

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 6, 2012

4:30 PM

City Hall, 301 E. Huron St., 2nd Floor, Council Chambers

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ezekiel called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. in Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Archer arrived at 4:33 p.m.

Present 7 - Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Commissioner Laura Rubin, Catherine Riseng, Shannon Brines, Archer H. Christian, and Christopher Taylor

Absent 2 - Peter Allen, and Liz Rother

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

(4 SPEAKERS MAXIMUM - 5 MINUTE 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.)

None.

A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 12-1568 Greenbelt Advisory Commission Special Session Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2011 and Regular Session of August 2, 2012

A motion was made by Commissioner Riseng, seconded by Brines, that the Special Session Minutes of November 30, 2011 and the Regular Session Minutes of August 2, be approved by the Commission with changes and forwarded to City Council. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B OLD BUSINESS

None.

C NEW BUSINESS

C-1 Election of Officers

A motion was made by Commissioner Rubin, seconded by Brines, that Commissioner Ezekiel be elected as Chair and that Commissioner Riseng be elected as Vice-Chair of the Greenbelt Advisory Commission. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

C-2 12-1567 Proposed 2013 Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Calendar

A motion was made by Commissioner Christian, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, that the 2013 Greenbelt Calendar be approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

C-3 2013 FRPP Applications and Appraisals

Ginny Trocchio of The Conservation Fund said that she anticipated a 2013 round of Farm and Ranch to be announced soon. They are keeping with the same schedule they had last year, making it an early March deadline for grants to be submitted. She said that there has been no new farm bill signed, but there is a continuing resolution authorizing the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program. Ms. Trocchio said that she not sure of how much of an appropriation would be made in total and not sure how much would be made to Michigan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Riseng, seconded by Commissioner Christian, that the commission authorize staff to go ahead and order appraisals as needed in time for the February 2013 meeting. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

C-4 Staff Update

Ms. Trocchio said that she looked at revisions to the Strategic Plan a couple of months ago and wanted to get some feedback from their partners and bring the results back to the commission. The Strategic Plan has been sent to them for their feedback. They are still reviewing the plan and should have a report back by the February 2013 meeting.

She added that they are also working on several closings for the end of this year. They plan to complete another five transactions before the end of 2012 which would give them approximately 450 acres, bringing the grand total to just over 4200 acres.

Ms. Trocchio announced that the Mayor proclaimed October 24, 2012 as National Food Day. The proclamation was accepted by Commissioner Ezekiel on the commission's behalf. A copy of the proclamation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

D NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None presented.

E REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

None.

F COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Ezekiel said that a presentation was held back in November at public

library about purchase of development rights of several landowners. It was a meeting with the public explaining why the landowners went with the purchase of development rights and how it has worked for them.

Commissioner Rubin asked about The Conservation's Fund Contract and FRP. Community Services Administrator Sumedh Bahl said that they have received proposals and are currently reviewing them. They hope to have a decision made by next week and would then present that decision to City Council sometime in January. The contract is a one year renewal with the possibility of renewing for two more years.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY (5 MINIMUTE MAXIMUM SPEAKING TIME - NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SPEAKING IN THIS SECTION.)

None.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Rubin, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer, that the commission enter into closed session to discuss Land Acquisition. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chairman declaring the motion carried (the meeting recessed at 4:53 p.m.):

Yeas: 7 - Commissioner Bloomer, Commissioner Ezekiel, Commissioner Rubin, Commissioner Riseng, Brines, Commissioner Christian, and Councilmember Taylor

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Allen, and Commissioner Rother

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rubin, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 5:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Riseng, seconded by Commissioner Christian, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Dan Ezekiel, Chairperson

**Anissa R. Bowden
Recording Secretary**