

**Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: June 3, 2013
Email Redactions List Pursuant to Council Resolution R-09-386**

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2	12:52 AM		All Council & Mayor	Camp Take Notice			
3	12:34 AM		All Council Members, Mayor, Jennifer Alexa, Jaqueline Beaudry, Tom Crawford, Paul Fulton, David Harris, Joanna Satterlee, Christine Schopieray, Nancy Walker, Lisa Wondrash	Anissa Bowden			
4	12:17 AM		Jane Lumm	Glenn Nelson	Liz Margolis, Sally Peterson, Steve Powers, Patricia Green, Deb Mexicotte		
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Alexa, Jennifer

From: Camp Take Notice Right to Eat Subcommittee [righttoreceivehumanitarianaid@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 12:52 AM
To: Hieftje, John; Kailasapathy, Sumi; Briere, Sabra; Lumm, Jane; Petersen, Sally; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Warpehoski, Chuck; Anglin, Mike
Subject: Re: future humanitarian aid that will be provided at Ann Arbor City Parks

Correction:

This is the code that most directly allows a future Parks and Rec Department to assess fees to the future providers of humanitarian aid. The previous email cites codes 3.7 and 3.8 which allow for the discretionary enforcement of the code below:

3:6. - Group activities.

No person shall organize, advertise or publicize any event or activity to be held in a park for which more than 50 people will be expected to attend without first receiving a permit from the Community Services Area Administrator, Public Services Area Administrator, or designee.

The email composed and reviewed by Seth Best and Caleb Poirier.

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Bowden (King), Anissa
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 12:34 AM
To: Alexa, Jennifer; Anglin, Mike; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Briere, Sabra; Crawford, Tom; Fulton, Paul; Harris, David; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Higgins, Sara; Kailasapathy, Sumi; Kunselman, Stephen; Lumm, Jane; Petersen, Sally; Postema, Stephen; Powers, Steve; Satterlee, Joanna; Schopieray, Christine; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Teall, Margie; Walker, Nancy; Warpehoski, Chuck; Wondrash, Lisa
Subject: DB-4 Amendment Attached
Attachments: Anissa R Bowden.vcf

RESOLVED, That each transfer be contingent on the closing of all financing for each transaction in conjunction with the Housing Commission entering into a ground lease with its partners.



Alexa, Jennifer

From: Nelson, Glenn [nelsong@aaps.k12.mi.us]
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 12:17 AM
To: Lumm, Jane
Cc: [REDACTED] Liz Margolis; janelumm@comcast.net; Petersen, Sally; Powers, Steve; Patricia Green; Deb Mexicotte
Subject: Re: AAPS' proposal to place digital billboards at three school sites

Jane,

I would be happy to meet. We could broaden the discussion to ways the City could help us to keep excellent schools as well as how the District could help the City meet its objectives. For example, the City could purchase parcels of the District that are essentially park properties. I would need to refresh my memory to be sure, but I think the transportation task force of the District and the Master Plan of the City regarding transportation came up with good ideas that, if implemented, would reduce our costs of providing safe routes to schools.

I wholeheartedly agree an even better partnership of the City and District would be in the interests of our citizens. Thanks for reaching out.

The next few days are a good time for me to do this. My wife is going out of town, and I essentially "don't have a life". :-) I am available as follows.

Wed 6/5 anytime before 4 pm
Th 6/6 anytime before 5 pm
Fr 6/7 anytime
Sat 6/8 anytime
Sun 6/9 anytime (need 90 minutes during 4-7 pm for a graduation party)
Mon 6/10 1-3 pm
Tu 6/11 noon - 6 pm
June 12 - 19 not available

Let me know if something within the above constraints works well for you. If not, I can provide more options after June 19. I am flexible as to place, although have a preference for downtown or near central campus. I look forward to talking.

Glenn

On Mon, Jun 3, 2013 at 3:56 PM, Lumm, Jane <JLumm@a2gov.org> wrote:
Dear Susan, Glenn and Liz,

Hope this finds you all very well!

I am reaching out to you to see if you are available to meet to discuss the proposal to erect digital billboards on school properties in the City. I know you are considering voting on this matter when you approve your FY14 budget, recognize the AAPS District is attempting to address various financial challenges, but would also urge you to not take action on this proposal until an opportunity is provided for additional public input. In addition to the value-add of obtaining more public input on this decision,

it would be helpful and collaborative for the AAPS to delay this decision while the City further evaluates the proposed revisions to the city's signs and outdoor advertising ordinance -- City Council approved a first reading of relevant sign ordinance amendments at the 3/18/13 council meeting, and the 2nd reading is scheduled for June 17th.

