

# City of Ann Arbor

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## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 3, 2016

4:30 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second Floor, City Council  
chambers

**Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)**

**A CALL TO ORDER**

*Chairperson Brines called the Greenbelt Advisory Commission meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron St.*

**B ROLL CALL**

**Present** 6 - Shannon Brines, John Ramsburgh, Julie Grand, Siri Ibarguen, Douglas Allen, and Robert Gordon  
**Absent** 3 - Stephanie Buttrey, Jennifer Fike, and Jean Cares

**C PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

**(4 SPEAKERS MAXIMUM - 5 MINUTE SPEAKING TIME - SIGN UP MUST TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THE MEETING BY NOTIFYING THE CHAIR OR CITY STAFF. THIS SECTION OF PUBLIC COMMENTARY IS LIMITED TO ITEMS RELATED TO THE AGENDA.)**

*No Public Commentary at this time.*

**D APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Grand, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that the Agenda be Approved as presented. On a voice vote, Chairperson Brines declared the motion carried.**

**E APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ramsburgh, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that the Minutes be Approved. On a voice vote, Chairperson Brines declared the motion carried.**

**F SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

*There were no Special Presentations for the month of November.*

**G OLD BUSINESS**

**G1 SNRE Master's Project Proposal**

*Chairperson Brines gave a brief description of the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE) Masters Program. Chairperson Brines explained that the Executive Committee*

*had drafted a project proposal for submission to SNRE. He noted that results of the evaluation will be shared with the Greenbelt Advisory Commission.*

**H NEW BUSINESS**

H1 Staff Update

*Ruth Thornton, attended the Washtenaw County NAPP Public Meeting on October 13, 2016. There she provided the Greenbelt Advisory Commission's position regarding providing public access on Greenbelt Easements with Partner Funds. She expects NAPP to meet and then submit a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners early to mid November. Ms. Thornton noted that the overwhelming majority of the input provided was to keep public access as a voluntary option for land owners.*

**I NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

- SNRE Submission*
- Draft of Annual Report*

**J CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Councilmember Grand, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission enter into Closed Session. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with Chairperson Brines declaring the motion carried:**

**Yeas:** 6 - Commissioner Brines, Commissioner Ramsburgh, Councilmember Grand, Iburguen, Allen, and Gordon

**Nays:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Buttrey, Commissioner Fike, and Cares

**MEETING RECONVENED**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Councilmember Grand, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, Chairperson Brines declared the motion carried.**

**K PUBLIC COMMENTARY (5 MINUTE MAXIMUM SPEAKING TIME - NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SPEAKING IN THIS SECTION.)**

*None.*

**Motion 2016-11**

*Moved to recommend City acquisition of fee title of the property identified in Application ID 2005-01 and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$172,500 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage, with not to exceed \$86,250 of the funds coming from the Greenbelt Projects share of the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Allen, that the Motion be Approved. On a voice vote, Chairperson Brines declared the motion carried.**

**L COMMUNICATIONS**

*None.*

**M REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES**

M1 Communications Committee Report

*None at this time.*

M2 Executive Committee Report

*The Executive Committee met and discussed the following:*

*-Recent (GAC) applications*

*-Worked on the draft project proposal application for the SNRE submission*

**N ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ramsburgh, seconded by Commissioner Allen, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commissioner meeting Adjourn. On a voice vote, Chairperson Brines declared the motion carried.**

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