

# City of Ann Arbor

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## Action Minutes

Thursday, May 5, 2016

4:30 PM

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

**Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)**

**A CALL TO ORDER**

*Commissioner Brines called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.*

**B ROLL CALL**

**Present** 9 - Shannon Brines, Stephanie Buttrey, Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Julie Grand, Siri Ibarguen, Douglas Allen, and Robert Gordon

**C APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**D 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.*

**E SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

*Commissioners Allen and Ibarguen arrived at 4:37 p.m.*

**Present** 9 - Shannon Brines, Stephanie Buttrey, Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Julie Grand, Siri Ibarguen, Douglas Allen, and Robert Gordon

**E1 Public Access on Greenbelt Easements with Partner Funds**

**Barry Lonik, Treemore Ecology and Land Services, township consultant gave a presentation regarding the history, purpose and intent of educational program language that is currently a part of Conservation Contracts. He noted that an issue had recently developed with regard to Public Assess of Greenbelt Easement Properties. He indicated that the original ordinance is being interpreted to say that passive recreational would be appropriate use of the land. He indicated that as one of the authors of Ordinance #128 that was not the original intent. Mr. Lonik noted that there have been some delays in continued closing because of this matter.**

**Tom Freeman & Ginny Trocchio, representatives from the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, addressed the Board. Mr. Freeman thanked Barry Lonik for his summary of the current issue regarding Public Access of Greenbelt Easements. He agreed that currently there is an issue regarding the interpretation of Ordinance 128.**

**E2 Upper Huron River Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) presentation  
by Legacy Land Conservancy**

Meghan Prindel, of the Legacy Land Conservancy, addressed the Commission regarding a Proposal to partner with the Upper Huron River Regional Conservation. She gave a brief history and description of the program and was available for questions.

**F APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes available for approval at this time.

**G OLD BUSINESS**

*None.*

**H NEW BUSINESS**

**H1 Greenbelt Tour – May 14**

Ruth Thorton, gave a brief update on the bus tour. She noted that there was great interest in the tour and there is currently at wait list for the bus tour.

**H2 Change of venue for GAC meetings**

Ruth Thornton, addressed the Commission regarding changing the venue for future meetings. She indicated that currently the Basement Conference room and Council Chambers were the only two meetings room wired for broadcast. She also noted that tables and chairs could be reconfigured in Council Chambers for future meetings if needed.

After some discussion it was determined that after three months the Commission would revisit the topic.

**I NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Cares asked if an item could be added to the next agenda regarding a draft response to the Public Access on Greenbelt Easement presentation.

Commissioner Fike asked if a recap of the bus tour could be added to the next agenda as well.

**J CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION**

*There were no motions or additional items to discuss this month.*

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

*None.*

**L COMMUNICATIONS**

*None.*

**M REPORT FROM COMMITTEES**

**M1 Communications Committee Report**

Commissioner Ramsburgh invited any interested Commissioners to meet with a potential intern for the Greenbelt Advisory Commission.

Commissioner Buttrey stated she would be interested in attending.

**M2 Executive Committee Report**

Commissioner Fike noted that there was some discussion regarding Council submission of the RCPP proposal. As well as the agenda for the current meeting.

**N ADJOURNMENT**

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

5:57 p.m.