

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, February 7, 2019

4:30 PM

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

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fike called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Robert Gordon, Stefanie Stauffer, and Sheila Schueller

Absent: 3 - Stephanie Buttrey, Julie Grand, and Alexander Perlman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Remove Closed Session from the agenda.

Approved with changes

A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 [19-0227](#) Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Stauffer to approve the minutes and forward to City Council for filing. On a voice vote the Chair 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.

Dara, a student from Skyline High School introduced herself to the commission and explained that she was there to observe a government meeting for her AP Government class.

B OLD BUSINESS

None.

C NEW BUSINESS

C-1 Staff Update

Budget Overview

Mr. Long, informed the commission that the budget was same as last time and that he would have the numbers available for the commission at their March 7 meeting.

ACEP-ALE Extension Requested

Mr. Long also updated the commission on two proposed conservation easement properties that they are persuing. The City has received an ACEP award and an approval to close. The City has until July 2019 to close but anticipate closing in late April.

Greenbelt RCPP Public Announcement/Press Release

Mr. Long said that the Greenbelt RCPP Public Announcement/Press Release officially went out on February 4, 2019 and was picked up by MLive.

Lepkowski Huron River RCPP/ACEP-ALE Project Update

Mr. Long gave an update to the commission on the Lepkowski project. A vote to reconsider the project is scheduled for February 19, 2019 with City Council.

(Commissioner Grand arrived at 4:43 p.m.)

(Commissioner Perlman arrived at 4:44 p.m.)

Commissioner Fike encouraged commissioners to sign up to speak at the meeting on the City Council meeting on Feburary 19th.

Present: 8 - Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Robert Gordon, Julie Grand, Stefanie Stauffer, Alexander Perlman, and Sheila Schueller

Absent: 1 - Stephanie Buttrey

List of Potential Presentations for GAC for 2019

Mr. Long said that there was a discussion in open session about what they can have in terms presentations from partner organizations to GAC, to better understanding of other inittatives in the area. The list consists of inviting the Huron River Watershed Council to present on their

bio-reserve assessment program; an invitation to each of the township PDR Programs (Ann Arbor Township, Webster Township and Scio Township), all staffed by the same consultant, Barry Lonik. Mr. Lonik would be willing to come and talk with GAC and give a presentation as well.

Remy would put together a presentation on the USDA processes and an overview of the application and criteria process. He added that invitations to the two non-profit agencies; Legacy Land Conservancy and Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy. Both have been partners on previous projects and have their own systems of scoring properties. The County parks were also asked to be included in the presentations.

Mr. Long said that the above mentioned presentations could be spread out on separate meetings in 2019.

D NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

History of the Greenbelt and communicating to council about the program and their priorities.

Speaker presentations if they are available.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

Removed from agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

Gloria, a student at Skyline High said that she was also in attendance to observe the meeting for her AP government class.

E COMMUNICATIONS

E-1 Communications Committee

None.

F REPORT FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

F-1 Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Fike said the committee met on January 30 and discussed potential closed session projects. Remy provided project updates about extension for ACEPT properties. They talked about the need for communication about the Greenbelt RCPP Program and Mr. Long meeting with partners to discuss their roll in program. They also talked about GAC members terms expiring on commission.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Stauffer, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Jennifer Fike, Chairperson
Anissa R. Bowden, Recording Secretary