

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Thursday, February 1, 2018

4:30 PM

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

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Fike called the Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. in the Guy Larcum Jr. Building, 2nd Floor City Council Chambers, 301 E Huron St. Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Douglas Allen, Robert Gordon, and Julie Grand

Absent: 3 - Stephanie Buttrey, Siri Ibarguen, and Stefanie Stauffer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

4 SPEAKERS MAXIMUM - 5 MINUTES 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 at this time.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

-Introdcution of Chris Frost, City Attorney

Mary Fales, Attorney with the City of Ann Arbor, announced that she would soon be retiring. Chris Frost has been assigned as legal support staff to the Greenbelt Advisory Commission upon her retirement. Mr. Frost stated that he has been with the City of Ann Arbor for 10 plus years. He also noted that he has experience with real estate, easements and land use issues.

Chairperson Fike thanked Mary Fales for her service and wished her luck in her retirement.

-Staff Update:

Bust Tour 2018

Ruth Thornton, Conservation Fund Contractor, for the Greenbelt Advisory Commission suggested dates for the upcoming 2018 Bus Tour. After some discussion the Commission decided on June 2, 2018.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Fike asked Commissioners to forward agenda items for the next meeting on to Ruth Thornton and Julie Grand for consideration.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission enter into Closed Session at 4:38 p.m. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with Chairperson Fike declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 6 - Fike, Commissioner Ramsburgh, Cares, Allen, Gordon, and Grand

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 - Buttrey, Ibarguen, and Stauffer

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission meeting reconvene at 5:40 p.m.. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

MOTION 1

Motion to recommend to City Council to apply for USDA-NRCS Agriculture Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) funding for property identified in application ID 2017-16

MOTION 2

Motion to recommend City participation with Webster Township and Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission in the acquisition of a conservation easement on the property identified in Application ID 2016-01 and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$280,000.00 from the Open-Space and Parkland Preservation Millage.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

5 MINUTES MAXIMUM SPEAKING TIME - NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SPEAKING IN THIS SECTION.

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS

REPORT FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

-Communications Committee Report

None at this time.

-Executive Committee Report

Executive committee meet and the topics that were discussed were as follow:

- Potential Projects*
- Project Updates*
- GAC RCPP Partner Meeting*
- ACEP Application due date March 16*
- Upcoming GAC term expirations*
- Bus Tour*

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Ramsburgh, that the be Adjourn at 5:56p.m. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.