

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

4:30 PM

County Building, 220 N. Main St.

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom Jr., Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 100 N. Fifth Avenue.

ROLL CALL

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Cobblestone Farms in Webster Township - Jenny Smith

Jim and Darlen Daratony and Jenny Merrick Brooks addressed the Commission regarding equestrian properties. Mr. and Mrs. Daratony are property owners in Webster Township. Ms. Brooks from Canada has experience at the state and national level for eventing equestrian and 4-H Club. Mr. Daratony said that he submitted an FRPP application to have his property in Webster Township preserved for equestrian and horse eventing uses.

Ms. Brooks explained eventing uses in more detail and then answered question of the Commission.

- Present** 8 - Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Michael Garfield, Jennifer Santi Hall, Gilbert S. Omenn, Laura Rubin, Peter Allen, and Carsten Hohnke
- Absent** 1 - Catherine Riseng

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.)

John Sattareno thanked the Commission for their efforts in a very successful open space purchase of development rights program. He said that there has been for some time a commitment to purchase land out-right for users and now is a good time for that kind of purchase. He encouraged the commission to look at any opportunity similar to out-right purchases. He said that it could assist with some of the goals that the commission has set in place.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Omenn, seconded by Commissioner Rubin, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the [Enter Title] declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 11-0040 Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2010

A motion was made by Commissioner Omenn, seconded by Commissioner Allen, that the minutes of November 10, 2010 be approved by the Commission with changes and forwarded to the City Council. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Staff Update

Ginny Trocchio of The Conservation Fund 2010 said that they completed three deals by the end of 2010 which were the Whitney Property, the Clark Property both in Webster Township and the Hohnke Property in Northville Township. Total protected acres to date is approximately 2800 acres. Staff start on working on FRPP applications next month.

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

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Updated Financial Statements

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

5:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bloomer, seconded by Commissioner Garfield, that the Commission enter into Closed session to discuss land acquisition(s). On roll call, the vote was as follows, with the Chair declaring the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Riseng

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Commissioner Omenn, seconded by Commissioner Ezekiel, that the meeting be meeting reconvened. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 5:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Hohnke, seconded by Commissioner Garfield, that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Jennifer Santi Hall, Chair

Anissa R. Bowden, Recording Secretary