

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 1, 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 Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Guy Larcum Jr. Building, 2nd Floor City Council Chambers, 301 E Huron St. Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 2 - Douglas Allen, and Robert Gordon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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A motion was made by Commissioner Ramsburgh, seconded by Council Rep. Grand, that the Minutes of February 1, 2018 be approved with changes and forwarded to City Council. 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.

None at this time.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Update-

2018 Bus Tour

Ruth Thornton, Conservation Fund Contractor, for the Greenbelt Advisory Commission, provided the following updates.

-The 2018 bus tour date has been scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Ms. Thornton is currently in the process of finalizing the stops for the tour and will advertise soon.

-Two Greenbelt Advisory Commission positions will be open as of the June 2018 meeting. Ms. Thornton asked that any interested parties complete an application on the City of Ann Arbor's website.

-Advertisement for a new Greenbelt Advisory Intern has been published.

-SEAS Master's project final report and presentation will be occurring in the month of April. Ms. Thornton will update the Commission when she has more information.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Fike encouraged Commissioners to submit any future agenda items to staff for consideration.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission enter into Closed Session at 4:39 p.m. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chair person Fike declaring the motion carried:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Allen, and Gordon

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Commissioner Buttrey, seconded by Commissioner Cares, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission meeting reconvene at 5:25 p.m. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

MOTION 1

Motion to recommend City participation with Ann Arbor Township in the acquisition of a conservation easement on the property identified in Application Id 2017-07 and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$315,500.00 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage.

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

MOTION 2

Motion 2 to recommend City participation with Webster Township and Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission in the acquisition of a conservation easement on the property identified in Application Id 2011-03 and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$91,800.00 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ibarguen, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, that the Motion 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Ramsburgh provided the following update:

-The committee plans to interview Communication Intern candidates in the next few weeks.

REPORT FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

Chairperson Fike provided the following updates:

-Executive Committee met on February 3, 2018 to discuss the agenda for the current meeting.

-Discussed potential future projects.

-2018 Bus Tour dates and stops.

-Greenbelt Advisory Commission Internship possibilities.

-Reviewed a timeline for the SEAS Master's Project.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Ramsburgh, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission meeting Adjourn at 5:35 p.m. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.