

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

4:30 PM

County Building, 220 N. Main St.

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Hall called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. in the County Board of Commissioners Meeting Room, located at 220 N. Main Street.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Jennifer Santi Hall, Peter Allen, and Catherine Riseng

Absent 4 - Michael Garfield, Gilbert S. Omenn, Laura Rubin, and Carsten Hohnke

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Riseng, seconded by Commissioner Allen, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 10-1293 GAC Minutes of October 13, 2010

A motion was made by Commissioner Ezekiel, seconded by Commissioner Allen, that the minutes of October 13, 2010 be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council for filing. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

2. GAC Minutes of November 10, 2010 NOT AVAILABLE

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Agriculture Products on Greenbelt Properties**

Ginny Trocchio of The Conservation Fund gave a slide presentation overview of Agriculture Products in Michigan. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

(Commissioner Rubin arrived at 4:40 p.m.)

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

Absent 3 - Michael Garfield, Gilbert S. Omenn, and Carsten Hohnke

2. Staff Update

Ms. Trocchio announced that Webster Township closed on the property Ludwig property and on two other properties outside the greenbelt. The two properties outside the greenbelt continue to protect the block of land in the area of the Ludwig property.

Staff is gearing up for additional closings for the end of the year; two properties in Webster Township and one in Northville Township. Ann Arbor Township will close two properties by the end of the year as well.

Farm and Ranch has announced that there is a new round of grant applications available. The deadline for applying is February 16, 2011. Staff will start applying for those grants in the coming months.

(Commissioner Hohnke and Garfield arrived at this time.)

Present 8 - Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Michael Garfield, Jennifer Santi Hall, Laura Rubin, Peter Allen, Carsten Hohnke, and Catherine Riseng

Absent 1 - Gilbert S. Omenn

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None suggested.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Ezekiel, that the Commission enter into Closed session to discuss land acquisition(s). On roll call, the vote was as follows, with the Chair declaring the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Yeas: 8 - Commissioner Bloomer, Commissioner Ezekiel, Commissioner Garfield, Commissioner Santi Hall, Rubin, Commissioner Allen, Councilmember Hohnke, and Commissioner Riseng

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Omenn

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 5:53 p.m.

MOTION #1

A motion was made by Commissioner Ezekiel, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to recommend to City Council to apply for FRPP Grant Funds on properties identified in Application No. 2010-06, 2010-07, 2010-08 and 2009-04. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ezekiel, seconded by Rubin, to direct staff to move forward with appraisals needed for applications up to \$20,000.00 with the approval of the executive commission with an end date of February 2011. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Bloomer that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.