alternates.

Appointing Authority:

City staff members of the committee shall be appointed by the City Manager and the remaining committee members shall be appointed by the Mayor and City Commission. The Mayor and City Commission is authorized to also appoint one member of the City Commission, as an alternate, to attend meetings only in the event of the unavailability of an appointed City Commission member.

Liaison:

Patty J. Hoch-Melluish, Environmental & Storm Service Manager
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Purpose:

The purpose of the committee is to increase the city's efforts to incorporate environmentally responsible, cost-effective policy in the planning, administration and economic development of its built infrastructure and natural resources. The committee may make recommendations to the City Commission for its consideration and will be available to the commission as a resource on sustainable policy.

Membership:

The Committee may have up to nineteen (19) members and will review and recommend environmental/conservation policy for the city, including recommendations for action to the City Commission. The committee shall be composed of up to four (4) City Commissioners, two (2) city staff, as well as representatives from the community. Community representatives shall reside in the City of Battle Creek, or represent:

- small business located in the City of Battle Creek
- moderate to large business located in Battle Creek
- conservation experience
- manufacturing experience
- recreation experience
- legal or technical experience in environmental issues
- other interests as determined to be appropriate by the City Commission.

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NAME	ORGANIZATION	TERM EXPIRES
Christopher Bacik	Resident	01/16/2026
Michael Hall	Resident	06/18/2026
Mark Stephens	Resident	08/20/2026
Danielle Chauvin	Resident	11/26/2026
Robert Gilbert	Resident	01/08/2027
Roger Bosse	Resident	05/20/2027
Keona Ackley	W.K. Kellogg Foundation	10/21/2027
Kristopher Martin	BCU Unlimited	12/19/2027
Andy Helmboldt	Resident	01/16/2028
Michael Wyszynski	Resident	01/20/2028
VACANT – 4 seats		

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mark Behnke	City of Battle Creek	2024-2026 Term
Paige Katsarsky-Smith	City of Battle Creek	2024-2026 Term
Jessica LaCosse	City of Battle Creek	2024-2026 Term
CITY MEMBERS		
Patty Hoch-Melluish	City of Battle Creek	01/16/2028
Bessie Ploeg	City of Battle Creek	01/16/2028