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Formal Minutes - Final

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

4:30 PM

City Council Chamber

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Rubin called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom jr., Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 100 N. Fifth Avenue.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Jennifer Santi Hall, Laura Rubin and Peter Allen

Absent 4 - Michael Garfield, Gilbert S. Omenn, Sylvia Taylor and Christopher S. Easthope

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Ezekiel, 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. [08-0921](#) Greenbelt Advisory Commission Minutes of September 3, 2008

A motion was made by Commissioner Santi Hall, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer, that the minutes be approved by the Commission with minor changes and forwarded on to City Council. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [08-0925](#) Financial Report - Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Damon Thompson presented the second half of the Financial Report for FY 2007-2008. A copy of the report is on file in the City Clerk's Office. Mr. Thompson also introduced Kelli McKinnon, the new Financial Manager for the Community Services area to the

commission. Ms. McKinnon will provide the report to the commission in the future.

Mr. Thompson explained and the Income Statement - Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage for the period ending June 30, 2008 and answered questions of the commission.

2. [08-0920](#) Activity Report - Fiscal year 207-2008

Ginny Trocchio presented the draft Activity Report to the Commission. The report explains land acquisitions acquired throughout the year. She said that the Commission closed on three different properties this year; partnered with Washtenaw County on two purchases, and also closed on the Biltmore properties out in Superior Township, in collaboration with Washtenaw County and Superior Land Conservancy. A copy of the report is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Motion to Approve the Financial Report and Activity Report

page 8 lists the goals for the next fiscal year. continue discussion about the state of the economy and how it relates to our ability to obtain properties within the greenbelt related to the market and the value for land. meet with the appraisers to get a better handle on it. try to bring some resolution amongst the commission what we are thinking about related to that.

Continue our discussions and try to develop a strategy on the changing real estate market.

A motion was made by Commissioner Santi Hall, seconded by Commissioner Allen, that the Financial Report as well as the Activity Report be approved as amended to include the following:

Add a 7th Goal to Page 8:

*** Continue discussions and try to develop a strategy on the changing real estate market**

On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Trocchio informed the commission that a special meeting is needed in order to go into Closed Session. The commission agreed to meet on October 2, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

MARKET COMMISSION

Ms. Trocchio advised that a meeting with the Market Commission has been scheduled for

October 30, 2008 at 5 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Santi Hall, that the adjourn. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

**Laura Rubin,
Chair of the Commission**

**Anissa R. Bowden
Recording Secretary**