City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 2, 2012

4:30 PM

City Hall, 301 E. Huron St., 2nd Floor, Council Chambers

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ezekiel called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron St.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Commissioner Laura Rubin, Peter Allen, Catherine Riseng, and Shannon Brines

Absent 3 - Michael Garfield, Carsten Hohnke, and Liz Rother

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Riseng, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

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.)

None.

A   APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1   [12-0164](#)   Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of November 9, December 14, 2011 and January 5, 2012

A motion was made by Commissioner Rubin, seconded by Brines, that the minutes of November 9, December 14, 2011 and January 5, 2012 be approved by the Commission with minor changes and forwarded to the City Council for filing. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

B   OLD BUSINESS

None.

C   NEW BUSINESS

C-1   Staff Updates

(Commissioner Garfield arrived at 4:39 p.m.)

Ginny Trocchio informed the commission that the City would be holding a series of sustainability forums meetings regarding land use and access on February 8, 2012

from 7-8:30 p.m., at the downtown Ann Arbor District Library. Ms. Trocchio will be present to talk about the Greenbelt.

Present 7 -   Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Michael Garfield, Commissioner Laura Rubin, Peter Allen, Catherine Riseng, and Shannon Brines

Absent 2 -   Carsten Hohnke, and Liz Rother

D   NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None presented.

E   REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

None.

F   COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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

None.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Riseng, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer, that the Commission enter into Closed session to discuss land acquisition. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 7 -   Commissioner Bloomer, Commissioner Ezekiel, Commissioner Garfield, Commissioner Rubin, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Riseng, and Brines

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 -   Councilmember Hohnke, and Commissioner Rother

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 5:29 p.m.

Application No. 2007-07

Commissioner Ezekiel said that this property would be matched at 75% (3:1). He also pointed out that if everything were to go through this year, the commission would process 15 16 properties. They may not all go through, but it's an amazing number of properties and he commended the great work that was done by Ginny Trocchio.

A motion was made by Brines, seconded by Commissioner Rubin, to

recommend to City Council to partner with Ann Arbor Township for the Purchase of Development Rights on the property identified in Application No. 2007 07 and contribute up to $85,726.00 for acquisition and due diligence costs. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Rubin, seconded by Commissioner Riseng, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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Dan Ezekiel, Chairperson

Anissa R. Bowden
Recording Secretary