

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 11, 2013

4:30 PM

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

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Brines called the meeting of the Greenbelt Advisory Commission to order at 4:36 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron St. Commissioner Brines facilitated the meeting in the absence of a Chairman or Vice Chairman.

Present 6 - Peter Allen, Shannon Brines, Archer H. Christian, Christopher Taylor, Stephanie Buttrey, and Jennifer Fike

Absent 1 - Catherine Riseng

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Peter Allen, Shannon Brines, Archer H. Christian, Christopher Taylor, Stephanie Buttrey, and Jennifer Fike

Absent 1 - Catherine Riseng

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, that the agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, Commissioner Brines 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

Approved with changes

A1 [13-1020](#) Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes - May 2, 2013

A motion was made by Commissioner Christian, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission with changes. On a voice vote, Commissioner Brines declared the motion carried.

A2 [13-1057](#) Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes June 6, 2013

A motion was made by Commissioner Christian, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission with changes. On a voice vote, Commissioner Brines declared the motion carried.

B OLD BUSINESS

None.

C NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brines welcomed Jennifer Fike to the Greenbelt Advisory Commission. Commissioner Fike stated that she was excited to be serving on the Commission.

Commissioner Brines announced that there may be open positions on the Greenbelt Advisory Commission. It was also noted that applications for John Ramsburgh and Jean Cares would be considered by City Council during their upcoming meeting.

D ELECTION OF OFFICERS

D1 CHAIR

A motion was made by Commissioner Riseng, seconded by Commissioner Christian, that Commissioner Riseng be appointed the Chairman of the Greenbelt Advisory Commission. On a voice vote, Commissioner Brines declared the motion carried.

D2 VICE CHAIR

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Allen, that Commissioner Brines be appointed the Vice Chairman of the Greenbelt Advisory Commission. On a voice vote, Commissioner Brines declared the motion carried.

STAFF UPDATES

Ginny Trocchio announced that she was in receipt of formal notification from the Farm & Ranch Land Protection Program. The Greenbelt Advisory Commission received the full amount requested. FRLPP approved approximately \$220,000 in grant funds for two farms in Lodi Township. Ms. Trocchio hopes to present a resolution to council for the first meeting in August to accept the grant funds. After meeting with the landowners Ms. Trocchio will bring a resolution to council to formally accept the recommendation to purchase the conservation easement.

Ms. Trocchio stated that she has reviewed the fall schedule and plans to add an additional bus tour for September 21, 2013. She also reminded the Commissioners that the Homegrown Festival is scheduled for September 7, 2013. She asked that any interested Commissioners be available to assist at the booth and/or to answer questions about the Greenbelt Advisory Program.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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 Allen, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, that the Commission enter into Closed session to discuss land acquisition. On voice vote, the vote was as follows, with Commissioner Brines declaring the motion carried.

Yeas: 6 - Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Brines, Commissioner Christian, Councilmember Taylor, Commissioner Buttrey, and Commissioner Fike

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Chair Riseng, and Ramsburgh

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Commissioner Christian, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, Commissioner Brines declared the motion carried.

MOTION 2013-01

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, that Motion 2013-01 be Approved.

A motion to amend previous recommendation in relationship to property identified in application 2013-01. GAC recommends to City Council to partner with Ann Arbor Township for the purchase of development rights on property identified in application 2013-01 and contribute up to \$15,333.00 (est 33%) toward purchase price, or to contribute up to \$23,000.00 (50% of easement purchase price), if the Washtenaw County Parks purchases fee title to property.

On a voice vote, Commissioner Brines declared the motion carried.

MOTION 2013-03

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Allen,

that Motion 2013-03 be Approved.

A motion to recommend to Council to partner with Washtenaw County Parks for the purchase of the fee title to the property identified in application #2013-03 and contribute up to \$32,200.00 toward purchase price.

On a voice vote, Commissioner Brines declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Christian, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission meeting be adjourned . On a voice vote, Commissioner Brines declared the motion carried.