I am aware that the City cannot regulate what our schools construct on school property, but it is not clear whether the construction of billboards - signage that is primarily commercial in content -- are exempt. Respecting the need to examine this question further, the City's ongoing review of the existing ordinance, and the fact that you are poised to make a decision that will have a significant impact on the adjacent neighborhoods and are directionally supporting an action that runs counter to the city's sign ordinance and proposed changes, are all important factors in the decision-making "mix", and solid reasons to not vote on this matter before this due diligence is completed. If I may, I'd like to share some key aspects of the sign ordinance amendments that pertain specifically to electronic billboards. The City's sign ordinance changes propose the following (in parentheses I've noted Adams Outdoor Advertising's response):

- off-premises signs greater than 200 sq. ft., which city code defines as "billboards" are no longer permitted. (Existing signs of that size are grandfathered, but may not be converted to add mechanical or electronic features.) The City has a cap of 30 billboards. (Adams Outdoor Advertising does not agree -- feels the City should retain language that allows off-premises signs up to 700 sq. feet. Adams also added back language that said "no billboard shall be erected at any time when there are 30 or more billboard faces in the City.)
- maximum brightness of signs will be 500 nits during the day and 100 nits at night, and in no case greater than .1 foot candles above ambient at a residential property line (Adams Outdoor Advertising does not agree -- stated that foot candles are a better measure and think ambient light restriction at property line should be .3 foot candles, not 0.1)
- the changeable copy portion of a sign, which includes manual, mechanical, and digital/electronic changeable signs, will be no more than 50% of the area of the sign and no more than 30 sq. feet/sign or 14 sq. feet/sign face (Adams Outdoor Advertising does not agree -- indicated changeable copy portion of a sign should not be limited and changeable copy should be allowed to occur every 6 seconds (rather than 15 minutes as the City has established). Adams has also suggested revisions to the "grandfather" clause.

As you can see, the sign ordinance changes/amendments the City is proposing, changes which, I feel, reflect the importance and value our community places on an aesthetically pleasing environment, will be substantially ignored if the schools construct electronic, commercial billboards on school property. As I'm sure is now obvious :-), I do very much agree with and am supportive of the proposed ordinance amendments, feel that billboards are eyesores and, as such, will have a negative impact on adjacent neighborhoods.

I'd very much like to see us work in tandem on this matter and, as a 2nd ward representative of the Huron High School neighborhoods that will be significantly and negatively impacted by the proposed Huron High School digital billboard along Huron Parkway (i.e., two-sided, digital on both sides, 10 feet x 30 feet, on Huron Parkway North of Geddes/Fuller), respectfully request a meeting to discuss this further and time and opportunities for added neighborhood and public input.

I have often been told that former City Administrator Guy Larcom called Huron Parkway one of his/his greatest achievements. As a local resident and neighbor, I'll acknowledge an inherent bias, but will say, too, that our Huron River valley is a naturally and exceptionally beautiful area -- this area and many of our residents will be impacted, again, negatively, if an electronic, commercial billboard of the size and scope proposed for Huron Parkway is installed at Huron High School.

Thanks very much for listening, Susan, Glenn and Liz, and I also very much hope we can meet to discuss this further prior to the AAPS' signing a lease with Adams Outdoor Advertising. Obviously, and on behalf of the adjacent neighborhoods which will be negatively impacted by an electronic billboard on Huron Parkway, I am also strongly urging your reconsideration and denial of this proposal.

Looking forward to meeting, and most sincere thanks, Jane

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Camp Take Notice Right to Eat Subcommittee [righttoceivehumanitarianaid@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 11:13 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Kailasapathy, Sumi; Briere, Sabra; Lumm, Jane; Petersen, Sally; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Warpehoski, Chuck; Anglin, Mike
Subject: future humanitarian aid that will be provided at Ann Arbor City Parks

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Our concern:

The mayor and council members will change over time. The kind words that have been offered by the mayor "I believe we all want this to continue" will be trumped in the future by the ordinances that are currently on the books:

This is the Ann Arbor city code that allows future generations to access a fee schedule:

3:7. - Permits. 

The function of the park system is to provide persons with the opportunity to peacefully enjoy natural and scenic areas, to provide recreation opportunities, to preserve natural habitats for wildlife and to permit athletic competition in designated areas. Where a permit is required by this chapter, it may be issued by the Community Services Area Administrator, Public Services Area Administrator, or designee, if the Community Services Area Administrator, Public Services Area Administrator, or designee, determines that the proposed activity is consistent with the foregoing purposes, that adequate sanitary and safety precautions will be taken, that the activity will not unreasonably interfere with the use of parks and of neighboring property by others and that there is adequate security against damages to the City or others.

(Ord. No. 43-04, § 16, 1-3-05)

3:8. - Enforcement. 

(1)

Violations of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00.

(2)

The regulations of this chapter shall be enforceable by the Ann Arbor Police Services Unit. Also, the Public Services Area Administrator or designee may enforce these regulations by the issuance of code violation summonses.

