

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 2, 2014

4:30 PM

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

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Riseng called the meeting of the Greenbelt Advisory Commission to order at 4:35 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron St.

ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Peter Allen, Catherine Riseng, Shannon Brines, Christopher Taylor, Stephanie Buttrey, Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, and Jean Cares
Absent 1 - Archer H. Christian

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Fike, that the agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, Chairperson Riseng declared the motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

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.

A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 [14-0053](#) Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting of November 7, 2013

A motion was made by Commissioner Brines, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission with changes and forwarded to City Council. On a voice vote, Chairperson Riseng declared the motion carried.

B OLD BUSINESS

None.

C NEW BUSINESS

C-1 [14-0049](#) 2014 Calendar
Regular Meeting Schedule for the Greenbelt Advisory Commission

Chairperson Riseng asked if there were any concerns regarding any of the dates listed. No objections were announced therefore she asked for a motion to approve the 2014 Calendar.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Allen, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission 2014 Calendar be Approved as presented. On a voice vote, Chairperson Riseng declared the motion carried.

C-2 Staff Presentation on Preserve Washtenaw

Ginny Trocchio gave a presentation describing the function and history of the Preserve Washtenaw Group. She stated that Preserve Washtenaw is an advisory group formed in 2005. The group serves as a coordinating body for public and private land conservation within Washtenaw County. Its members include City of Ann Arbor Greenbelt, Washtenaw County, Scio, Ann Arbor and Webster Townships. All of the members of the group have passed a millage for land preservation. The idea behind forming Preserve Washtenaw was to have the group meet periodically to discuss projects and to collaborate and coordinate efforts to ensure the overall goal of land preservation.

Commissioner Brines asked who typically attends the Preserve Washtenaw Meetings. Ms. Trocchio responded that she usually represents Greenbelt but she would be happy to keep the Commission apprised of upcoming meetings.

Commissioner Buttrey asked if the Preserve Washtenaw group was the only forum that information is exchanged. Ms. Trocchio responded saying she communicates with some of the members on specific deals on a more regular basis. However, it is a forum for a member from each area to meet regularly.

C-3 STAFF UPDATE

Ginny Trocchio stated she has not heard from FRPP regarding the 2014 Farm and Ranch Protection Grants. She noted that typically the grants are announced in March of each year. She stated that she would keep the Commission informed of any information she receives regarding the grants.

Ms. Trocchio informed the Commission that there is still work being done on the registry program. She informed the Commission that she has met with the City Attorney's office and the City Administrator regarding the matter. Lastly, she stated a database of approximately 250 landowners had been compiled. She plans to contact those landowners and provide information regarding the registry program in the next few weeks.

D NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None.

E REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

Chairperson Riseng stated during one of the recent Executive Board Committee meetings the need for a public outreach committee was raised. She asked if there were any Greenbelt Advisory Commission members interested. Commissioners Ramsburgh, Cares, and Buttery all volunteered.

F COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY (5 MINUTE 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 Brines, seconded by Commissioner Allen, that the Commission enter into Closed session. On roll call, the vote was as follows, with Chairperson Riseng declaring the motion carried.

Yeas: 8 - Commissioner Allen, Chair Riseng, Commissioner Brines, Councilmember Taylor, Commissioner Buttrey, Commissioner Fike, Commissioner Ramsburgh, and Cares

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Christian

MEETING RECONVENED

5:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Fike, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, Chairperson Riseng declared the motion carried.

MOTION 1 Application 2013-04

Motion to recommend to Council to partner with Scio Township for the purchase of the development rights on the property identified in application #2013-04 and contribute up to 30% of purchase price, not to exceed \$25,200.00

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

ADJOURNMENT

5:27 p.m.