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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

4:30 PM

County Building, 220 N. Main St.

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Hall called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. in the Washtenaw County's Board of Commission Public Meeting Room, 220 N. Main Street.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Jennifer Santi Hall, Peter Allen, Carsten Hohnke, and Catherine Riseng

Absent 3 - Michael Garfield, Gilbert S. Omenn, and Commissioner Laura Rubin

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Hohnke, seconded by Commissioner Ezekiel, that the agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [10-0490](#) GAC Minutes of February 10, 2010

A motion was made by Commissioner Ezekiel, seconded by Commissioner Allen, that the Minutes of February 10, 2010 be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council for filing. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

2. [10-0596](#) GAC Minutes of March 10, 2010

A motion was made by Councilmember Hohnke, seconded by Commissioner Riseng, that the Minutes of March 10, 2010 be approved by the Commission with changes and forwarded to the City Council for filing. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

3. [10-0597](#) GAC Minutes of April 14, 2010

A motion was made by Commissioner Riseng, seconded by Commissioner Allen, that the Minutes of April 14, 2010 be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council for filing. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Staff Updates

JULY 17, 2010 BUS TOUR

Commissioner Allen provided an overview of his conversation with Ginny Trocchio regarding the Bus Tour, scheduled for July 17th. The tour will start at the Farmer's Market about 11:00 on Saturday July 17th, and will tour several properties that have been protected by the Greenbelt Program. Each stop will provide additional information such as the City's Parks and Recreation Plan (PROS Plan) that is currently being updated; the importance of the protection of the Greenbelt properties on the Huron River Watershed; and information from the many partners that the city has worked with. For more information, contact Ginny Trocchio, Greenbelt staff.

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE FRPP GRANTS

Ginny Trocchio provided the Commission with an update on the Natural Resource Conservation Service Farm and Ranchland Protection Program grants. An additional grant cycle for 2010 has been announced through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) with an additional \$2.1 million available for the State of Michigan.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None presented.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

None.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Councilmember Hohnke, seconded by Commissioner Allen, that the Commission enter into Closed session to discuss land acquisition. On roll call, the vote was as follows, with the Vice Chair declaring

the motion carried: (The meeting recessed at 5:15 p.m.)

Yeas: 6 - Commissioner Bloomer, Commissioner Ezekiel, Commissioner Santi Hall, Commissioner Allen, Councilmember Hohnke, and Commissioner Riseng

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Garfield, Commissioner Omenn, and Commissioner Rubin

Commissioner Garfield arrived at 5:15 p.m.

Present 7 - Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Michael Garfield, Jennifer Santi Hall, Peter Allen, Carsten Hohnke, and Catherine Riseng

Absent 2 - Gilbert S. Omenn, and Commissioner Laura Rubin

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Commissioner Ezekiel, seconded by Commissioner Garfield, that the meeting be reconvened. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

1. Restoration Initiative Application Cycle for Properties Identified in Greenbelt Applications Nos. 2005-14, 2005-17, 2007-06, 2010-04, and 2010-05

A motion was made by Commissioner Ezekiel, seconded by Commissioner Garfield, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission recommend to City Council to apply for FRPP funds in the 2010 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative application cycle for properties identified in Greenbelt applications Nos. 2005-14, 2005-17, 2007-06, 2010-04, and 2010-05 due to their proximity to other protected properties, potential for additional applications in the area, and prime farmland soils. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Bloomer, seconded by Commissioner Garfield, that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Laura Rubin, Chairperson

**Anissa R. Bowden
Recording Secretary**