(3)

A decision of the Community Services Area Administrator, Public Services Area Administrator, or designee, to refuse to issue a permit or to bar a person from a park for a period in excess of 7 days may be appealed to the City Administrator.

The text above can be found
at http://library.municode.com/HTML/11782/level2/TITIIIPAPUGR_CH39PAENRE.html

**Park Use Fee - No Shelter
Weekdays: Monday - Thursday**

Hours Reserved	Resident Fee	Non-Resident Fee	Corporate Fee
1 - 6	\$44	\$82	\$82
6-12	\$82	\$104	\$137

This clip found at website

location: <http://www.a2gov.org/government/communityservices/ParksandRecreation/Pages/ParksRentalOpportunities.aspx>

The ask: Please find a way to create a written record that states something similar to the following,

When the purpose of a gathering of people in Ann Arbor City Parks is the provision of humanitarian aid to a needy or under-served population, the organization providing the aid will be exempted from the assessment of fees that would otherwise be charged under the Parks and Recreation fee structure.

Thank you for protecting the future provision of humanitarian aid.

This email was composed and reviewed by Caleb Poirier and Seth Best.

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Kenneth Bowman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 8:27 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: Regarding A2 Chronicle and A2.com

Dear Sabra Briere,

Good evening,
I feel compelled to write to you with regard to my (blog) posting in the Ann Arbor Chronicle regarding the imminent appointment of Susan Baskett to the AATA Board of Directors dated May 17, 2013. More recently, the comment that you made in Ann Arbor.Com blog from May 30th; ("writers calling themselves "Ken" and "James Jefferson" - each of whom might or might not be DJBudSonic" - wrote to the Chronicle about the appointment.) Please bare with me as I am attempting to explain my position.

As you recall (Included) this is what I had blogged; (I too am hoping for a more robust discussion among Council members regarding Ms. Baskett's appointment to the AATA board. Ms. Baskett is one more individual that appears to possibly have a conflict of interest between with the AATA Board. Ms. Baskett was instrumental in developing a contract to purchase bus passes for AAPS High School students last year, a program that is now being explored for expansion during the potential budget cuts for AAPS.)

Never was it my intention, nor do I believe that I had launched any type of Political or personal attack towards you, the Mayor, the AATA Board or anyone else, nor was it my intention to suggest any type of criticism within the appointment process. My intent was to inquire that perhaps with the appointment of Ms. Baskett that a potential pattern resulting in a potential conflict of interest was arising. Why do I feel this way? As you may recall the AAPS was investigating ways to cut Transportation costs late in the School Year of I believe 2011; Ms. Baskett was involved in robust talks with AATA (Michael Ford, CEO) regarding the take over of 3 High School bus routes. Now after the first school year has concluded the AATA had provided bus service to all 3 High Schools on selected bus routes or in place of via purchased bus passes. Now with the departure of Jesse Bernstein we have Susan Baskett replacing him on the Board of Directors while still involved as a Trustee for the AAPS. Ms. Baskett is also avidly perusing the complete phase out of the AAPS Transportation Department. Obviously, this will place the AATA in a position to completely provide transportation services for AAPS students at an unknown cost to the taxpayers of the School District.

This made me pause for thought that perhaps a pattern was beginning to develop that in the end give way for a conflict of interest as many of the Board members of AATA are also connected to "other areas of interest" that potentially benefit the AATA. Example;

Susan Gott (University of Michigan Planners office) area of interest: M-Ride

Eli Cooper (City of Ann Arbor) area of interest: Connector Study, Commuter Rail, ability to obtain Federal and State grants

Anya Dale (Re-imagine Washtenaw) area of interest: Director of Re-imagine Washtenaw

I can assure you that I do exist, and I blog using my first name only. I have always held you in high regard as a City Council member even though I do not reside in your Ward. I am deeply bothered that you apparently chose to take my comments as criticism or an attack on your judgement or vote, and now infer that I am part of some conspiracy against you as a Council member on how you voted. I absolutely have no opposition to the appointment of Susan Baskett, however, I do not want to see any accusations of improprieties.

Thank you for your time,

Ken Bowman

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Rampson, Wendy
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 8:27 PM
To: Bona, Bonnie; Briere, Sabra; Diane Giannola; Eleanore Adenekan
[REDACTED] Eric Mahler; Ken Clein (kclein@quinnevans.com); Kirk Westphal;
Tony Derezinski; Wendy Woods
Cc: Gale, Mia
Subject: Additional Information for 6/4 Meeting
Attachments: CPC Minutes 05-21-13.pdf; SurveySummary_05142013.pdf

As background your discussion tomorrow, please find the minutes from the May 21 master plan review public hearing and the manager evaluation summary. We are meeting in the Basement Level conference room. See you then!

