

**Ann Arbor City Council Special Session: November 16, 2020
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Journal Archive

From: Kai Petainen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:00 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: congrats to the new CMs

This message was sent from outside of the City of Ann Arbor. Please do not click links, open attachments, or follow directions unless you recognize the source of this email and know the content is safe.

Mayor Taylor and City Council,

A huge congrats are in order to our new CMs. You've taken up a job that can take up a lot of time and effort, and it can take a tremendous toll on your personal lives as well. You've gone through the gauntlet and you're sitting at council – a huge congrats!

To be honest, I am quite optimistic of what this council can achieve. You're quite aware that I prefer a 7-4 council that favors development. This current composition could very well be ideal for the next 4 years – and yes, I said 4 years and not 2.

I know you don't need advice from me, but if I could give a bit, here it is.

1. Remember that public speakers aren't always aware of all the legal nuances that occur behind closed doors. We may express ideas based on what we know, but it's also possible that we don't know all the facts. So, although you might disagree with what we say, keep in mind that we might not know the entire story. I'm not asking you to disclose all that 'behind-the-scenes' stuff, but I'm just asking you to keep that aspect in mind when we raise our voices on issues.
2. When you enter your 3rd or 4th year, be careful when you say the words, "I was elected to do this". It is quite possible that in your 3rd or 4th year, times have changed and feelings from constituents may have changed. In other words, make sure to keep in contact with those from your ward so you stay focused on representing them.
3. You are replacing someone who you either beat in an election, or someone who stepped aside. Thankfully, local politics is not as horrific as national politics. In local politics, those CMs before you, had good qualities that people appreciated. You don't have to agree on their political viewpoints, but take the good qualities from former CMs and be inspired by them.
4. Lastly, I believe it is important to criticize and even provide good political jabs. I really appreciate a good political jab. But it is important to also thank one another. Make sure to thank one another at times as we are all neighbors.

-just Kai

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From: Borset, Lynn
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:45 PM
To: alan haber
Cc: Rita L. Mitchell; Frank Wilhelme; Will Hathaway; Ramlawi, Ali; Hayner, Jeff; Odile Hugonot Haber; Geoffrey Henny; Chad Monfreda; bonnie pearce; Kathy Boris
Subject: Re: Appointments to Committee

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Hi Alan,

Here is the little I know: I attended Ali's constituent hour on Sun. 11/4 and Erica was present at the beginning. Ali explained that Erica was going to (hopefully) take his place on the CoC Committee and she acknowledged that. Ali said that he feels it is important that a Ward 5 CM be on the CoC since the Commons is in Ward 5. After Erica left, Ali explained that he was overloaded with Committee assignments and needed to shed some. He also said that because his business is on the Library Lot (Commons) block, his presence could be seen as a conflict of interest.

That all seems on the up-and-up to me; I have no idea if there was something going on behind the scenes. Hope this helps,
Lynn

On Mon, Nov 16, 2020 at 8:57 AM alan haber [REDACTED] wrote:

thanks Lynn. When I looked on Saturday this appointment item was not on the legistar final revised Agenda, hard as I looked, going to all the texts. I could have missed it, or more likely it was added to the final revised after I looked and before you, ...so be it. Why did Tom Crawford mis-remember Erica as Linh...because attitude-wise in his mind she might as well be, being on the Mayor's slate? Erica had no mention of this appointment in her Ward 5 newsletter though she spoke of appointments, nor did Elizabeth Nelson's Ward 4 newsletter give it mention, and I doubt her sharp eye would have missed this re-do of previous action, for which she had voted.

In my beginning communications with Erica Briggs, she says she could be more of an ally than I may think... I promised her a steep and interesting learning curve.

But still Jeff and Ali were already appointed. Appointments don't terminate with the previous Council, or I never heard so, There was not a move to reconsider? Did Ali resign and we heard nothing of it? If so, why did Jeff have to be appointed again.

Is this the Mayor just ignoring the previous Council as though it hadn't existed and left no mark, like these two Council Member appointments to the Council of the Commons? Is someone(s) pushing for Ali to be off, the one Council Member who knows the most about the block and the whole parking structure story?

