

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

4:30 PM

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

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ezekiel called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m. in Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Michael Garfield, Peter Allen, Catherine Riseng, and Liz Rother

Absent 2 - Commissioner Laura Rubin, and Carsten Hohnke

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 11-1318 Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of May 11, August 10, and September 14, 2011

A motion was made by Commissioner Garfield, seconded by Commissioner Allen, that the Meeting Minutes of May 11, August 10, and September 14, 2011 be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council for filing. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Review of Shannon Brines' Application to Greenbelt Advisory Commission**

A motion was made by Commissioner Riseng, seconded by Commissioner Rother, that Council consider the appointment of Shannon Brines to the

Greenbelt Advisory Commission. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

2. 11-1311 2012 Meeting Calendar Poll

Commissioner Ezekiel said that a survey of the GAC Meeting times was passed out at the last meeting for the commission to review and submit. The results from that survey showed that Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30 was the best and also worst time for the commission to meet. Commissioner Ezekiel suggested postponing approval of the new time to allow for more input from members that were not able to attend the meeting today.

Received and Filed

3. 11-1313 FRPP Outreach

Ginny Trocchio said that everyone is gearing up for the 2012 Farm Bill that is under negotiation now. MDA and others have pulled together all of the PDR Programs within the state and are asking for statements on how the Farmland and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP) has helped them. Ms. Trocchio said that she would be working with landowners to get letters of support for the program and would also like to get a letter from GAC, stating how the program has helped them achieve their goals and succeed and leverage other dollars.

A motion was made by Commissioner Riseng, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to direct staff to create a letter in support of the FRPP program. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

4. 11-1314 Greenbelt Communication Plan / Subcommittee

Ginny Trocchio said that the commission talked about goals/deliverables for next year. One of those deliverables was to come up with a communication plan on how to better reach Ann Arbor residents. She said that the program has reached a point where they have accumulated a lot of projects and acres protected and have been good at articulating those successes in acres protected and dollars leveraged. The executive committee has suggested working with Communications staff at the City to come up with more branding and logo for the Greenbelt Commission and the Greenbelt Program itself. She added that she was looking to have a subcommittee meet a couple of times to brainstorm and get a better direction from the commission as to which way to proceed. Commissioner Rother volunteered to sit on the subcommittee.

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NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None presented.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

Boundary Committee Update

Commissioner Ezekiel said that he and Ginny Trocchio went to the Lodi Township Board of Trustees meeting and they passed a resolution encouraging city council to approve the boundary expansion in Lodi Township. The same is in the works in

Salem Township. Their Land Preservation Board has passed a resolution, but the entire board of trustees has not yet. The boundary ordinance is expected to go before City Council the second meeting in November.

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Riseng said that she has been appointed to NATEC and she hopes to serve as a liason between the two groups.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY (5 MINIMUTE 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 Garfield, seconded by Commissioner Allen, 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: (The meeting recessed at 5:04 p.m.)

Yeas: 6 - Commissioner Bloomer, Commissioner Ezekiel, Commissioner Garfield, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Riseng, and Commissioner Rother

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Rubin, and Councilmember Hohnke

MEETING RECONVENED

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Riseng, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Dan Ezekiel, Chairperson

**Anissa R. Bowden
Recording Secretary**