Wendy Rampson, AICP
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City of Ann Arbor
Formal Minutes - Final
City Planning Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
[http://a2gov.legistar.com/
Calendar.aspx](http://a2gov.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx)

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

7:00 PM

City Hall, 301 E. Huron Street, 2nd Flr.

9-a 13-0610

Master Plan Review - The Planning Commission is seeking comments about elements that should be studied for possible change or new elements that should be added to the master plan. This information is important to the Planning Commission in setting its work program for the upcoming fiscal year. The adopted plan elements can be found on the City's website, www.a2gov.org/planning
<<http://www.a2gov.org/planning>> Staff Recommendation:
Postponement

Rampson provided background regarding the master plan review.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Jeff Hayner, 1807 Pontiac Trail, resident of Lower Town since the 1980's. He stated that some of the items in the master plan don't fit with his experiences and understanding of the Lower Town. He said the PUDs in the area have not worked out so well. The Broadway Village opened the door for University investment and proposed multi-story parking garages. He said he doesn't necessarily agree with the description, and has concerns about the potential envelope being created in the area. He said low rise, is described as 2-4 story, mid rise is 5 8, and that might not be appropriate for this area, and just because the UM is doing it, doesn't mean the city should do it. He would like to see heights throughout the city brought down and for petitioners to have to come before the Commission and ask for more. He said people like the field where the Kroger store used to be, and it is not a friendly view to see tall buildings all along the river.

Ethel Potts, 1014 Elder Boulevard, said that she was looking at Resource Documents, such as the Connecting William, that was recently added, but noted that the Calthorpe report was missing. She said she would like to hear a discussion on what standards are used to call a document a resource. She said the Commission has been asked to look at the D1 zoning and supposes that could include re-mapping and rewriting the code. She strongly recommended that aspects important be included in the ordinance, not just fluffy words. She said the overlay districts are not enforceable; the descriptive material is not enforceable. She spoke to the need to include the public in discussions, saying that if the public does not know the location and time of a meeting, it is not a

public meeting. She asked for notification on meetings whenever the D1 zoning and design guidelines would be discussed.

Kathy Griswald, 3565 Fox Hunt Drive, (Second Ward), read vision statement from the Non motorized Plan. She said we need sidewalks for our children to walk to school. She said vegetation often grows to the edge of the street, and we need to educate and enforce Chapter 40, which deals with visibility. She stated that we need to revise Chapter 40 to be consistent with platinum level bike friendly cities, where 30 inches is the max vegetation in order to safely see pedestrians and bicyclists. She said we need to trim vegetation at least three feet back from the curb, in order to allow pedestrians to step out of the roadway when a vehicle is approaching.

Alan Haber, 531 Third Street, said he advocates for a central park or civic area on the Library Lot. He stressed that planning of a town should not be density everywhere, but rather have a civic center where energy gathers that is made for and by the people of the town. Haber said a park is an important element of that, adding that it might be a civic auditorium, museum, or public art, where you leave space that is not built, but that is created from accumulated energy. He explained his desire for the creation of a place in the downtown, for peace and non violence for people of the world, with high activity, not passive, yet friendly to children and older people. He asked for such a place to be incorporated in the master plan.

Kathy Borys, 1727 Charlton, stated that she would like to see the old Barnard Plating factory on Huron Street zoned as single family, rather than the current multi family zoning. She said without specific evidence that more multi-family is needed in this area, there is no need to tip the scale towards multi-family in our neighborhood.

Barbara Lucas, 1211 Wright Street, said she just learned about the public input opportunity on the master plan. She explained that they moved to Ann Arbor so they would not need a car, but have found that it is not safe to walk down by the Canoe Liveries at night, with multiple armed robberies of the Broadway party-store. She asked for the Commission to consider anything that would increase residential use in the area. She said it is difficult to get groceries down there so they need more residents in the area, whom would support a grocery store. She noted it is difficult to afford the taxes in Ann Arbor, and the need for affordable housing in their area in order to provide housing for people who work at the hospital. She said the traffic needs to be slowed down around the bridge, since people don't stop at the crosswalk because they can't see that there is an upcoming pedestrian crossing ahead, due to slope.

Noting no further speakers, the Chair declared the public hearing closed.

Moved by Giannola, seconded by Bona:

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby approves the "City of Ann Arbor Master Plan Resolution" and the "City of Ann Arbor Resource Information In Support Of The City Master Plan Resolution," dated May 21, 2013.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Bona said what she finds most fascinating about planning is the interconnectedness of what they do.

Bona encouraged the public speakers to attend the public meeting on the North Main Vision Task Force, adding that the large vacant DTE site is a part of that area and is adjacent to Lower Town. She noted that there are many exciting possibilities for this area.

Woods followed up on the question about the Calthorpe report, and if the Commission should have it as part of their discussions and deliberations, since they do refer to it.

Bona said her interpretation why the report was not included in the list was because it was the pre-report and lead into the downtown plan. She pointed out there were several other reports that came after.