Any enlightenment would be appreciated. In contemporary pandemic language, where did this idea originate and what was the chain of contact and line of contagion until it got lodged on the Agenda?

alan
[REDACTED]

On Sun, Nov 15, 2020 at 12:36 PM Lynn Borset [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Alan,

I looked at the list of proposed Council appointments on Monday's agenda (Item DC-1, 20-1675). Jeff Hayner and Erica Briggs are listed for Council of the Commons. (One has to look at the "Text" tab to see the Resolution language.)

Lynn

On Sat, Nov 14, 2020 at 8:21 PM alan haber [REDACTED] wrote:
if i'd reread before i sent i would have remembered properly that Ali and Jeff were appointed as City Council representatives on the Council of the Commons at an October meeting, not November.

On Sat, Nov 14, 2020 at 7:59 PM alan haber [REDACTED] wrote:
hello again,

This letter got the "send" spot touched, before I was quite finished, but enough said,
so
All good wishes, eager for our next discussion and update

Alan,
[REDACTED]
on my own without any committee consultation.

On Sat, Nov 14, 2020 at 7:49 PM alan haber [REDACTED] wrote:
Hello Tom and Heather

I was very glad for our meeting Friday, beginning the next phase of the commons development, and that you got to meet some of the people involved in the initiating committee.

The one comment that surprised me in your report, Tom, on what's happening on the City side, is that the Mayor will be presenting an appointments resolution to the Council of the Commons, of Jeff Hayner and Linh Song, representing the City Council.

I was surprised because the previous Council Meeting, November 5, had appointed Jeff Hayner and Ali Ramwali to the two City Council member positions on the Council of the Commons, with the Mayor voting in the affirmative. Only Julie Grand was a no vote.

After the meeting in the lingering discussion I asked did anyone know about that decision. Heather said she knew nothing about any discussion or the decision, but she thought it was Erica Briggs to be appointed to replace Ali. not Linh Song.

I looked at the "final revised" City Council Agenda for the next meeting Monday and I saw no notice of any reconsideration of the November 5 appointments, nor any new appointments to the Council of the Commons on Mayor's Boards and commissions appointments item. There is "new business" from "staff" and new business from "boards and commissions" but no items listed.

So nothing is on the agenda, or is this something added, after the final revised agenda, that is not visible on legistar?

I'm sure you can appreciate my concern, and surprise, because Linh Song was the most vocal opponent of the whole commons park civic center undertaking, being the principal spokesperson for the "No on A" side at the League of WomenVoters debate in Downtown Library..

Ali, on the other hand, has long knowledge of the block and its people and businesses, probably more than anyone, and he has experience of the whole underground parking structure development and debates. Particularly at the beginning, his practical approach to things, and dare I say wisdom, would be very valuable.

I don't understand how such a switch was made, or to be made, or even contemplated, ...without at least some prior discussion with your community partners in this endeavor. We want this "Council of the Commons" to be committed to realizing the recommendations and aspirations of the task force report, and even more, accelerating the process, like the resolution says, and not continuing the low priority slow walk, ... until it can be undone...as some likely still wish.. Maybe Linh Song has come around to be an advocate for the commons, as I'm sure she will, as did all the 7 initial No votes appointed on the Task Force,. but at the outset the Council should have people eager to be part of a co-creative process, with to make the very best of this and exceed expectations,

On Wed, Nov 11, 2020 at 3:55 PM alan haber [REDACTED] wrote:
Hello Tom and Heather...

Our community commons initiating committee meeting yesterday shared enthusiasms about our forthcoming meeting with you both, ..accelerating the commons development, as our resolution said.

The agenda is longer than an hour and mutual introductions are certainly a part of our time, that you see and hear who some of us are and we get a sense of how you view priorities going forward and time lines...

We are most eager that the decision be carried out to terminate surface parking on the Library Lane Lot, With that we need to have an understanding about public health and "social distancing" protocols for the public spaces, as commoning activities begin to begin.

A discussion about security is also important...and cooperation among all related agencies, like Republic Parking and DDA and police and whatever on-the-ground group is established. We've had talk of making an indoor meeting space, beginning planter gardens, demonstrating zero carbon, and all sorts of other good ideas.

We have a short overview presentation of the larger commoning plans and resources we have been developing, which we will be glad to share.

