



Andy Schor, Mayor

**Summary of Meeting - City of Lansing
HRCS Advisory Board Meeting Held Jointly with the
Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Board
Tuesday, November 18, 2025– 5:30 p.m.
Foster Community Center – 200 N. Foster, Room 211
Lansing, Michigan 48912**

Attendance: Brian Beard, Matthias Bell, Courtney Cole, Paul Dripchak, Ron Embry, Sean Gehle, Melissa Horste, Glenn Lopez, Christopher Szmazdzinski-Greene, Mary Beth Vanhorn, Tristan Walters, Versey Williams, Thomas Woods

Staff: Robin Anderson-King, Kim Coleman, DeLisa Fountain

Others: Patrick Abood (OCA), Yarden Blumstein

This meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chair Ron Embry. Chair Embry stated the purpose of the meeting and rules for public comment.

Advisory Board members identified themselves for roll call. Quorums were established for both boards.

T. Woods moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by V. Williams. Motion carried.

T. Woods moved to approve the minutes of October 28, 2025. Second by M. Horste. Motion carried.

Public comments: L. Stanaway strongly opposed ModPods being placed in parks. B. Clark, a homeowner near Comstock Park, does not support ModPods in the park and asked that careful consideration be given for site locations. C. Tielking supports the ModPods and believes that issues will be people being pushed away from the gate.

There was no communications or director's report.

Yarden Blumstein, Executive Director of Resolution Services, was introduced. Mr. Blumstein will facilitate the meeting for the purpose of assessing how the two advisory boards would work together.

Mr. Blumstein introduced his colleague, Ethan. Mr. Blumstein stated that the ground rules, purpose, outline of goals, guidelines will be established. The expectation is to accomplish the purpose of the meeting. Create a binding format as to how the decision will be made on the site location recommendations which everyone agrees to. Additionally, an end goal is to conclude with an analysis and an opinion on how to conduct the vote.

Advisory board members then vocalized opinions on voting, which included a consensus vote, a democratic process, and a ranking process. Discussion ensued on how each of the processes would be implemented and the criteria.

A Crank provided an explanation of the form included in the package, which was used internally to rank each of the locations and the categories. A presentation of Oregon Cares ModPods was shown.

Advisory board members raised several questions such as neighborhood fit and community readiness, were there any conversations with neighbors. Communications were presented with people in Ward neighborhood meetings. Has there been any environmental or site testing. Testing will be done once a site has been established. Best practices were used to rank locations and based it its needs. There was no official mapping. The criteria for neighborhood stability, crime rate and drug use were measured by police records and observations. Zoning would be a huge determining factor. However, records from Economic Development and Planning and Zoning were reviewed. Various cost factors would be incorporated based on the site needs.

Discussion surrounded selection of site recommendations, such as one recommendation or a runner up, would there be a soft round and then elimination of the lowest ranking sites and review of three sites. It was concluded that a public meeting would be held to receive feedback after releasing the five proposed sites. The following meeting schedule was established:

November 20, 2025: Review of the five proposed sites with discussion

December 2, 2025: Community Public Comment Engagement

December 18, 2025: Advisory Board vote on the site recommendation

The boards moved and seconded the motion to accept the proposed meeting dates and to use rank-based voting as the method to narrow site options for recommendation to the mayor. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by S. Gehle. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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