



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes - Draft

Environmental Commission

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Thursday, May 27, 2021

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

LAND HERITAGE STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Present: 11 - Christopher L. Graham, Robert Needham, Lisa Disch, Shannan Gibb-Randall, Kathy Griswold, John Callewaert, Stephen C Brown, Jonathan Overpeck, John Mirsky, Rita Mitchell, and Marie Gabrielle Buendia

Absent: 2 - Allison Skinner, and Lily Faris

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Commentary regarding the ADU Ordinance Planning declined to have engagement with the public and it didn't occur. Rear yard trees are an issue three feet from the lot line. About 20,000 lots can construct these properties in the back of the yard and it will impact trees on their properties and their neighbor's properties.

What is the setback that will not impact trees and storm water management issues

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**Map Ann Arbor**

Presented a map on Natural Features Inventory Map

"Characterizing the Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) to Elevate its Role in Mitigating Climate Change and Creating a Healthy and Vibrant Community in Ann Arbor

U of M students presented on the tree canopy.

Created a Comprehensive GIS layer of A2 urban tree canopy

Used Remote sensing and canopy classification using Ariel photography, satellite imagery, and LiDAR point clouds

21-1082

Attachments: EC Presentation.pdf

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**21-1040** Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2021

Attachments: MeetingMinutes22-April-2021-09-25-47.pdf

**Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council
due back on 5/31/2021**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS**

21-1066 Resolution for Gelman Monitoring Plan in Response to NOV of MS4 Permit

Attachments: Resolution for Gelman Monitoring Plan in Response to NOV of MS4 Permit.pdf

Evan Pratt said work plan for Gelman was incomplete and he's waiting on a response from EGLE and ground water samples need to be done to see the level of contamination

Council Member Kathy Griswold and Vice Chairperson Rita Mitchell will continue to keep working on the resolution.

21-1064 Gelman - Allen Creek-EGLE Work-Plan-2021-April

Attachments: Gelman - Allen Creek-EGLE Work-Plan-2021-April_725163_7.pdf

21-1063 ADUs Effect on Natural Features

Attachments: ADUsEffectonNaturalFeatures-20210527.pdf

Vice Chairperson Rita Mitchell presented on ADU's in regards to trees and storm water impacts.

Chairperson Stephen Brown suggested moving the discussion of ADU's to the next meeting

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, OTHER COMMISSIONS, COUNCIL, AND CHAIR

Natural Features-nothing to report

Solid Waste Working Group- Eileen Naples from Public Works will be leaving City Employment

Zero Waste Working Group-Council Member Disch are working on a grant. A group is working on a one month pilot for reusable containers at four restaurants. Our Ambassadors are working on a composting pilot

Pollinators Working Group- Vice Chairperson Rita Mitchell is working on a pollinators plan for the golf courses and Pollinator Ambassadors will be tabling at the Farmers Market

Energy Commission-Commissioner John Mirsky reported RMI gave a presentation to the Commission. Then 22% of homes in Ann Arbor are using expensive methods of heating their homes. RMI also reported on the Solar Faithful Model where 8 churches have installed rooftop solar via a PPA model. Multifamily EV charging plans are in the works with hopes to partner with U of M.

OSI is close to bring to Council energy disclosure and benchmarking plans.

Planning Commission-Commission Shannon Gibb-Randall the first marijuana consumption facility will be opening on Ashley.

Council Report-Council Member Kathy Griswold reported on the Gelman hearing where the Judge Connor ordered Gelman to

Chairperson RE

REPORT FROM STAFF

Staff Liaison Galen Hardy reported OSI will be celebrating A2ZERO week starting on June 2nd through June 6th.

ACTION ITEMS

Kathy and Rita will continue to work on the response

Chris Graham will continue to work on the ordinance to preserve heritage trees.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Education of Council Members is needed in regards to the culling of deer in Ann Arbor.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on June 24, 2021 at 7pm

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Caller Tom Stallworth thanked for the comments on the culling of deer. He also corrected his statement regarding the ADU potential of adding 20,000 more on the properties.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

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