



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Commission

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Thursday, February 27, 2020

7:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second
floor, City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: 13 - Christopher L. Graham, Susan Hutton, Allison Skinner, Robert Needham, Chip Smith, Karie Slavik, Mike Appel, Shannan Gibb-Randall, Anne Bannister, John Callewaert, Stephen C Brown, Jonathan Overpeck, and John Mirsky

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Planning Commission Rep Gibb-Randall, seconded by Graham, that the agenda be Approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[20-0348](#) Draft Minutes from Jan 23 2020 Env Commission

Attachments: Jan 23 2020 Meeting Minutes for the Env Commission.pdf

A motion was made by Planning Commission Rep Gibb-Randall, seconded by Skinner, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commission participation in RFP processes

Dr. Stults gave a brief report about the status of this item.

Presented

NEW BUSINESS

20-0357 Electric Vehicle Readiness Ordinance

Attachments: SUMMARY_EV Ordinance Site Study rev 3.pdf, PARKING TABLE OFF STREET PARKING (Feb 26 rev).pdf, Ann Arbor EV Ordinance (Feb26 rev).pdf, EV Readiness Ordinance Presentation (Feb27rev3).pdf

Commissioner Mirsky gave a PowerPoint presentation about the draft Electric Vehicle (EV) Readiness Ordinance. The ordinance was developed by the Energy Commission's EV Work Group. Commission will consider voting on a resolution of support for this resolution at their March meeting. [The video for this item runs between 12:10 and 1:19:19.]

20-0354 A2Zero Third Phase Presentation

Attachments: A2Zero Third Phase Presentation.pdf

Dr. Missy Stults gave an update on the City's A2Zero campaign to achieve community-wide carbon neutrality by 2030. Commission will consider voting on a resolution of support for the A2Zero Plan at their March meeting. [The video for this item runs between 1:19:21 and 1:43:54.]

20-0362 Environmental Commission Workplan for 2020

Attachments: 2020EnvironCommAgenda.pdf

Chair Brown shared the document he assembled from asking Work Group Chairs for their 2020 goals.

20-0364 Environmental Commission Accomplishments for 2019

Attachments: 2019A2ECaccomplishments.pdf, 2019 Environmental Commission Summary.pdf

Chair Brown reviewed the accomplishments of the Commission from 2019. Discussion centered around whether the Commission's efforts are making tangible differences. Commissioners also discussed the usefulness of the Sustainability Framework and Dashboard. Chair Brown

asked City staff to review the existing Dashboard. The output of the former Metrics Subcommittee was discussed. Staff Drennen urged the Commission to consider that the A2Zero goal of carbon neutrality may need to subsume all or most of the other sustainability goals. Commissioners urged Council and others to remain mindful of what it will take to meet new goals when they are passed. Commissioner Hutton shared the example of Council not adopting WRRMA after Commission and staff made recommendations to join the coalition. Chair Brown requested that there be action points listed in future in meeting agendas.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, OTHER COMMISSIONS, COUNCIL, AND CHAIR

Pollinators: Committee met and has set goals.

Natural Features: Graham shared an article from a landscape journal about the issues with turf grass. Next meeting tomorrow at noon.

Solid Waste: No report.

Water: Working on a flood plain ordinance.

Energy: Mirsky shared a "lesson learned" from the EV Readiness Ordinance and other ordinance processes that government processes are currently too slow to meet a climate emergency.

Planning: Gibbs-Randall reported that a new development is planning to be LEED-Silver. Commission is tackling the Capital Improvements Plan and there is discussion about how the CIP integrates with the A2Zero goal.

Parks: No meeting this month.

Council: Bannister reported that the IPM and elimination of turf grass policy passed Council unanimously. The Food Gatherers ordinance will be heard by Council in March. There has been good progress on the dioxane plume issues. Smith reported that he and Bannister met with Eileen Spring today and will make edits to the Food Gatherers resolution shortly. He said that some things have been rushed to the detriment of the issues. Smith also added that there is a need to assemble a Working Group to vet and recommend Commissioner candidates.

Chair: No report.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Staff Drennen reported that the office is focusing on A2Zero. She also announced that the Youth Commissioner applications are now open.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Presentation from the Huron River Watershed Council. Metrics for a future meeting. Report about the status of the Dioxane Plume clean up

efforts.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

March 26, 2020 at 7pm

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:26pm.

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