

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

4:30 PM

County Board of Commission Public Meeting Room - 220 N. Main
St.

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Rubin called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. in the County Board of Commission Public Meeting Room, 220 N. Main Street.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Jennifer Santi Hall, Commissioner Laura Rubin, Sylvia Taylor, and Carsten Hohnke
Absent 3 - Michael Garfield, Gilbert S. Omenn, and Peter Allen

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Hohnke, seconded by Commissioner Santi Hall, that the agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [09-0441](#) Greenbelt Advisory Commission Minutes of April 1, 2009

A motion was made by Commissioner Santi Hall, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, that the minutes of April 1, 2009 be approved by the Commission with changes and forwarded to the City Council for filing. On a voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.

Changes are as follows:

April 1, 2009 Meeting Minutes:

Replace [Mayor] with CHAIRPERSON under Approval of Agenda and Adjournment sections.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [09-0552](#) Financial Report

Kelly McKinnon, Financial Manager of Community Services presented and explained the Financial Report to the commission. The report gave a break down of the income statement for the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage period ending April 30, 2009. Ms. McKinnon answered questions of the commission. Ms. McKinnon will present another income statement at the end of this fiscal year. A copy of the income statement is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Garfield arrived at 4:43 p.m. Commissioner Omenn arrived at 4:48 p.m.

Present 8 - Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Michael Garfield, Jennifer Santi Hall, Gilbert S. Omenn, Commissioner Laura Rubin, Sylvia Taylor, and Carsten Hohnke

Absent 1 - Peter Allen

2. [09-0553](#) Discussion of Conservation Easement Terms

Peg Kohring presented a slide presentation to the commission regarding the Conservation Easement Terms. The presentation gave a review and the history of the easement language. It also talked about new easements and whether or not GAC should consider a new easement for non-FRPP properties; and local food needs vs RFPP terms. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Ms. Kohring recommended creating a subcommittee to help understand what the current easements are; to provide recommendations on non-FRPP row crop agriculture easements; survey other land trusts and provide recommendations on easement terms to the commission.

Commissioners Bloomer, Ezekiel and Hall volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

3. [09-0554](#) Staff Updates

Ms. Trocchio informed the commission that they've worked with the Communications Intern to revise the website. They would like to add pictures to site and a professional photographer working with the Parks Department will take pictures for the website. She showed samples of the work done by the photographer for the Parks Department.

She added that the Greenbelt website is one of the top 10 most visited webpage on the city's website. Residents can sign up for email alerts for news coming up regarding the Greenbelt on the city's home page.

Ms. Trocchio passed out brochures on the Food system Economic Partnership Conference scheduled for June 18, 2009. More information is available on line if commissioners are interested in attending.

Commissioner Bloomer asked for an update on the signs with Preserve Washtenaw.

Ms. Trocchio said that Preserve Washtenaw is in favor of using some of the signs. The groups she talked to will probably use a portion of the sign to add to their existing

signs.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

None.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Garfield, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer, that the Commission enter into Closed session . On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried and the meeting recessed at 5:17 p.m.

Yeas: 8 - Commissioner Bloomer, Commissioner Ezekiel, Commissioner Garfield, Commissioner Santi Hall, Commissioner Omenn, Commissioner Rubin, Commissioner Taylor, and Councilmember Hohnke

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Allen

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Commissioner Garfield, seconded by Councilmember Hohnke, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Garfield, seconded by Councilmember Hohnke, that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Laura Rubin
Chairperson

Anissa R. Bowden
Recording Secretary