

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, August 22, 2024

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

Environmental Commission

CALL TO ORDER

LAND HERITAGE STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 9 - Lisa Disch, Christopher L. Graham, Rita Mitchell, Bridget Gruber, Sara Nedrich, Dharma Akmon, Maisie Weyhing, Brooks Curtis, and Hank Peters-Wood
- Absent:** 5 - Stephen C Brown, John Mirsky, Anya Dale, Olivia Smyth, and Anne Marsan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Commissioner Graham, that the Agenda be Approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[24-1579](#) Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 07-25-24

A motion was made by Commissioner Peters-Wood, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 9/16/2024. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

[24-1437](#) Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 06-27-24

A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission with changes and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 9/16/2024. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No callers for public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Debrief of July 25, 2025 Environmental Commission planning session.

Commissioners discussed the strategic planning session.

NEW BUSINESS

24-1596 Conserving Native Forest Fragments

Mike Kost, Associate Curator for the Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum and Lecturer for the U of M School for Environmental and Sustainability, presented on the conservation of native forest fragments.

24-1595 Deer Impacts in Ann Arbor

Dr. Jacqueline Courteau, Ecologist and Natural Resources Consultant, presented on deer impacts in Ann Arbor.

Discuss Environmental Commission participation in the September 20, 2024 A2 Green Fair.

The Environmental Commission decided to support other efforts at the Green Fair and consider developing materials for future years.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, OTHER COMMISSIONS, COUNCIL, AND CHAIR

*Biodiversity Working Group – Chairperson Curtis reported out
Circular Economy Working Group – Chairperson Curtis reported out on behalf of Vicechair Brown
Water Quality Working Group – Commissioner Nedrich reported out
Energy Commission – Chairperson Curtis reported out on behalf of Commissioner Mirsky
Parks Advisory Commission – No report provided
Planning Commission – No report provided
Transportation Commission – No report provided
Council Report – Councilmembers Akmon and Disch reported out
Chairperson Report – Chairperson Brooks reported out*

REPORT FROM STAFF

24-1597 Staff Updates for the Environmental Commission August 2024

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on September 26, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No callers for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.

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