

Boards and Commissions Issues for FY19 Policy Agenda.

The resolution establishing City of Ann Arbor City Council Policy Agenda Committee requires the committee to identify items from Council Members, Boards and Commissions, staff, and work with the City Administrator and City Attorney to prioritize initiatives. Input was solicited from members of boards and commissions through the City to meet this requirement. The responses below identify the items various public bodies would like considered in creating the FY19 Policy Agenda.

Responses from Boards and Commissions

City Council

*This note is from the Council Meeting Minutes of December 4, in regards to the discussion of 17-1899 (Appendix A), Resolution Committing the City of Ann Arbor to Using 100% Clean and Renewable Energy for City Operations.:

- *Council discussed the current prohibition on moving City-generated power from one City facility to another, such as from Wheeler Center to City Hall. There was discussion about lobbying Lansing to change this restriction. It was decided to refer this issue to the Council Policy Agenda Committee.*

Energy Commission

- Pursue remedies that incent the installation of sustainable and renewable energy resources, including but not limited to residential and community solar and wind systems.
- Pursue legislative remedies that remove disincentives for installation of sustainable and renewable energy resources, including but not limited to seeking state-wide property tax exemptions for residential solar systems.
- Pursue legislative remedies to support appropriate local government access to household utility data on gas and electricity use to support the upcoming city investment in community facing energy programs.
- Support and advocate for the incorporation of high performance building efficiency systems into the Uniform Building Code.
- Advocate for a Carbon Fee and Dividend Plan consistent with Resolution R-17-314 (Appendix B)

Environmental Commission

- Support and advocate for continued funding for initiatives that protect the Great Lakes system.
- Support and advocate for the incorporation of water reuse and reclamation systems into the Uniform Building Code.
- Monitor and pursue opportunities to secure funding to protect, develop, and upgrade water, wastewater, drainage, and natural features resources and systems.
- Pursue remedies that incent the installation of sustainable and renewable energy resources, including but not limited to residential and community solar and wind systems.
- Monitor and actively engage with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the US Environmental Protection Agency on the remediation of contamination at the Gelman/Pall site and the impacted groundwater resources.

- Keep previously developed and approved plans and recommendations for transportation issues at the forefront and suggest opportunities for inclusion and improvement in projects and policies as they move forward.
- Further explore Vision Zero initiatives and policies and how they could best be utilized in whole or part in Ann Arbor's transportation planning process.
- Provide additional communication and cooperation with the many groups, organizations, and others concerned with transportation policy and implementation especially in the areas of safety.

- NEW - Monitor and actively engage with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the US Environmental Protection Agency on the funding for and remediation of Volatilization to Indoor Air (VI) sites.
- NEW - Monitor and actively engage with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on revisions to the state solid waste management regulation (PART 115) and creation of new funding sources for local government waste management programs.
- NEW - Pursue legislative remedies that remove disincentives for installation of sustainable and renewable energy resources, including but not limited to seeking state-wide property tax exemptions for residential solar systems.
- NEW – Pursue legislative remedies to support appropriate local government access to household utility data on gas and electricity use to support the upcoming city investment in community facing energy programs.
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Housing Commission

The Housing Commission responded to the request for policy items by passing a Resolution to Recommend Affordable Housing Policies to the City of Ann Arbor for FY19 (Appendix C). An excerpt of the resolved clause of this resolution reads:

RESOLVED, that the Ann Arbor Housing Commission Board recommends that the City of Ann Arbor adopt two additional policy recommendations related to creating and sustaining an affordable and welcoming community:

1. Support incentives and policies to encourage landlords to accept voucher rent subsidies in the City of Ann Arbor
2. Evaluate all city-owned properties to determine the suitability of the properties to be developed as low-income housing, whether it is a stand-alone project or a mixed-income and/or mixed-use project

Public Art Commission

- Public Art Commission seeks to share public art enhancement projects throughout the City. Commission request Councils acceptance of annual report of upcoming and potential projects. City Code requests that Council approve identified projects and potential budgets.
- The Public Art Commission request Council approval as presented or approve lesser dollar amounts. Commission needs an approval to take formal action and to move forward in authorizing and formally adding a Public Arts budget to the projects for which Council agrees to enhancement and to what dollar extent.

Transportation Commission

- Monitor and advocate for the award of federal, state, and county funds for the advancement of infrastructure projects that promote transportation system capacity improvements, transit enhancement, and active transportation (including bicycle facilities, safe pedestrian movement, and urban trails).