

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Thursday, August 3, 2017

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 4:30 p.m. in the Guy Larcum Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 301 E. Huron St. Ann Arbor, MI 48104

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Stephanie Buttrey, Environmental/Conservation Organization Rep. Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Douglas Allen, Robert Gordon, Julie Grand, and Stefanie Stauffer
Absent: 1 - Siri Ibarguen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Fike asked that the Agenda be revised to include an Introduction of Stephanie Stauffer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buttrey, seconded by Farmer Rep. Cares, that the Agenda be Approved with changes. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF STEFANIE STAUFFER

Stefanie Stauffer gave a brief description of her background. She stated that she is currently a program manager at Tilian Farm and Development Center. She is also a Sociologist, with a background in studying local food movements and urban agriculture.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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A motion was made by Environmental/Conservation Org Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Election of Officers - Call for Nominations

*John Ramsburgh was nominated for Vice Chair; Jennifer Fike nominated for Chair.
Both nominations approved unanimously.*

Staff Update

-2018 RCPP Full Proposal

Commissioner Ramsburgh moved to recommend approval of full proposal application to the USDA - NRCS FY 2018 Regional Conservation Partnership Program, in partnership with Washtenaw County, Legacy Land Conservancy, and others, to secure funding to complete USDA - NRCS Agricultural Conservation Easement Program purchases of conseration easements.

A motion was made by Public -at-Large Rep. Ramsburgh, seconded by Environmental/Conservation Org Gordon, that the reccomendation be Approved. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

-Projects Update

Commissioner Gordon moved to recommend participation agreement with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation for the Purchase of Development Rights on the Donald H. Drake Trust (North) property in Lodi Township, and appropriate funds, not to exceed \$315,117, from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage.

A motion was made by Environmental/Conservation Org Gordon, seconded by Farmer Rep. Cares, that the reccomendation be Approved. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Buttrey, seconded by Public -at-Large Rep. Ramsburgh, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission enter into Closed Session. On a voice vote, the Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

Yeas: 9 - Commissioner Buttrey, Environmental/Conservation Organization Rep. Fike, Public -at-Large Rep. Ramsburgh, Farmer Rep. Cares, Real Estate Rep. Allen, Environmental/Conservation Organization Rep. Gordon, Council Rep. Grand, POSITION 1, and Public -at-Large Rep. Stauffer

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Biologist Rep. Ibarguen

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

None.

MOTION 1

To recommend City acquisition of a conservation easement on the property identified in Application ID 2017-01, approval of a participation agreement with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$92,000.00 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buttrey, seconded by Environmental/Conservation Org Gordon, that the Motion be Approved. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

MOTION 2

To recommend City participation with Ann Arbor Township in the acquisition of a conservation easement on the property identified in Application 2017-07 and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$242,500.00 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage.

A motion was made by Environmental/Conservation Org Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, that the Motion be Approved. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

REPORT FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

-Communication Committee Report

Commissioner Ramsburgh stated that the Communications Intern produced a plan for consideration of the Greenbelt Advisory Commission. He is also hopeful that the Intern will be available to present the Communications plan and answer questions at the October Greenbelt Advisory Commission meeting.

-Executive Committee Report

Chairperson Fike stated that the Executive Committee met and discussed the agenda and upcoming projects.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Public -at-Large Rep. Ramsburgh, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, that the be Adjourn. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.