

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, April 4, 2019

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Stephanie Buttrey, Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Robert Gordon, Julie Grand, Stefanie Stauffer, Alexander Perlman, and Sheila Schueller

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Delete C-2 R-19-076 Lepkowski Resolution item was a repeat from the last meeting.

Commissioner Perlman's name was misspelled.

A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 [19-0485](#) Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2019

Attachments: 03-07-19 GAC Minutes.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Buttrey, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that the Minutes be Approved as amended by the Commission and Forwarded to the City Council for filing. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

Page 2 Larry Doll misspelled

Page 4 Barry Lonik misspelled twice

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.

B OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

C NEW BUSINESS

C-1 Staff Update

a. Budget Overview

Remy Long reported that there haven't been any changes in the budget since the last meeting. Therefore, he would not be reporting on the budget at this time.

b. Projects Heading to Council:

i. Haas: April 15th

Mr. Long reminded the Commissioners that the Haas Project would be up for Council Review at the April 15, 2019 meeting. He informed the Commission that he invited Barry Lonik to sign up and address City Council during public commentary. Mr. Long also informed Commissioners that it is possible for a member of GAC to speak before City Council in a similar manner.

ii. Kempf: May 6th

Mr. Long briefly mentioned that the Kempf Project would be before City Council for review on May 6, 2019. Chairperson Fike noted that Stephanie Buttrey would appear before Council to comment on this project.

iii. Landau: May 6th

Mr. Long reported the the Landau Project is scheduled for review by City Council on May 6, 2019.

a. Review of Council Comments

C-2 Scoring Committee Appointments

Remy Long presented at a previous meeting and suggested a subcommittee be formed to address scoring recommendations and update the Strategic plan. Chairperson Fike asked for a motion to appoint Commissioner Schueller, Commissioner Perlman, Commissioner Gordon and Commissioner Stauffer to the Scoring Committee.

- a. **Appoint Sheila Schueller, Alex Perlman, Robert Gordon, and Stefanie Stauffer to GAC's Scoring Committee**

A motion was made by Council Rep. Grand, seconded by Commissioner Ramsburgh, that Sheila Schueller, Alex Perlman, Robert Gordon and Stefanie Stauffer be appointed to Greenbelt Advisory Commission's Scoring Committee. On a voice vote, the Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

C-3 Strategic Planning Discussion

- a. **Review and Discussion of Greenbelt Strategic Plan**

Mr. Long reported that staff was currently in the process of trying to secure outside funds to hire a professional facilitator to assist with the process of updating the Strategic Plan. It suggested that it may be in the form of a retreat or several sessions.

- b. **Discuss Timeline for Strategic Plan Update**

Chairperson Fike suggested that the timeline be tabled until a later date. Mr. Long will keep the Commission informed of developments with securing a professional facilitator.

D NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Buttrey, seconded by Commissioner Stauffer, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission enter into Closed Session at 5:19 p.m.. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with Chairperson Fike declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 9 - Buttrey, Fike, Commissioner Ramsburgh, Cares, Gordon, Grand, Stauffer, Perlman, and Schueller

Nays: 0

MEETING RECONVENE

The Greenbelt Advisory Commission meeting reconvened at 5:48 p.m.

MOTION 1

Motion to recommend City acquisition of a conservation easement on the property identified in Application ID 2018-01 with funding from the USDA Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) in partnership with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$138,367 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage.

Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

None.

E COMMUNICATIONS

E-1 Communications Committee

None.

F REPORT FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

F-1 Executive Committee Report

Chairperson Fike gave an update on what the Executive Committee met about. They discussed the following:

- Potential closed session projects*
- Moving the Bus Tour to the Fall*
- Receipt of an Intern Application*
- Revision of the Scoring Committee*
- Agenda Items for the April Meeting*

F-2 Communication Committee

No report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Biologist Rep. Schueller, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, that the meeting Adjourn. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

**Jennifer Fike, Chairperson
Dena Waddell, Recording Secretary**