

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Thursday, April 6, 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 4:34 p.m. in the Guy Larcum Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 301 E. Huron St Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Shannon Brines, Stephanie Buttrey, Environmental/Conservation Organization Rep. Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Siri Iburguen, Douglas Allen, Robert Gordon, and Julie Grand

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[17-0533](#)

Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting of March 2, 2017

A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Commissioner Fike, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 5/1/2017. On a voice vote, Chairperson Brines declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

4 SPEAKERS MAXIMUM - 5 MINUTES 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.

Andrew Kinser, a Student in the Masters Program of the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment introduced himself. He is currently studying Environmental Policy & Planning and attending a public meeting as a requirement of that course.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

-City Attorney Mary Joan Fales presenting on the Open Meetings Act

Mary Joan Fales, City Attorney for the City of Ann Arbor, gave a presentation on the Opens Meetings Act to the Greenbelt Advisory Commission. She noted recent changes with staff, Commission members and Michigan Law as justification for a refresher on the topic.

A copy of the handout provided to the Commission is available in the City of Ann Arbor Clerk's Office.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

-Staff Update

2018 RCPP Pre-proposal

The 2018 RCPP pre proposal is due for submission on April 21, 2017. Ruth Thornton noted that she is working with potential partners to finalize and submit the pre proposal.

SNRE Masters Project

-The scope of the work is being defined to identify goals that can be completed within the 18 month period of the program. Also revisions to the current Greenbelt Scoring System has been tabled until there are some results from the SNRE Masters Project

-City Council recently approved the purchase of the Donald Botsford Trust.

-There were requests for support from Washtenaw County and Pittsfield Township with regards to submittal of applications to the Michigan Natural resources trust fund. The Greenbelt Advisory Commission decided to support Washtenaw County's request and decided against supporting Pittsfield Township at this time.

-Bus Tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint LAC/GAC Meeting

The Joint LAC/GAC Meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. The location of the meeting is still being determined.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Ramsburgh will submit a draft letter for Property Owners for review and consideration.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner 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: 9 - Public -at-Large Rep. Brines, Commissioner Buttrey, Environmental/Conservation Organization Rep. Fike, Public -at-Large Rep. Ramsburgh, Farmer Rep. Cares, Biologist Rep. Ibarguen, Real Estate Rep. Allen, Environmental/Conservation Organization Rep. Gordon, and Council Rep. Grand

Nays: 0

MEETING RECONVENED

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

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

5 MINUTES MAXIMUM SPEAKING TIME - NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SPEAKING IN THIS SECTION.

None at this time.

MOTION 1

Moved to recommend City acquisition of a conservation easement on the property identified in Application ID 2013-02 with funding from the USDA Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$211,880 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage.

A motion was made by Cares, seconded by Commissioner Fike, that Motion 1 be Approved. On a voice vote, Chairperson Brines declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

REPORT FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

Communications Committee-

Commissioner Ramsburgh reported that the Committee is moving forward with the SNRE Summer Intern. The internship has been funded from May 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017. The young lady that has been chosen is able to work 40 hours a week. Currently the Committee is scoping out a project for this position that includes the following:

- A comprehensive Media and Communications strategy*
- Online media work*
- Interview or outreach to Greenbelt Advisory Commission property owners and others*
- Possible GIS Work*
- Coordination with the Masters Project Team*

Execute Committee -

- Commissioner Fike reported that the Executive Committee met and discussed the agenda for this months meeting.*
- Chairperson Brines will be attending a Northville Township Land Preservation Committee Meeting. He will be giving a presentation regarding the Greenbelt Program.*

ADJOURNMENT

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