



# City of Ann Arbor

## Meeting Minutes

### Environmental Commission

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Thursday, March 28, 2019

7:00 PM

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

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#### CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Needham called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.*

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 10 - Christopher L. Graham, Susan Hutton, Allison Skinner, Robert Needham, Chip Smith, Karie Slavik, Shannan Gibb-Randall, Anne Bannister, Stephen C Brown, and John Mirsky

**Absent:** 2 - Mike Appel, and John Callewaert

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Hutton, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that the agenda be Approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[19-0585](#) Meeting minutes for the Environmental Commission 2-28-19

**Attachments:** DRAFT meeting minutes for Environmental Commission Meeting 2-28-19.pdf

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Skinner, seconded by Mirsky, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENTARY

*There was no public commentary.*

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*There was no unfinished business.*

**NEW BUSINESS****19-0606** Stormwater Presentation

**Attachments:** Stormwater Presentation EnvCommissionMarch2019 rev2.pdf

*Jennifer Lawson, Water Quality Manager for the City of Ann Arbor, gave a comprehensive overview of the stormwater system and creeksheds in Ann Arbor. Commissioners asked questions about financing of the stormwater utility, budget issues, preventative tree maintenance, current legal issues about stormwater systems in the state, and a recent tree inventory. [The video for this item runs from 1:37 to 1:07:14.]*

**19-0616** Draft Work Plan for the Ann Arbor Environmental Commission for 2019

**Attachments:** DRAFT\_ Environmental Commission Work Plan 2019.pdf

*Chair Needham invited the Chairpersons of the Commission's three new work groups to share their goals for the remainder of 2019. Commissioners discussed these goals and adopted a work plan for submission to City Council, as required by the Commission's bylaws.*

**A motion was made by Hutton, seconded by Vice Chair Skinner, that the Commission workplan for 2019 be Approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, OTHER COMMISSIONS, COUNCIL, AND CHAIR**

*Energy Commission: The Commission is working on a resolution in support of transparency with regards to political and campaign contributions from electric investor-owned utilities. The Commission continues to be involved in lighting, EV readiness, home energy score, and solar access ordinances, as well as holding Power Hours.*

*Planning Commission: A new lighting ordinance is now in draft form. Considering changes to the office district to include retail. Changes to unified development code through a sustainability lens.*

*City Council: SEAS Dean Jonathan Overpeck has been nominated for a seat on the Environmental Commission. Council Caucus nights are held on the Sunday nights before Council meetings. Issues with the cost for installing missing sidewalks and missing stormwater infrastructure being charged to residents. Preparing for budget decisions. Presentations at*

*Commission meetings should be tied to actions that Commission can take action on.*

#### **REPORT FROM STAFF**

*Most recent Sustainability Forum (Climate Change 2.0) set a record for high attendance with 106 attendees. The next forum will be held on April 18th, covering race and class equity. Staff have submitted an application to participate in a low-income EV car sharing peer exchange program, are working with student groups on green rental housing policy, and are planning for upcoming summer public outreach events. The first annual green fleets report is upcoming. The City's new Chevy Bolts are to be put into service in early April. One of the new vehicles will serve as a pool car. Plans for electrification of the City's golf carts are also underway. IT is working on a smart city program.*

#### **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

*To be determined by working groups.*

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

*Next meeting to be held April 25th at 7pm.*

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

*David Duprise thanked the Commission for tackling solid waste issues in the downtown, and appreciated staff Lawson's presentation.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Chair Needham adjourned the meeting at 9:03pm.*

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