



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Commission

301 E. Huron St.
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Thursday, September 28, 2017

7:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second
floor, City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

ROLL CALL

Present: 13 - Christopher L. Graham, Susan Hutton, Allison Skinner, Robert Needham, Jarin Marocco, Chip Smith, Karie Slavik, Jason Frenzel, John Mirsky, Veronica Hannah, Mike Appel, Joshua Rego, and Shannan Gibb-Randall

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amended Agenda -

- 1) Discussion on Solid Waste Update from City Administrator*
- 2) Matrix Discussion*

Approved with changes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes to share

Approved as presented

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No public commentary

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items to share

NEW BUSINESS

Approved as presented

17-1511 Resolution to Recommend Planning Commission and City Council Initiate the Process to Adopt The Treeline-Allen Creek Urban Trail Master Plan.

Attachments: Environmental Com Resolution.pdf,
Treeline_SummaryPrez_EC.pdf

Team members, Connie Pulcifer, Planner for the City of Ann Arbor and Oliver Kiley, Planner for SmithGroup JJR, shared an overview of the initiative to adopt the Treeline-Allen Creek Urban Trail. Team shared an overview of the project summary, timeline and next steps.

A big thank you to Commissioner Graham for the support and encouragement in helping continue to move this project forward.

RESOLVED, That the Environmental Commission support the Treeline Allen Creek Urban Master Plan

RESOLVED, That the Environmental Commission recommend that the City Planning Commission and City Council initiate the process to adopt the Treeline-Allen Creek Urban Trail as an element of the City Master Plan.

Approved

Discussion on the Solid Waste Memorandum from City Administrator Lazarus

Commissioners expressed concern over the communication received from City Administrator Lazarus.

Concerns regarding the consolidation of services with Waste Management and a desire to understand if the educational programs will continue. Discussion on the condition of the equipment; staffs' responsibility to oversee facility; better understanding of what led to current condition of the MRF; impact on the loss of revenue; what is the best short term plan for residents; aligning contracts with other communities may not be consistent with what our residents are use to; a regional MRF; fear that the city does not have the staff in place to address this.

How do we as a Commission stay engaged and be more proactive to work through a solution for the future?

Commission to submit a formal request for feedback from staff, which may help the Commission better understand the condition of the MRF

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES AND CHAIR

Matrix Update - Joint committees Energy and Environmental to collaborate on a joint effort to choose priorities and which will need to be implemented. Ready in October for members review.

Energy Commission - Passed a resolution to use millage funds - resolution supports city governments' use of energy being moved to renewable.

Planning Commission - Broadway at Glen Project has been approved. Clearing site now and use of outside funding to get rid of contaminants; State remediation strategies still underway.

Parks Commission - Fuller Pool open in mid September for an additional two weeks due to the warm weather. A joy to share this warm weather with local sports league activities nearby. Many thanks to staff and public for working together to make this happen.

Transportation Plan - Eli Cooper visited and presented on the Train Station. Fuller site border-to-border trail not part of this discussion, but did mention possible options for non-motorized trail alignments. Gallup park trail has been repaved and is now open to public.

CM Smith - Council approved Resolution of Intent Regarding Applications of Potential Washtenaw County Millage to Support Community Mental Health Department, County Sheriff Operations, and Policing Jurisdictions Rebate (R17-1466). Use Resolution for public funds from Washtenaw County. Resolution provides a rebate to jurisdictions. 20% applied to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety through installation of new street lighting, 40% applied to support construction, renovation and capital improvements of affordable housing and a sinking fund for utilities connections fees and finally 40% to be applied to effect the goals of the Ann Arbor Climate Action Plan, including efforts to support in the area of home audits.

*Staff report
Update on Dioxane*

Zero Waste Sub Committee - Move forward with different portions of zero waste on a limited basis initially rather than pursuing too much too soon. Begin with community events.

REPORT FROM STAFF

17-1562 Environmental Commission Resolution in Support of Environmentally Preferred Procurement

Attachments: APP_EPP_Draft_Sept15_2017.pdf

Environmental Procurement Administrative Policy - The city more environmentally friendly. This will direct staff to be more mindful of their best efforts to promote an environmentally friendly program (R17-1562). Thanks and appreciation to Procurement Manager, Colin Spencer for taking the lead on this as it was a huge undertaking with little or no staff assistance. Corn biofuels to come back in a nother way. Council resolution direct council to bring back green fleets policy in early December. Are we asking too much of staff with limited abilities and staffing and their already busy schedules and now that we continue to pass more resolution, are we contribution to bringing these two places together and we want staff to feel empowered not yet another ting that they need to do. this is a good and move us in a right direction and it is a formal policy and some part so the organization can begin to move in this direction and do this well; puts all staff of the same page moving forward.

The Environmental Commission supports the Environmentally Preferred Procurement Policy developed by staff for City Administrator Lazarus.

A motion was made by Graham, seconded by Councilmember Frenzel, that the Resolution be approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

*Solid Waste
Astronomy Professors Visit*

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

October 26, 2017

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No public commentary

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

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