

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 2, 2019

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 4:30 p.m. in the Guy Larcom, Jr. Building , 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E Huron Street.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 2 - Robert Gordon, and Alexander Perlman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Ramsburgh, seconded by Commissioner Stauffer, that the be Approved. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 [19-0908](#) Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Cares, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, that the Minutes be Approved as amended by the Commission and Forwarded. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

Page 2 Change the word hasn't to haven't

Page 2 Change Stephanie Stauffer to Stephanie Buttrey

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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 at this time.

B OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

C NEW BUSINESS

C-1 MDARD Agriculture Preservation Fund

Remy Long reported pending State approval the MDARD Agriculture Preservation Fund will be funded for the first time since 2007. He informed the Commission members that he had attended the most recent MDARD board meeting along with a representative from Washtenaw County. Mr. long explained that after attending the meeting he understands that the City of Ann Arbor would not be eligible to apply for these funds. However, he is hopeful that one of the surrounding Townships will apply.

Mr. Long updated the Commission members regarding the Kempf Project. He explained that the family has chosen to withdraw their application for participation with the Land Conservation Program at this time.

Lastly, Mr. Long informed the Commission members that an Intern for the Greenbelt Advisory Commission is scheduled to start on May 10, 2019.

D NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Cares, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, that the Commission enter into Closed Session. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Gordon, and Perlman

MEETING RECONVENE

Meeting reconvened at 5:08 p.m.

MOTION 1 - APPLICATION ID 2018 17

Motion to recommend City participation with Washtenaw County Parks

and Recreation Commission in the acquisition of a conservation easement on the property identified in Application ID 2018-17 and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$228,500.00 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cares, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, that Motion 1 be approved. On a voice vote, the Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

None at this time.

E COMMUNICATIONS

E-1 Communications Committee

Commissioner Buttrey stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

F REPORT FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

F-1 Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Ramsburgh reported that the Executive Committee meet and discussed the following:

- Grants*
- Future projects*
- Scoring Committee*
- The possibility of using a drone to film GAC projects in the future.*

F-2 Communications Committee Update

F-3 Scoring Committee Update

Commissioner Schueller reported that the committee is scheduled to meet soon and she would have more information to report at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Buttrey, seconded by Commissioner Schueller, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote,

**the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at
5:10 p.m.**

**Jennifer Fike, Chairperson
Dena Waddell, Recording Secretary**