Rampson agreed, explaining that it was woven into the downtown plan, but that it could be added to the list if the Commission wanted.

Woods said that she would like to have it added, and asked about the process involved in making that happen.

Rampson said the Commission could go through the amendment process or they could take it under advisement and when the item returns to the Commission, after further discussion on the Work Program, they would have a reconstituted motion.

Briere said the correct title is Downtown Development Strategies Project Report. She noted that the Calthorpe report is still in everyone's lexicon, and could be useful. She expressed the need for staff to evaluate whether the rest of the listed documents are currently useful or whether staff feels they need to be updated.

Giannola said she likes the sense of history presented, and while it is not bad to have the Calthorpe report listed she felt it was important that

people understood that this came before other reports.

Clein said that the Calthorpe report should be included as a resource document, as long as they realize that some information included might be in conflict with the current master plan. He felt the Commission should consider the addition for future motion.

Mahler said that it is important to realize that the Calthorpe report is not an official City document, and contains conflicting information. He stressed that he wouldn't want to put information that was in the Calthorpe report, and conflicts with the Downtown Plan, and that didn't make it into the Downtown Plan, as a resource document.

Woods said in looking through the plan summaries, she views the Calthorpe report as a resource they can use, and doesn't feel they are wed to it. She said the City Attorney could tell them if there is a problem with adding it.

Bona said what she finds important with the Calthorpe report is the culmination of public input that fills the gaps in the master plan, and thereby may justify its addition because it captured extensive public input. She said another document that might be considered is the Allen Creek Greenway report.

Giannola said she looks at the Calthorpe report for historical background.

Briere said she also likes to see the evolution of thought, which helps us understand where we are today. She said Council never approved the Connecting William Plan, but rather simply accepts reports. She felt that the Resource Documents don't need to include just Council approved reports. She mentioned that none of the HRIMP report is included in this list, yet is used on a constant basis for various activities. She stated that you don't need to have an approved plan in order to have the community bring something valuable to the table.

Giannola asked for clarification about the authorship of these documents and whether they are City documents or come from private or non-profit groups.

Rampson explained that the documents in the list are City documents.

Westphal said the statement in the resolution states that the documents shall be used by the Planning Commission and staff, and is comfortable with that. He said he is looking forward to hearing more staff feedback about the HRIMP plan, the Calthorpe Report, the Library Lot plan and

any other plan that might be subsumed by some eminent planning efforts. He noted it would be nice to clean it up, but is less concerned about spending time on parsing out whether it makes the list or not, adding that he would rather be more inclusive than less.

Briere said that it surprised her that the neighborhood email list picked up on the idea of the Master Plan discussion tonight, because it was the first time some of the people came out tonight and showed interest in planning. She noted that she had received quite a few emails today from people who live between the curve of the river, between Barton and Lower Town, who felt very strongly that the City should go back and reconsider the planning for the area adjacent to the Wall Street/Maiden Lane properties that the University owns. She said there is a lot of concern about the appropriate type of encouragement for business and residential as well as voiced concern that the current master plan elements suggest that taller than ten story buildings would be appropriate in that area. She said the Northeast Area Plan and particularly the land-use element plan should be reviewed in light of the increased interest in this part of town.

Clein agreed with Briere and noted that it is appropriate to look at this area when it is not under speculation for development. He thanked the citizens that came out tonight to share their comment, adding that it is helpful to see the connection between their lives and what the Commission does.

Westphal agreed, saying that all feedback is welcome. He reiterated comments brought by the public, that they need to continue to strive to work on ways to publicize meetings, noting that it might be helpful to reorient people on ways to sign up for GovDelivery on different topics, specifically items that are not in the master plan, but in other ordinances, such as the right-of way and how they relate to the non motorized plan. He said they should find ways on how to route these enquiries to the correct staff.

Derezinski stated that before they reconsider this item, they should not forget to look at the legal framework of the effect of having the Calthorpe report in there when, perhaps, they have moved beyond Calthorpe. He said it often tends to be that everyone is quoting it for their own reasons, and does that quoting assist the evolution of thought, or does it bring them back to where they started.

Rampson explained that the list was compiled with the intent to not lose the richness of the public input and to help them understand the past and the list has not been used to contradict the Master Plan and what State law says the Planning Commission and City Council should bless.

She suggested that a legal opinion was not necessary.

Giannola said she felt it was okay as long as future planning commissioners understood the difference between the two, and how one was adopted and the other was the public opinion that led to what was adopted.

Moved by Mahler, seconded by Adenekan, to postpone action on the Master Plan resolution until the June 18, 2013, City Planning Commission meeting. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the item postponed until June 18, 2013.

Planning Commission Evaluation 2013



1. The manager identifies problems and opportunities, poses alternative solutions for dealing with issues, and makes recommendations on how to implement the selected alternative.

