

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Thursday, September 1, 2016

4:30 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second Floor, City Council
chambers

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

A CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Brines called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

B ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Shannon Brines, Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Siri Ibarguen, Douglas Allen, and Robert Gordon

Absent 2 - Stephanie Buttrey, and Julie Grand

C 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.

D APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Gordon, that the Agenda be Approved. On a voice vote, the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Ramsburgh, that the Minutes be Approved with changes. On a voice vote, the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

F SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

F1 Huron River Watershed Council's Bioreserve Project by Kris Olsson, Watershed Ecologist

Kris Olsson, Watershed Ecologist, of the Huron River Watershed Council gave a brief presentation to the Commissioners. Ms. Olsson discussed the Bioreserve Project and how it works with the Greenbelt Advisory Commission.

Ruth Thornton explained that the information from the Huron River Watershed Council was useful information which helps prioritize and make the best decisions in terms of how to use Greenbelt funds.

A copy of this presentation is on file with the City Clerk's office for review.

G OLD BUSINESS

None.

H NEW BUSINESS

Ruth Thornton, gave staff updates for the Commissioners. She provided the following updates:

- The Homegrown Festival is scheduled for September 10, 2016. Volunteers for Commission members interested in attending should contact Ruth Thornton.

- Huron River Regional Conservation Partnership Program proposal was submitted to City Council for approval. the proposal is due by September 19, 2016.

- The Lansburgh project closed on August 18, 2016. She noted that there was a lot of good media coverage regarding this closing.

- Working on reviewing and updating the 2013 Strategic Plan.

- Ms. Thornton asked for input regarding goals for the Annual report for the upcoming year from the Commissioners.

I NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None.

J CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Ramsburgh, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission enter into Closed Session. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chairperson declaring the motion carried

Yeas: 6 - Commissioner Brines, Commissioner Fike, Commissioner Ramsburgh, Ibarguen, Allen, and Gordon

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Buttrey, and Councilmember Grand

MEETING RECONVENE

MOTION #1

Recommend City of Ann Arbor participation with Ann Arbor Township in the purchase of development right in acquisition of title 2016-10 and approval of the contribution funds not to exceed \$125,000 from the Open space and provided preservatiomn milleage.

K PUBLIC COMMENTARY (5 MINUTE MAXIMUM SPEAKING TIME - NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SPEAKING IN THIS SECTION.)

None.

L COMMUNICATIONS

None.

M REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

M1 Communications Committee Report

No report from the Communications Committee at this time.

M2 Executive Committee Report

- Discussed properties*
- Updating the Strategic Plan*
- Masters Project*

M3 Scoring Committee Report

Looking a the current scoring criteria and considering revisions to the current process.

N ADJOURNMENT

5:56 p.m.

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