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Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, January 10, 2019

4:30 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council
Chambers

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Fike called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Robert Gordon, Stefanie Stauffer, Alexander Perlman, and Sheila Schueller

Absent: 3 - Stephanie Buttrey, Jean Cares, and Julie Grand

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Ramsburgh, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chairwoman declared the motion carried.

A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 [19-0078](#) Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Stauffer, that the Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2018 be approved with the following changes and forwarded to City Council for filing:

...MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Councilmember Grand, seconded by Commissioner Cares, that the MEETING be reconvened. On a voice vote, the Co-Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 5:43 p.m. ...

On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Note: All CAPS indicate new language.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

4 SPEAKERS MAXIMUM - 5 MINUTES 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.

Ryan Hughes informed the commission that he will be hosting a public affairs radio show on WCBN Radio, station #88.3 on Friday nights at 8 p.m. The first show is scheduled for January 18th and the topic of discussion is the Greenbelt and the upcoming City Council agenda. He invited a member of GAC to join him on the first show.

A student from Huron High School said that she was present to observe and take notes of the meeting for an assignment in her AP Government class at Huron.

(Commissioner Grand arrived at 4:36 p.m.)

Present: 7 - Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Robert Gordon, Julie Grand, Stefanie Stauffer, Alexander Perlman, and Sheila Schueller

Absent: 2 - Stephanie Buttrey, and Jean Cares

B OLD BUSINESS

None.

(Commissioner Cares arrived at 4:35 p.m.)

Present: 8 - Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Robert Gordon, Julie Grand, Stefanie Stauffer, Alexander Perlman, and Sheila Schueller

Absent: 1 - Stephanie Buttrey

C NEW BUSINESS

C-1 New GAC Member

Commissioner Schueller introduced herself to the commission explaining her background in teaching at the University of Michigan as well as Eastern Michigan. She added that she is interested in being a part of the public process as well as bringing an understanding to students in the School of Natural Resources.

C-2 Staff Update

Remy Long informed the commission that they are coordinating with all of the Greenbelt RCPP partners to launch the program. A public announcement is needed in regards to the RCPP with a 30 day application window included, in which landowners can submit application

in order to be considered for the Greenbelt RCPP.

He added that they would be putting the announcement together with City staff and will make it available through local media channels and target prospective landowners in hopes to start receiving applications in the first quarter of 2019.

Commissioner Fike informed the commission that City Council did not approve one of their recommendations from the commission at their last meeting. She encouraged commissioners and the general public to contact City Council and find out where they stood on the issue and why they voted the way they did.

Commissioner Grand gave background information on why the item was not approved and said that she intended to look into why councilmembers voted the way that they did at that meeting.

D NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Fike requested to have the Lepkowski Project added as a topic on the next agenda.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Cares, 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 and the meeting recessed at 4:57 p.m.:

Yeas: 8 - Fike, Commissioner Ramsburgh, Cares, Gordon, Grand, Stauffer, Perlman, and Schueller

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Buttrey

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 5:52 p.m.

Motion #1 - Participation with Scio Township and Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission in Acquisition of a Conservation Easement in Application ID 2018-11

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Stauffer, to recommend City participation with Scio Township and Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission in the acquisition of a conservation easement on the property identified in Application ID 2018-11 and approval of the contribution of funds up to 1/3 of the purchase price, but not to exceed \$100,000.00 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage, and contingent upon participation by Washtenaw County. On a voice vote, the Chair Fike declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

5 MINUTES MAXIMUM SPEAKING TIME - NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SPEAKING IN THIS SECTION.

None.

E COMMUNICATIONS

None.

F REPORT FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

F-1 Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Fike said that the Executive Committee met on January 3 to discuss the January 10 agenda and potential projects. They also received updates from Mr. Long on projects that were scheduled to close and they also discussed GAC member term dates. Commissioner Fike asked Mr. Long to provide each member with their term dates and how many more terms they can serve.

F-2 Communications Committee

Nothing to report from the Communications Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Stauffer, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Jennifer Fike, Chairperson
Anissa R. Bowden, Recording Secretary