Rating	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count
	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	62.5% (5)	25.0% (2)	4.00	8
Comments							1

answered question 8
skipped question 0

2. The manager provides accurate, timely and comprehensive information to the Commission and public and provides the Commission with constructive, periodic reports regarding the status of planning matters under consideration.

Rating	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count
	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	25.0% (2)	37.5% (3)	37.5% (3)	4.13	8
Comments							1

answered question 8
skipped question 0

3. The manager keeps the Commission informed of major planning issues and best practices which relate to the approved major objectives or responsibilities of the Commission.

Rating	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count	
	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	50.0% (4)	37.5% (3)	12.5% (1)	3.63	8	
	Comments							2
	answered question							8
	skipped question							0

4. The manager represents the Commission in an accurate and respectful manner before City Council, the community, City departments and other governmental units on planning considerations.

Rating	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count	
	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	25.0% (2)	25.0% (2)	50.0% (4)	4.25	8	
	Comments							1
	answered question							8
	skipped question							0

5. The manager ensures that the policies of the Master Plan are included in planning staff reports and recommendations.

Rating	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count
	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	50.0% (4)	25.0% (2)	25.0% (2)	3.75	8
						Comments	2
						answered question	8
						skipped question	0

6. The manager assists the Commission in cross-coordination with City staff and commissions to ensure consistency with the adopted City plans.

Rating	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count
	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	62.5% (5)	12.5% (1)	25.0% (2)	3.63	8
						Comments	2
						answered question	8
						skipped question	0

7. Anything else?

**Response
Count**

3

answered question

3

skipped question

5

8. The manager and staff successfully moved forward the FY2012-2013 Annual Work Program:

	Not satisfactory (explain below)	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding (explain below)	Rating Count
Washtenaw Avenue Corridor Plan	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	50.0% (4)	37.5% (3)	12.5% (1)	8
South State Street Corridor Plan	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	50.0% (4)	37.5% (3)	12.5% (1)	8
Capital Improvements Plan	0.0% (0)	25.0% (2)	25.0% (2)	37.5% (3)	12.5% (1)	8
Sustainability Framework - Master Plan	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	25.0% (2)	50.0% (4)	25.0% (2)	8
Sustainability Framework - Action Plan	0.0% (0)	25.0% (2)	37.5% (3)	12.5% (1)	25.0% (2)	8
Non-Motorized Plan Update	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	75.0% (6)	12.5% (1)	12.5% (1)	8
Zoning Ordinance Re-Organization (ZORO)	25.0% (2)	37.5% (3)	25.0% (2)	12.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	8
Zoning Amendments (Post-ZORO)	25.0% (2)	25.0% (2)	37.5% (3)	12.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	8
Sign Ordinance Amendments	0.0% (0)	37.5% (3)	50.0% (4)	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	8
R4C/R2A Report	0.0% (0)	25.0% (2)	37.5% (3)	37.5% (3)	0.0% (0)	8
Floodplain Ordinance	25.0% (2)	12.5% (1)	50.0% (4)	12.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	8
Citizen Participation Ordinance Evaluation	0.0% (0)	25.0% (2)	62.5% (5)	12.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	8
Downtown Zoning A2D2 Evaluation	0.0% (0)	25.0% (2)	62.5% (5)	12.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	8

Comments 4

answered question 8

skipped question 0

9. Anything else?

Response
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2

answered question 2

skipped question 6

10. The MANAGER maintains ethical standards and integrity in relations with others.

	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count
Rating	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	12.5% (1)	75.0% (6)	4.63	8

Comments 1

answered question 8

skipped question 0

11. The STAFF maintains ethical standards and integrity in relations with others.

Rating	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count
	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	12.5% (1)	75.0% (6)	4.63	8
Comments							1
answered question							8
skipped question							0

12. The MANAGER works well with the Planning Commission.

Rating	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count
	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	25.0% (2)	62.5% (5)	4.50	8
Comments							1
answered question							8
skipped question							0

13. The STAFF works well with the Planning Commission.

Rating	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count
	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	25.0% (2)	37.5% (3)	37.5% (3)	4.13	8

Comments 1

answered question 8

skipped question 0

14. The MANAGER communicates effectively in private and in public.

Rating	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count
	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	25.0% (2)	25.0% (2)	50.0% (4)	4.25	8

Comments 1

answered question 8

skipped question 0

15. The STAFF communicates effectively in private and in public.

Rating	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count
	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	62.5% (5)	12.5% (1)	25.0% (2)	3.63	8
						Comments	1
					answered question		8
					skipped question		0

16. The MANAGER stays current with planning research and best practices.

Rating	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count
	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	50.0% (4)	37.5% (3)	4.25	8
						Comments	2
					answered question		8
					skipped question		0

