

City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

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Thursday, December 2, 2021

4:30 PM

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A CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fike called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

B ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Jennifer Fike, Julie Grand, Sheila Schueller, Rosanne

Bloomer, Elizabeth Riggs, Elizabeth Lillard, and Deaver

Armstrong

Absent: 2 - Robert Gordon, and Jason Boggs

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Armstrong, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer. On a voice vote, Motion to approve the Agenda carries unanimously.

D APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D-1 21-2151 Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes November 4, 2021

Attachments: GAC Meeting Minutes 11-4-21.pdf

Moved by Commissioner Riggs, seconded by Council Member Grand. On a voice vote, Motion to approve the November 4, 2021 Minutes carries unanimously.

E 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.

Jae Gerhart from the MSU Extension program spoke in support of the Buy-Protect-Sell Programs Land Access item and encouraged the Commission to consider this item as a new and interesting way of moving forward to help farmers connect with local markets.

F OLD BUSINESS

None

G NEW BUSINESS

G-1 2022 GAC Meetings

GAC will be permitted to continue remote meetings.

G-2 Budget Review

R. Long discussed the GAC budget and added additional detail to the spreadsheet regarding specific project funding associated with each acquisition.

G-3 Presentation on Land Access & Buy Protect Sell Transactions

Remy Long presented on the Buy-Protect-Sell program and defined what it means to have affordable farmland access. Discussion by the Commissioners followed.

C. Fike made a Motion to adopt these standards as policy and guidance and allow staff to move forward on these arrangements. Seconded by Commissioner Lillard. On a voice vote, Motion carries unanimously.

H NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

I CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

Chair Fike made a Motion to go into Closed Session. By Voice Vote, Motion approved unanimously. Commissioners moved into Closed Session at 5:40 PM.

Motion made by Commissioner Schueller and seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to resume meeting. By Voice Vote, Motion approved unanimously and meeting resumed at 5:55 PM.

J PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

K COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Fike reported that the Executive Committee met to discuss the Agenda for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Armstrong and seconded by Commissioner Schueller to adjourn the meeting. By Voice Vote, motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

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