



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

Environmental Commission

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Thursday, August 25, 2016

7:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second
floor, City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

ROLL CALL

*Present: (8) CM Briere, Allison Skinner, Jason Frenzel, Bob Needham,
CM Smith, Wayne Appleyard, Karie Slavik, Susan Hutton*

*Absent: (5) Christopher Graham, Wendy Woods, Jarin Morocco,
Katherine Hollins, Benjamin Maier Muth*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

16-1232 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING Citizens for Connecting our Communities -
Vote YES for Regional Transit

*The attached resolution expresses the Environmental Commissions
strong support for Citizens for Connecting our Communities (C3) and the*

need to Vote YES for Regional Transit that connects Southeast Michigan's four counties. The attached resolution also recommends that the Ann Arbor City Council support C3 and commit to help pass connected regional public transportation in Southeast Michigan in 2016.

Alexis Blizman. Legislative and Policy Director for Ann Arbor Ecology Center. Spoke on the need for citizens to have the ability to get where they need to go. The RTA will connect our communities. New jobs will be created, seniors will gain independence, grocery stores will be available for all; system will reach many and connect friends and families. Passing the RTA will bring change to many communities. System will establish transit between Washtenaw, Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties. Main priority for Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti is developing constant service in the areas of Ann Arbor through Ypsilanti, Romulus and Dearborn to reach Detroit. I support this and ask for your continued support as we connect our communities.

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council.

16-1258 Environmental Commission Resolution to Maintain a High Quality Recycling Program

The attached resolution reinforces the Ann Arbor Environmental Commission commitment to an effective waste management program that focuses on reducing waste, recycling, and composting; and recommends that the Ann Arbor City Council direct the City Administrator to direct staff to establish clear, detailed performance standards and monitoring protocols that ensure the City maintains a high-quality recycling program that prohibits recycle materials from being diverted to landfills and successfully reduces amount of solid waste from Ann Arbor that is disposed of via landfill.

CM Smith understands the ongoing operational challenges at the MRF. Resolution adopted to share with the community to let all know that Environmental Commission is listening and aware. Necessary to introduce this resolution to show commitment to a continued high quality program here in Ann Arbor. Great deal of history and success with program and as a pioneer in this area; we want to continue our high-quality service and maintain the confidence of our community. It's important for council to understand that the commission is listening to the concerns within our community.

Approved as amended by the Commission and Forwarded to the City Council.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES AND CHAIR**REPORT FROM STAFF**

CM Briere encourages everyone to download the City Administrators Report. It is part of the council packet and provides an update and sharing on things happening within the City.

CM Briere shares a reminder to all that the Idling Ordinance will be on the October 6th agenda. Details on where the "no idling" zones will be still need to be identified.

Matt Naud shares the following:

- 1) Reports that the PALL ground water testing is still incomplete. Sampling has been successful and information will be shared with the public when available.*
- 2) MDEQ Remediation and Redevelopment Division (RRD) will conduct a public hearing on proposed administrative rules promulgated pursuant to Part 201 of NREPA. The purpose of the rules is to revise the cleanup criteria established under Section 20120a of the NREPA. Hearing set for September 13, 2016.*
- 3) Organics Management Plan will hold public meetings with advisory groups in Oct, Nov and Jan for all interested in an update on the topics of interest.*
- 4) Climate Work. Contract approval for Ecology Ctr on the agenda. Similar to the previous work, with a more narrow focus.*
- 5) Weatherization Program. Meeting with the county to discuss census data and explore options to reach citizens on fixed income.*
- 6) DTE Pilot Program. Increase citizen use of insight app. Real data on your energy and use of this generated an interface for another pilot relating to audits.*
- 7) Solar Program. Use of an Ann Arbor test will require CEC support; for now we're still waiting. Set for a launch program in September.*

CM Briere shares Planning Updates:

- 1) Working on the master plan. Allen Creek still in progress. Not begin another study until Spring. Reach out to the planning director to talk about any concerns to integrated them now into the environmental discussions. Need a core transportation plan with land use. Environmental elements need to also be considered. Community concerns about all things plant and animal species and the need to guarantee open space. Need to incorporate sustainability into this plan.*

FEMA funds available to buy the property and take it out of the flood plain. FEMA money to begin with railroad path and drainage system. Need to look at a more creative system and our confident staff is staying on top of this.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

September 22nd

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ajourned at 7pm.

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