

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 6, 2012

4:30 PM

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

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ezekiel called the meeting 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 6 - Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Catherine Riseng, Liz Rother, Shannon Brines, and Archer H. Christian

Absent 3 - Commissioner Laura Rubin, Peter Allen, and Carsten Hohnke

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Riseng, seconded by Brines, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair 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

Minutes of August 2, 2012 not available.

B OLD BUSINESS

None.

C NEW BUSINESS

C-1 12-1189 Ann Arbor Greenbelt District Strategic Plan

Chairman Ezeikel said that Ginny Trocchio and Commissioners Brines, Rubin all worked on the 2012 GAC Strategic Plan. The plan was presented to the Commission who reviewed it in detail. Action was not taken on the plan at this time. The Commission will review the document and come back with suggestions or changes and vote on it at a later date.

C-2 12-1190 Branding

The subcommittee consisting of Commissioner Rother and Ms. Trocchio, presented two new concepts of branding imagery to the Commission that depicts what the greenbelt does. Copies of the branding imagery are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

C-3 Joining LAC & GAC Meeting

Ms. Trocchio asked if the Commission could meet with the Land Acquisition Committee (LAC) at one of their scheduled meetings to discuss a few things. The Commission agreed with a date to be determined at a later time.

C-4 Staff Update

HOMEGROWN FESTIVAL

Ms. Trocchio announced that this coming Saturday, September 8, 2012 is the HomeGrown Festival. She said that they would be in attendance providing information to the public.

2012 BUS TOUR

Ms. Trocchio announced that December 22, 2012 is the scheduled bus tour. They have received RSVPs and the bus is now full for the tour. The tour is expected to go out towards the east and north side of greenbelt, visiting land conservancy on Prospect Road and finishing up with a tour in Ann Arbor Township.

D NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None presented.

E REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

None.

F COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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

None.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Riseng, seconded by Commissioner Christian, that the meeting be recessed to enter into Closed session to discuss Land Acquisition(s). On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried (The meeting recessed at 5:05 p.m.):

Yeas: 6 - Commissioner Bloomer, Commissioner Ezekiel, Commissioner Riseng, Commissioner Rother, Brines, and Commissioner Christian

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Rubin, Commissioner Allen, and Councilmember Hohnke

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Commissioner Riseng, seconded by Commissioner Rother, that the Meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 5:25 p.m.

Application No. 2005-08

A motion was made by Commissioner Riseng, seconded by Commissioner Christian, to recommend to council to partner with the County and Webster Township and contribute 25.5% toward the purchase price on Application No. 2005-08. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried with one abstention made by Commission Bloomer.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brines, seconded by Commissioner Riseng, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Dan Ezekiel, Chairperson

**Anissa R. Bowden
Recording Secretary**