

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 1, 2019

4:30 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council
Chambers

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fike called the meeting to order at 4:30 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, Robert Gordon, Stefanie Stauffer, and Rosanne Bloomer

Absent: 3 - Julie Grand, Alexander Perlman, and Sheila Schueller

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Stauffer, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 [19-1472](#) Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of July 11, and July 29, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Stauffer, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that the July 11, 2019 Minutes be approved by the Commission and forwarded. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stauffer, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey that the July 29, 2019 Special Work Session minutes be approved. On a voice vote, the Chair 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.

None.

B OLD BUSINESS

None.

C NEW BUSINESS

C-1 Strategic Planning Timeline Update

Remy Long announced that the September 23 and September 30, meetings have been added to the meeting schedule. The meetings will be held at the Pittsfield Ann Arbor District Library and the Westgate District Library respectfully.

Chair Fike provided additional meeting dates and asked that commissioners indicate which meetings they may be able to attend. The dates are as follows:

8/15/19 (Commissioner Schuller and Stauffer plan on attending.)

9/3/19 (Regular meeting of GAC)

9/23/19 (Commissioners Fike, Gordon and Ramsburgh plan to attend.)

9/30/19 (Commissioners Fike and Bloomer plan to attend.)

10/3/19 (Regular meeting of GAC)

Chair Fike asked that commissioners share this information with people they know to get the word out.

C-2 Outreach for Strategic Planning Process

Mr. Long said that he has scheduled presentations for all of the township land preservation committees/boards that have a funded millage backing them. He has been added to the agendas of Ann Arbor, Scio, and Webster Townships in the months of August and September and would present a report and provide feedback from the townships in October.

Mr. Long added that there were some township committee and board meetings that he would not be able to attend, so he drafted a letter addressing them; asking them to read the plan and email him with any feedback. Information about the special GAC meetings would also be given to the townships as well.

(Commissioner Grand arrived at 4:41 p.m.)

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

Absent: 2 - Alexander Perlman, and Sheila Schueller

C-3 Debrief of July 29th Public Strategic Planning Meeting

Mr. Long briefed the Commission on the meeting that was held on July 29. He said that the meeting went well but that attendance was low. He asked that commissioners rally their personal networks to try and improve the turnout for future meetings.

Commissioner Vacancy

Chair Fike announced that Commissioner Perlman has moved to Denver and that a new member is needed. Commissioner Perlman provided an email to Chair Fike which she was going to forward to staff for their information and processing.

D NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None presented.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

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 Chair declaring the motion carried and the meeting recessed at 4:51 p.m.:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Perlman, and Schueller

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 5:28 p.m.

MOTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION ID 2016-05

A motion was made by Commissioner Ramsburgh, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, to recommend the City of Ann Arbor partner with Ducks Unlimited in the Proposal for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's North American Wetlands Conservation Act Small Grants Program for funding toward the purchase of development rights on the property identified as application ID 2016-05 be

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

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

None.

E COMMUNICATIONS

See Communications Committee below.

F REPORT FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

F-1 Executive Committee Report

Nothing to report.

F-2 Communications Committee

Nothing to report.

Scoring Committee Update

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ramsburgh, seconded by
Commissioner Buttrey, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote,
the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at
5:29 p.m.**

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