



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

Environmental Commission

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Thursday, May 26, 2016

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hutton called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

ROLL CALL

Approved as presented

Present: 10 - Susan Hutton, Sabra Briere, Allison Skinner, Wendy Woods, Jason Frenzel, Bob Needham, Jarin Marocco, Chip Smith, Wayne Appleyard, and Karie Slavik

Absent: 3 - Christopher L. Graham, Melissa Stults, and Benjamin Maier Muth

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Planning Commission Rep Woods, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that the Agenda be Approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16-0833 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2016

A motion was made by Appleyard, seconded by Skinner, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 6/20/2016. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Briere spoke about legislation that she is considering bringing to Council to make Ann Arbor a "Bee Safe Community".

Organics Management Plan Presentation - Christina Gomes

Christina Gomes gave a presentation on the City's Organics Management Plan. Environmental Commissioners were invited to attend advisory committee meetings of the Organics Management Plan.

Stormwater Presentation - Jen Lawson and Troy Baughman

Jen Lawson and Troy Baughman gave a presentation on the City's stormwater program.

- 16-0815** Resolution Opposing Oil Transport Through the Enbridge Energy Line 5 Pipeline
- Moved by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Frenzel. This Report or Communication was Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council due back on 7/18/2016.**

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES AND CHAIR

Commissioner Woods gave an update on work by the Planning Commission, including Accessory Dwelling Units and downtown premiums.

Commissioner Briere stated that the report from the Natural Features Subcommittee will need to go before the Planning Commission at some point.

Commissioner Appleyard stated that the Solar Subcommittee of the Energy Commission was working on a solar PV and EV group buy project, and that there is pending state legislation to remove net metering. He also reported that the Energy Commission will be having a work session in June to talk about funding for climate protection.

Budget Update - Community Facing Energy Projects and Organics Management

Councilmembers Briere and Smith gave updates regarding the recently completed City budget process. Briere would like next meeting's agenda to include a discussion of how to spend the \$85,000 that was allocated as one time funds in the budget for community-facing energy efficiency projects. Chair Hutton suggested that the June meeting be a work session to address sustainable funding for the City's sustainability work.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Matt Naud gave a short update on 1,4 dioxane and other issues.

STAR Community Index Update

Emily Drennen gave a presentation about the City's involvement with the STAR Community Rating System project.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is June 23, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Rebecca Esselman spoke about the stormwater calibration model and complimented the City's Systems Planning division for working on climate adaptation and resilience.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hutton adjourned the meeting at 9:02 pm.