

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 5, 2012

4:30 PM

City Hall, 301 E. Huron St., 2nd Floor, Council Chambers

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Riseng called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron St. Vice Chair Riseng informed the public that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission meeting dates have moved to the First Thursday of every month and would start at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

(Commissioner Garfield arrived at 4:45 p.m.)

Present 6 - Tom Bloomer, Michael Garfield, Commissioner Laura Rubin, Catherine Riseng, Liz Rother, and Shannon Brines

Absent 3 - Dan Ezekiel, Peter Allen, and Carsten Hohnke

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Rubin, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

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.

A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None to approve at this time.

B OLD BUSINESS

B-1 12-0167 A Resolution of the Ann Arbor Greenbelt Advisory Commission

A motion was made by Commissioner Bloomer, seconded by Brines, that the Resolution be approved. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

C NEW BUSINESS

C-1 Staff Updates

Ms. Trocchio updated the commission on the end of the year closings that occurred. The Legacy Land Conservancy completed the 30 acre easement on the Botero Property in Northville Township. That is one where they provided the due diligence and some stewardship costs for the conservancy and the easement was donated to the conservancy itself. They also completed a conservation easement on the Duane Thomas and Judith Lobato property in Scio Township. It's a 30 acre property on the corner of Wagner and Scio Church Roads. The easement on Bill Lindemann and Karen Weidmayer property on Pleasant Lake Road in Lodi Township closed just before the end of the year.

Ms. Trocchio announced that just before the holidays, the USDA Farm and Ranchland Protection Program announced their grant cycle for 2012. The deadline is March 9.

D NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None.

E REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

None.

F COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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

None.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Rother, seconded by Commissioner Rubin, that the Commission enter into Closed session to discuss land acquisition. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Vice Chair declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 6 - Commissioner Bloomer, Commissioner Garfield, Commissioner Rubin, Commissioner Riseng, Commissioner Rother, and Brines

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Ezekiel, Commissioner Allen, and Councilmember Hohnke

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Commissioner Bloomer, seconded by Commissioner Garfield, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

Approve Application Nos. 2005-01; 2011-12; 2011-13 and 2012-01

A motion was made by Commissioner Rubin, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer, to recommend to City Council to apply for USDA Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP) grant funds on properties identified in application numbers 2005-01; 2011-12; 2011-13 and 2012-01. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Garfield, seconded by Commissioner Rubin, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Dan Ezekiel, Chairperson

Anissa R. Bowden
Recording Secretary