

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Thursday, March 2, 2017

4:30 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second Floor, City Council
chambers

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Brines called the Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. in the Guy Larcum Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 301 E. Huron St. Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Shannon Brines, Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Siri Ibarguen, Douglas Allen, and Julie Grand

Absent: 2 - Stephanie Buttrey, and Robert Gordon

A APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Ramsburgh, that the Agenda be Approved as presented. On a voice vote, Chairperson Brines declared the motion carried.

B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B-1 [17-0321](#) Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2017

There was a typo found in the Minutes that needs to be amended.

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Fike, that the Minutes be Approved as amended by the Commission and Forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 5/1/2017. On a voice vote, Chairperson Brines 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.

Barry Lonik, Land Preservation Consultant for Ann Arbor, Scio & Webster Townships addressed the Commission regarding properties under their consideration.

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- An appraisal for this property was completed less than a year ago.*
- There has been a 5% increase in the value of the development rights for this property.*
- County funds have been committed to purchasing the conservation easement.*
- A survey and environmental service expenditures have been approved.*
- Ann Arbor Township is seeking support from Greenbelt and Washtenaw County to move forward on an easement purchase for this property.*

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- High valued property.*
- It is currently undeveloped.*
- Landowner has agreed to the Open Space Conservation Easement Requirements.*
- Sale price has been discounted by 16%.*
- Scio Township would like to reiterate its request for 1/3 of the purchase price for this property.*

C SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Special Presentations presented at this time.

D OLD BUSINESS

There was no "Old Business" at this time.

E NEW BUSINESS

E-1 - Staff Updates

Ruth Thornton, the Conservation Fund Contractor for the Greenbelt program provided the following staff updates:

- Joint LAC and GAC meeting for this coming Spring. She asked that Commissioners contact her regarding date preferences and agenda items.

- Mary Fales, Attorney for the City of Ann Arbor, presentation regarding the Open Meetings Act at the next LAC meeting

- Request form Pittsfield Township regarding a letter of support for an application to the Michigan Trust Fund for the acquisition of a 4 acre parcel. The consensus was that Greenbelt would be happy to support if there is no potential conflict.

F NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

Suggested Agenda items topics are as follows:

- Scoring Recap/Update

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Brines, seconded by Commissioner Fike, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission enter into Closed Session. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with Chairperson Brines declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 7 - Commissioner Brines, Commissioner Fike, Commissioner Ramsburgh, Cares, Ibarquen, Allen, and Grand

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Nays: 0

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Absent: 2 - Commissioner Buttrey, and Gordon

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MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Allen, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, Chairperson Brines declared the motion carried.

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None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS

None to report at this time.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

-Communications Committee Report

Commissioner Ramsburg interviewed a Natural Resources and Environmental grad student for a possible summer internship. An offer has been made and is being considered.

-Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee met to discuss the following:

- Potential Projects*
- SNRE Masters Project Proposal*
- Possible site for Bus Tour*
- Agenda for the Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting*

ADJOURNMENT

5:50 p.m

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Allen, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting be Adjourn. On a voice vote, Chairperson Brines declared the motion carried.

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