
AGENDA ITEM

TO: Tim Vandall, City Administrator
FROM: Ken Miller, PIO
DATE: March 29, 2024
SUBJECT: Citizens' Academy Graduation

Explanation: On April 4, 2024, nine (9) participants will graduate from the fourteenth (14th) annual Lansing Citizens' Academy. The Citizens' Academy provides an interactive experience for participants to learn about the functions and responsibilities of each City department. Participants meet with the Mayor and City staff members and learn about ways to volunteer on City boards and commissions.

Classes were held monthly from Sept. 2023 – March 2024. Sessions were led by staff, often taking place at the appropriate City facility. Each session lasted about two hours and class attendees were given an opportunity to rate each presentation.

Staff recommends the City offer the program again in 2024-2025.

This year's Citizens' Academy graduates are:

Andrew Crawford
Darcell Crawford
Andrew See
Chase Spears
Gabrielle Fletcher
Jonathan Howell
Ryan Norman
Sandra Lang
Will Coyne

Policy Consideration: None

Financial Consideration: The costs are minimal and include folders, handouts, and snacks for the participants at sessions. The participants also receive plaques to signify their graduation from the program.

Action: Staff is requesting that Mayor McNeill present plaques to the graduates. PIO Miller will be available to assist.