

City of Ann Arbor

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Formal Minutes

Thursday, October 4, 2018

4:30 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second Floor, City Council
chambers

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Fike called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Stephanie Buttrey, Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Robert Gordon, and Stefanie Stauffer

Absent: 2 - Julie Grand, and Alexander Perlman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Cares, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that the agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, Chairprson Fike declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Grand arrived at 4:32 p.m.

Present: 7 - Stephanie Buttrey, Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Robert Gordon, Julie Grand, and Stefanie Stauffer

Absent: 1 - Alexander Perlman

18-1710 Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey that the Minutes of July 12, 2018 be approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, that the Minutes of July 12, 2018 be approved as amended by the Commission as follows and Forwarded to City Council:

...OLD BUSINESS

There was brief discussion regarding restarting the Scoring [Criteria] COMMITTEE in the future.

Note: [] Brackets indicate deleted text. All CAPS indicate amended

text.

On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

4 SPEAKERS MAXIMUM - 5 MINUTES 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.

Jack Smiley spoke in favor of project ID 2018-10. He hoped that the commission will view the project favorably.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Update

Emy Brawley with Conservation Fund introduced herself and said that she would be filling in for Ruth Thornton, on an interim basis.

APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SPACE AND PARKLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 2018 (JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018)

18-1712 Open Space and Parkland Preservation Program Activity Report, Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)

A motion was made by Commissioner Buttrey, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Program Activity Report for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2019) be approved. On a voice vote, the Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None presented.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Stauffer, that the Commission enter into Closed Session to discuss Land Acquisition. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the

Chairperson Fike declaring the motion carried and the meeting recessed at 4:40 p.m.

Yeas: 7 - Buttrey, Fike, Commissioner Ramsburgh, Cares, Gordon, Grand, and Stauffer

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Perlman

Present: 8 - Stephanie Buttrey, Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Robert Gordon, Julie Grand, Stefanie Stauffer, and Alexander Perlman

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Ramsburgh, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 5:19 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

5 MINUTES MAXIMUM SPEAKING TIME - NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SPEAKING IN THIS SECTION.

None.

Motion #1

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, to recommend City participation with Superior Township, Washtenaw County and Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy in the acquisition of the fee interest in Application ID 2018-10; approval of the contribution of funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage; and acquisition of a conservation easement as either primary or back-up holder. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

Motion #2

A motion was made by Commissioner Buttrey, seconded by Commissioner Ramsburgh, to recommend City participation with Washtenaw County in the acquisition of the fee interest in Application ID 2017-14 and approval of the contribution of funds in the amount of \$167,000.00 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

REPORT FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Fike updated the commission on the items that were discussed at the Executive Committee meeting held on September 25, 2018.

She added that additional members are needed to serve on the committee. Commissioner Perlman volunteered to serve on the committee.

Communications Committee

Commission Buttrey announced that the Communications Committee needs one additional person that could rotate meetings throughout the year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Stauffer, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Chairperson Jennifer Fike

**Anissa R. Bowden
Recording Secretary**