17. The STAFF stays current with planning research and best practices.

Rating	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count
	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	25.0% (2)	37.5% (3)	25.0% (2)	3.75	8
Comments							3
answered question							8
skipped question							0

18. The MANAGER promotes these traits (1-8 above) within the Planning Division.

Rating	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count
	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	50.0% (4)	37.5% (3)	4.25	8
Comments							1
answered question							8
skipped question							0

19. The MANAGER provides appropriate orientation, training and development opportunities for Commission and staff.

Rating	Not satisfactory	Needs improvement	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations	Outstanding	Rating Average	Rating Count
	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	37.5% (3)	37.5% (3)	12.5% (1)	3.50	8

Comments 3

answered question 8

skipped question 0

20. Anything else?

Response Count
1

answered question 1

skipped question 7

Page 2, Q1. The manager identifies problems and opportunities, poses alternative solutions for dealing with issues, and makes recommendations on how to implement the selected alternative.

1 I'm always trying to shoot for the creative and aim high, and she seeks out new ideas to solve persistent issues while being realistic as to our local barriers (political and practical) May 13, 2013 5:24 PM

Page 2, Q2. The manager provides accurate, timely and comprehensive information to the Commission and public and provides the Commission with constructive, periodic reports regarding the status of planning matters under consideration.

1 Even if a topic isn't proactively reported, she typically has the information if we ask. Even in these slower times there is a lot going on. May 13, 2013 5:24 PM

Page 2, Q3. The manager keeps the Commission informed of major planning issues and best practices which relate to the approved major objectives or responsibilities of the Commission.

1 While I think the staff has a pretty good handle on possible ways to implement goals from our Master Plans, I think it would be helpful to have an annual report of what was accomplished (toward those goals) and what additional goals align with our current interests, as well as what we should be interested in. May 13, 2013 5:24 PM

2 Might consider adding an item to the work sessions now and then, if not once a month, on a developing trend or "best practice" coming to the fore in the professional planning world May 12, 2013 11:48 AM

Page 2, Q4. The manager represents the Commission in an accurate and respectful manner before City Council, the community, City departments and other governmental units on planning considerations.

1 City Council can be tough, especially when they aren't in the trenches ... hang in there and let CPC know when we can be more proactively helpful. Would an annual joint working session be helpful (maybe including a couple other commissions that may have valuable input on current issues)? May 13, 2013 5:24 PM

Page 2, Q5. The manager ensures that the policies of the Master Plan are included in planning staff reports and recommendations.

- 1 Again, I have no sense of whether or not we're checking off Master Plan goals, or what's out there that should be on our radar. May 13, 2013 5:24 PM
- 2 Would be good to focus on this component especially when there might be conflicting principles at play with regard to a specific project under consideration May 12, 2013 11:48 AM

Page 2, Q6. The manager assists the Commission in cross-coordination with City staff and commissions to ensure consistency with the adopted City plans.

- 1 I'd like to see us include other commissions (or at least a representative or two) when dealing with Energy, Environment, Parks, Housing, etc. May 13, 2013 5:24 PM
- 2 Only thing I would add here is to get some input from the Legal office from time to time, particularly when new members join the Commission, and when a particular matter will be testy and the parameters of the law will be asserted. May 12, 2013 11:48 AM

Page 2, Q7. Anything else?

- 1 Great job! May 13, 2013 5:24 PM
- 2 We are extremely fortunate to have as qualified, talented, perceptive and eventempered a manager as we do, and who "manages" others and the load of work in such an effective manner. May 12, 2013 11:48 AM
- 3 I feel that the manager does an excellent job of keeping the Commission informed and organizing our activities. I hope we are able to complete teh ZORO and R4C updates so that the Zoning Ordinances will be more consistent and transparent. May 7, 2013 9:01 AM

Page 3, Q1. The manager and staff successfully moved forward the FY2012-2013 Annual Work Program:

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| 1 | ZORO and Flood Plain ordinance are City staff shortcomings ... while we can point to other priorities that have pushed them back, we need to know how CPC and our Council rep can help get these back on track. I don't think they should be abandoned. Sign Ordinance -- thought this was a higher priority but don't see much movement. Citizen Participation Ordinance -- not sure if it's broken, but I guess we need to hear that. | May 13, 2013 5:29 PM |
| 2 | Most of this work remains incomplete. | May 13, 2013 4:01 PM |
| 3 | There is only so much staff time and effort available, and I appreciate all the hard work that is going on. Would it be possible to make the argument--successfully--for more staff? | May 12, 2013 11:51 AM |
| 4 | Tough to say where "the buck stops" on items like ZORO and Floodplain. Perhaps we could have warned council on ZORO importance sooner than we have. | May 7, 2013 12:20 PM |

Page 3, Q2. Anything else?

