

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Thursday, February 2, 2017

4:30 PM

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

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Brines called the Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. in the Guy Larcum Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 301 E. Huron St. Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Shannon Brines, Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Douglas Allen, Robert Gordon, and Julie Grand

Absent: 2 - Stephanie Buttrey, and Siri Ibarguen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[17-0236](#) Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Fike, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 3/6/2017. On a voice vote, the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

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 at this time.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations presented at this time.

B OLD BUSINESS

There was no "Old Business" at this time.

C NEW BUSINESS

C-1 Staff Update

Ruth Thornton, the Conservation Fund Contractor for the Greenbelt program provided the following staff updates:

- The 18.4 acre Pringle Property closed and is now open for public access in Scio Township. She described this property closing as a joint project between the Greenbelt Advisory Commission and Park Advisory Commission.

- The 2017 Bus Tour is scheduled for June 10, 2017. Ms. Thornton explained that the bus has been reserved. However, she is still finalizing the stops and welcomed suggestions from the Commissioners.

- SNRE Masters Project was approved. Four students have been assigned to the Greenbelt Project and the estimated time of completion is 18 months. Ms. Thornton invited any available Commission members to attend an upcoming meeting scheduled to meet with the students.

- Ms. Thornton reminded the Commissioners of a Scoring Presentation from the previous Greenbelt Advisory Commission meeting.

D NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

Suggested Agenda item topics are as follows:

-Scoring Recap

-Communications Committee will have a letter drafted to send to land owners as well as Greenbelt stake holders. This letter will provide an update and current happenings with the Greenbelt program.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Chairperson Brines, seconded by Commissioner Fike, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission enter into Closed Session. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with Chairperson Brines declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 7 - Commissioner Brines, Commissioner Fike, Commissioner Ramsburgh, Cares, Allen, Gordon, and Grand

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Nays: 0

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

None at this time.

F COMMUNICATIONS

There were no "Communications" to report at this time.

E REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

E-1 Communications Committee Report

Commissioner Ramsburgh provided the Commission with an update from the Communications Committee. He reported that a grad student from the school of Natural Resources & Environment had been interviewed for a possible intern position. He also noted that an offer has been made for an internship this summer.

E-2 Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Fike provided the Commission with a report from the Executive Committee. She noted that the committee discussed the following topics:

- Potential Projects*
- The SNRE Masters Project Proposal*
- Possible site for the 2017 Bus tour*
- The Agenda for the current Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting*

ADJOURNMENT

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

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