



City of Ann Arbor
Meeting Minutes - Draft
Center of the City - Council of the
Commons

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Thursday, May 4, 2023

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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1 CALL TO ORDER

The convening of the meeting at 7:04 p.m. was initiated by Adam Zemke. It is the intention of the Council of the Commons to end the meeting by 9:00 p.m. or prior to that time.

2 ROLL CALL

Attending staff: Christopher Cespedes

Present 9 - Stephen Borgsdorf, Erica Briggs, Alan Haber, Rita Mitchell, Geoffrey Henny, Frank Wilhelme, Alice Ralph, Adam Zemke, and Jennifer Cornell

Absent 2 - Sara Hammerschmidt, and Milton Dohoney Jr.

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Henny, seconded by Cornell, for the approval of the consent agenda. On a unanimous voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23-0765 April Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Henny, seconded by Wilhelme, for the approval of the meeting minutes. Said motion was forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 6/5/2023. On a unanimous voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

2 Emails received inclusive of attachments:

- *Speaker 1: Green Team Recognition, Sprinkler system repair, RFP Support, Removal of parking: Short-term activation, Adopted garden program.*
- *Speaker 2: Library Green Contribution*
- *Speaker 3: Parking Removal & DDA Contribution, Comprehensive Plan.*

[23-0768](#) Written Communication from Robert Black - April 11, 2023

[23-0801](#) Written Communication from Lynda Asher - May 4th, 2023

6 GUEST SPEAKER: This meeting will not feature a guest speaker.

7 WORKING GROUPS

Future space design (RFP, fundraising, planning, etc.)

23-0776 COC Resolution Recommending RFP Scope Proposal

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Header & Title Corrections.*
- *Minority Report Consensus.*

A motion was made by Ralph, seconded by Briggs, for the approval of the COC Resolution Recommendation for the RFP Scope proposal. Said motion was forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 6/5/2023. On a unanimous voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.

23-0775 COC Resolution Recommending Activation Recommendations

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Lack of "Commons" branding, People Program Activation*

A motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Zemke, for the approval of the COC Resolution Recommendation for the Activation Recommendations. Said motion was forwarded to the City Council

and should be returned by 6/5/2023. On a majority voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried. Commissioner Briggs and Commissioner Cornell abstained from voting on this motion.

COC Next Steps

23-0774 COC Resolution Recommending Dissolution

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Open Citizens Committee, Need of Community Cooperation,*

A motion was made by Zemke, seconded by Wilhelme, for the approval of the COC Resolution Recommendation for the Dissolution of the Council of the Commons. Said motion was forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 6/5/2023. On a majority voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried. The vote resulted in eight affirmative votes in favor of the motion and a single negative vote in opposition.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

- *Speaker 1: Public Consideration Timeline, Suspension or disillusion, General Funding.*
- *Speaker 2: Opposition to Council Dissolution.*
- *Speaker 3: Site complexity, opposition of dissolution.*

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