We are eager for your questions, and your ideas of what would make this commoning most fun, challenging and happy for you each, and for the City people helping, and the communities and people of Ann Arbor as a whole, in all our diversities. As we have said in the Campaign for the Commons: it is a higher aspiration than a high rise, and all of ours to make the best of it

Looking forward

Alan Haber,
on behalf of the Ann Arbor Community Commons Initiating Committee
[REDACTED]

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From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:06 PM
To: *City Council Members (All); Crawford, Tom; Postema, Stephen
Cc: Lenart, Brett; Delacourt, Derek
Subject: FW: DC-2, proposed amendment

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Thanks,
Erica

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From: Griswold, Kathy
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:06 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: Minutes for November 15 Caucus

Hi Jackie,

The Caucus from 7 – 8:06 pm on Sunday, November 15, 2020, was chaired by CM Griswold. Other CM's present were: Hayner, Nelson, Ramlawi, and Briggs.

Thanks,
Kathy

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To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Cc: *City Council Members (All); Postema, Stephen; Crawford, Tom
Subject: Botsford Resolution
Attachments: Botsford resolution-draft.docx

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..Title

Resolution to Approve Exercise of a Right of First Refusal to Purchase the Botsford Property in Partnership with Washtenaw County and Authorize a Contribution of up to \$202,500.00 (3015 Miller Road) **(8 Votes Required)**

..Memorandum

The Botsford Property at 3015 Miller Road in Scio Township consists of two parcels totaling approximately 20 acres. The property is within the Greenbelt District. Scio Township presently holds a conservation easement over approximately one half of the property, which allows for public access. In the past, there was discussion about acquiring fee title to the property, so the City obtained a right of first refusal.

Per the terms of the right of first refusal, the owner of the Botsford Property has informed the City of a pending sale. Under the right of first refusal, the City has the option to purchase the property upon the same terms as the pending purchaser. The current pending sale price is \$350,000.00.

The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission has indicated a willingness to contribute one half of the purchase price toward purchase of this property, in expectation that the County would take fee ownership of the parcel. Staff recommends County ownership of this parcel because it is outside the City limits and is adjacent to an existing County nature preserve, which would allow the County to manage this as a contiguous area.

..Body

Whereas, The Botsford Property consists of two parcels in Scio Township, Tax Identification numbers H-08-24-225-001 and H-08-13-300-22;

Whereas, The City holds a right of first refusal on a portion of the Botsford Property;

Whereas, The owner of the Botsford Property has notified the City of a pending sale for \$350,000.00 for the entire property;

Whereas, City Council has reviewed a recent appraisal of the property and the sale price does not exceed the appraised value; and

Whereas, Under the terms of the right of first refusal, the City has the right to purchase the property upon the same terms as the pending sale within 60 days of the notice, which was received on September 29, 2020;

RESOLVED, That City Council elects to exercise its right of first refusal to purchase the Botsford Property upon the same terms as the pending sale and to transfer fee ownership to Washtenaw County, subject to the contingencies in this resolution;

RESOLVED, That the election to exercise the right of first refusal is contingent upon and shall not be effective until Washtenaw County has committed to contribute one half of the purchase price (whether on its own or in combination with other contributors) and to accept fee ownership of the Botsford Property for public open space or natural area preservation purposes;

RESOLVED, That, upon satisfaction of the contingencies in this resolution, the City Attorney shall inform the owner of the Botsford Property of City Council's election and take all necessary steps to exercise the right of first refusal;

RESOLVED, That if the contingencies in this resolution are not satisfied prior to the expiration of the time to exercise the right of first refusal, the City Attorney shall inform the owner of the Botsford Property that the City Council has declined to exercise the right of first refusal;

RESOLVED, That City Council authorizes contributing up to \$202,500.00 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage proceeds toward the purchase, being one half of the purchase price plus estimated due diligence and acquisition costs, for the life of the project without regard to fiscal year;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute a purchase agreement with the owner of the Botsford Property, a participation agreement with Washtenaw County and/or Scio Township, and other agreements necessary to implement this resolution, after approval by the City Attorney as to form; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator is authorized to take all administrative actions necessary to implement this resolution; and

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