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| 1 | We demand a lot, all the time ... | May 13, 2013 5:29 PM |
| 2 | emphasis on establishing a community vision for various parts of Ann Arbor could be very inspiring, although a lot of work. | May 7, 2013 9:04 AM |

Page 4, Q1. The MANAGER maintains ethical standards and integrity in relations with others.

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| 1 | I sense respect for transparency and respectfulness, even when it doesn't go the way someone would like. | May 13, 2013 5:37 PM |
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Page 4, Q2. The STAFF maintains ethical standards and integrity in relations with others.

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| 1 | ditto above. | May 13, 2013 5:37 PM |
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Page 4, Q2. The STAFF maintains ethical standards and integrity in relations with others.

Page 4, Q3. The MANAGER works well with the Planning Commission.

1 We can be frank with each other and conversations are productive.

May 13, 2013 5:37 PM

Page 4, Q4. The STAFF works well with the Planning Commission.

1 Great staff. Everyone is passionate about their work and it shows.

May 13, 2013 5:37 PM

Page 4, Q5. The MANAGER communicates effectively in private and in public.

1 yes.

May 13, 2013 5:37 PM

Page 4, Q6. The STAFF communicates effectively in private and in public.

1 the lingo and regulations can be foreign and complex, but they do well putting it in terms most people can understand

May 13, 2013 5:37 PM

Page 4, Q7. The MANAGER stays current with planning research and best practices.

1 it appears that she stays on top of what is happening elsewhere

May 13, 2013 5:37 PM

Page 4, Q7. The MANAGER stays current with planning research and best practices.

2 As noted in previous comment, add an item on this at work sessions

May 12, 2013 11:56 AM

Page 4, Q8. The STAFF stays current with planning research and best practices.

1 while new approaches can be a real challenge to consider and implement, they are willing to give it a go

May 13, 2013 5:37 PM

2 See comment immediately above; might use such an item to focus on individual staff members to much such presentations, not only for the substance of it, but to get to know said staff persons in particular.

May 12, 2013 11:56 AM

3 I'm assuming they stay current, however I can't remember the last time I've seen or heard the phrase "best practice" communicated in a staff report. May help support master plan goals.

May 7, 2013 12:27 PM

Page 4, Q9. The MANAGER promotes these traits (1-8 above) within the Planning Division.

1 she promotes seeking creative solutions while being responsible with their time

May 13, 2013 5:37 PM

Page 4, Q10. The MANAGER provides appropriate orientation, training and development opportunities for Commission and staff.

1 I think so ... it appears that staff get a chance to participate in webinars and conferences

May 13, 2013 5:37 PM

2 Would add more of these especially for new members of the commission.

May 12, 2013 11:56 AM

3 Training opportunities are very good. Perhaps we should discuss whether an internal legal and/or external training should be required for new commissioners on the annual calendar.

May 7, 2013 12:27 PM

1 Love you guys!

May 13, 2013 5:37 PM

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Ron Brown [brown@nfsa.org]
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 7:51 PM
To: 'Kas Gilbert'; Kunselman, Stephen
Cc: GR8BUD@aol.com
Subject: RE: Fire Safety Sprinklers, Zeta Tau Alpha

Mr. Kunselman My name is Ron Brown and I'm the Regional Manager for the National Fire Sprinkler Association responsible for the state of Michigan. My contact information is below. I really appreciate your taking the time to look into and perhaps help with the fire sprinkler issue we are dealing with in your city. This appears to be a case where an organization is trying to do the right thing from both a public policy and more importantly a life safety perspective but find themselves dealing with a city department that appears to not recognize the water requirements for a NFPA 13R fire sprinkler system or the public utility and public service benefits of fire sprinkler protected properties. The connection proposal being offered by the city in this case are unreasonable, unnecessary and very expensive based upon my current knowledge of the project. I would very much like to help with this issue however I can. I am providing below a link to some water purveyor information that may help in your review of the issue at hand. When you go to the link below please take the time to watch the short video found as a link on the web page.

I can be available to meet with you if you wish or we can talk on the phone if that would work better for you. I look forward to discussing this critical matter with you.

<http://www.homefiresprinkler.org/index.php/fire-sprinkler-information-for-water-purveyors>

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From: Kas Gilbert [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 4:04 PM
To: Ron Brown; Kunselman, Stephen
Subject: Fire Safety Sprinklers, Zeta Tau Alpha

Stephen and Ron,

I just wanted to put the two of you together asap.

Ron Brown is the National Fire Safety Administration Regional Manager. Ron has a wealth of information about safety sprinklers and how they actually *reduce* the water demands on the city. Ron is willing to do a sit down with us and city officials to educate us on the issues.

Stephen Kunselman is our city councilman, looking into the costs required by the city for us to complete our project.

I hope that we can work together to reach a good conclusion. Please be sure to cc me on all correspondence and include me in discussions.

Thanks very much,

Kassandra

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