



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes - Final

Environmental Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Thursday, February 25, 2021

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

LAND HERITAGE STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Present: 11 - Christopher L. Graham, Lisa Disch, Shannan Gibb-Randall, Kathy Griswold, John Callewaert, Stephen C Brown, Jonathan Overpeck, John Mirsky, Rita Mitchell, Marie Gabrielle Buendia, and Lily Faris

Absent: 3 - Allison Skinner, Robert Needham, and Mike Appel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner John Mirsky, seconded by Vice Chair Rita Mitchell, that the motion be approved. On a voice vote, the Chair Stephen Brown declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner John Mirsky, seconded by Vice Chair Rita Mitchell, that the motion be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair Stephen Brown declared the motion carried.

21-0406

Attachments: FormalMinutes28-jan-2021-12-26-16.pdf

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS****21-0409**

Attachments: 20210224 Env Commission Resolution Bi-Wkly Trash Collection.pdf

Commissioners suggested actions and issues to consider to assess the potential for the change in service that will support the goals of the A2Zero program. [Detail on the suggestions is available]

21-0540

Attachments: Resolution Commendation of Dan Bicknell.pdf

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, OTHER COMMISSIONS, COUNCIL, AND CHAIR

Zero Waste Working Group- Council Member Lisa Disch reported the group has added community members and created a Mission Statement along with an Action Menu for projects the group can work on. It also detailed the resources involved and the budget available.

Solid Waste Committee- Chairman Stephen Brown reported the group has members of U of M, contractors, architects to the team. Plans to have a zoom meeting with the 50 members of the group. The Group is now looking for projects to work on. The group will be able to participate in a pilot this summer with AAPS to get a baseline.

Natural Features Working Group- Commissioner Christopher Graham reported the group has 4 Masters level students for the SEAS Project to survey the tree canopy and create a dataset that will allow identification of important natural areas, in particular Native Forest Fragments. Continued work on Natural Features UDC amendments. Working to protect legacy trees on a property.

Pollinators Work Group- Reported 3 A2ZERO Ambassadors attended their last meeting determine their project that will support pollinators and will discuss options for installation of pollinator gardens with Parks staff. Subcommittee members met with NAP and discussed gaps in coverage for pollinators and potential support from the Pollinator subcommittee, and coordinating on updating the Pollinator web site to provide reference information for members of the public.

Energy Commission- Commissioner John Mirsky looking at options to provide 100% renewable energy. Municipal Energy was presented at the February meeting, with multiple comments in support, from public callers. Future funding options were discussed.

Planning Commission- Commissioner Shannon Gibb-Randall reported they are looking at Transit Oriented Development options in the South State area as a pilot.

Council Report- A resolution on snow removal will be considered, in the context of safety and walk ability, in particular at crosswalk ramps. A general assessment of comprehensive snow removal will also be considered.

Congresswoman Dingell will be organizing a meeting in March with Ann

Arbor, Scio Township, and Washtenaw County interveners in the next three weeks regarding the Gelman 1,4-dioxane plume consent judgment.

Chair Report- OSI will have a Sustainability Forum on the Circular Economy on March 31, 2021 at 6pm

REPORT FROM STAFF

Staff Report- OSI held a Sustainability Forum entitled The Natural World in an Urban Environment on February 25, 2021

ACTION ITEMS

Propose ideas for incentives/disincentives to Commissioner John Mirsky for the A2Zero funding effort.

*Chair Stephen Brown: Investigate autonomous vehicles in Ann Arbor.
Environmental Commission Staff, Galen Hardy: forward the URL for the recent sustainability forum on the Natural World in the Urban environment*

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Our next meeting will be on March 25, 2021 at 7pm

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

no one for public commentary

ADJOURNMENT

meeting adjourned at 9:19pm

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