

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Thursday, June 2, 2016

4:30 PM

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

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

A CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Brines called the Greenbelt Advisory Commission to order at 4:35 p.m. in the Guy Larcum Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 301 E. Huron St. Ann Arbor, MI 48104

B ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Shannon Brines, Stephanie Buttrey, Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Julie Grand, and Douglas Allen

Absent 2 - Siri Ibarguen, and Robert Gordon

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Grand, seconded by Commissioner Cares, that the Agenda be Approved. On a voice vote, Chairperson Brines declared the motion carried.

F APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16-0854 Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting of April 7, 2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Ramsburgh, seconded by Allen, that the Minutes be Approved by the Board with changes and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 6/17/2016. 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.)

Ginny Trocchio, Superintendent of Park Planning and Natural Areas of Washtenaw County, addressed the board regarding Public Access on Greenbelt Easements with Partner Funds. She reported that the Washtenaw County's Corporation Council proposed changes to the ordinance with regard to Public Access on County funded easements. However, the Board of Commissioners tabled the changes until their August meeting. She noted Washtenaw County is currently seeking recommendations from other Committees and Commissions regarding the matter. Ms. Trocchio will keep the Greenbelt Advisory Commission apprised of any changes.

Barry Lonik, Dexter Township resident, addressed the Commission. He reported that he has convened a group of people to provide comments on Washtenaw County Corporation Council 's proposed amendments to the Natural Areas Preservation ordinance. He has drafted a critique of the proposed amendments. He plans to share a copy with the Greenbelt Advisory Commission members.

E SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

E1 Greenbelt Applications Screening and Scoring System

Ruth Thornton, gave a brief presentation regarding the scoring system that is used for Greenbelt Applications. She reported that the screening and scoring system for review of potential land and easement acquisitions consists of two land types, each with three major categories. She noted that the system is intended to identify high-quality agricultural and open space lands that are appropriate for protections through the Greenbelt program.

Ms. Thornton distributed a handout that detailed the Screening and Scoring Systems of potential Acquisitions. A copy of this document is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

G OLD BUSINESS

G1 Public Access on Greenbelt Easements with Partner Funds

Commissioner Cares stated that the current policy does not require additional access to easements beyond monitoring. She suggested the Commissioners discuss how Washtenaw County's proposed revised policy might interact with the Greenbelt Policy.

Commissioner Ramsburgh stated that he thought it was a good idea to discuss the matter and determine what is in the best interest of the Greenbelt, the founding ordinance and the citizens who funded it.

Communications sub committee will meet to review the drafted document provide comments and or amendments.

H NEW BUSINESS

H1 Staff Update

Greenbelt Tour - May 14

Upper Huron River RCPP Pre-proposal submitted

Greenbelt Bus Tour - Ruth Thornton reported that the Bus Tour was a success. She reported that there was a really good turnout despite the weather.

Upper Huron River RCPP Pre-proposal submitted- Ruth Thornton reported that the proposal was submitted by Legacy Land Conservancy. She also stated that a decision is expected by mid July. If the project is selected and invited to make a full proposal it would be due Sept 19, 2016.

I NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

J CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission enter into Closed session. On a roll call vote, Chairperson Brines declaring the motion carried.

Present 7 - Shannon Brines, Stephanie Buttrey, Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Julie Grand, and Douglas Allen

Absent 2 - Siri Ibarguen, and Robert Gordon

MOTION 2016-03

Motion to recommend to City Council to sign the Participation Agreement for the project identified in Application #2016-03 and contribute funds not to exceed \$78,500.00

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

None.

L COMMUNICATIONS

There were no formal Communications to report at this time.

M REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

Commissioners Buttrey and Ramsburgh reported that they haven't given up and are actively seeking an intern for the Greenbelt Advisory Commission.

Commissioner Fike, asked that any Commissioners interested in joining the Executive Committee contact her or Chairperson Brines.

N ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Allen, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting be Adjourn at 6:16 p.m.. On a voice vote, Chairperson Brines declared the motion carried.