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Action Minutes

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

4:30 PM

Working Session

City Council Chamber

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Laura Rubin called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. in the New Center Building, 1100 N. Main Street.

ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Michael Garfield, Gilbert S. Omenn, Laura Rubin, Sylvia Taylor, Peter Allen, and Carsten Hohnke
Absent 1 - Jennifer Santi Hall

PUBLIC COMMENTARY OF AGENDA ITEMS

None.

WORK SESSION

1. **09-0282** Strategic Direction of the Greenbelt Program

The Greenbelt Advisory Commission met to review and discuss the strategic direction of the Greenbelt Program.

The Commission decided to add language into the Strategic Plan to support local food production / specialty crop production. In addition, the Commission also decided to revise the scoring criteria, so that these types of farms are taken into account in the scoring of applications.

The Commission also discussed the pros and cons of relying so heavily on grant funds. One of the downsides is the length of time it takes to complete a project with grant funds. In some instances, the Greenbelt may decide to move forward on projects, if it is a high enough priority, without grant funds, given the current market.

Commission Taylor presented information on preserving M-14 corridor. Some information on viewsheds will be incorporated into the Strategic Plan.

The staff will revise the Strategic Plan based on the conversations today and bring to the next Greenbelt Advisory Commission meeting for the Commission's review and approval.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**Laura Rubin
Chairperson**

**Anissa R. Bowden
Recording Secretary**