



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Thursday, April 26, 2018

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Skinner called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Approved as presented

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Christopher L. Graham, Allison Skinner, Robert Needham, Chip Smith, Karie Slavik, John Mirsky, Mike Appel, Shannan Gibb-Randall, and Anne Bannister

Absent: 4 - Susan Hutton, Jarin Marocco, Veronica Hannah, and Joshua Rego

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Planning Commission Rep Gibb-Randall, that the agenda be Approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Vice-Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[18-0733](#) Environmental Commission Minutes from September 22, 2016

Attachments: draft Environmental Commission minutes sept 22 2016.docx

A motion was made by Planning Commission Rep Gibb-Randall, seconded by Graham, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 5/21/2018. On a voice vote, the Vice-Chair declared the motion carried.

[18-0773](#) Environmental Commission minutes from March 22, 2018

Attachments: Revised march 2018 meeting minutes Environmental Commission.pdf

A motion was made by Needham, seconded by Graham, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 5/21/2018. On a voice vote, the Vice-Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There was no public commentatry.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation from City Administrator Howard Lazarus about Sustainability

City Administrator Howard Lazarus gave a presentation outlining current budget considerations of interest to the Commission, his vision for how the City will tackle sustainability moving forward, and other news from the Administrator's Office. The video for this section runs between 2:45 and 55:00.

18-0757 Support for City Council Resolution R-17-261 the Resolution of Intent Regarding Washtenaw County Millage to Support Community Mental Health Department, County Sheriff Operations, and Policing Jurisdictions Rebate

The video for this item runs between 55:05 and 1:24:50.

A motion was made by Park Advisory Commission Rep. Appel, seconded by Energy Commission Rep. Mirsky, that the Resolution be Approved as Amended. On a voice vote, the [Enter Title] declared the motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, COUNCIL, AND CHAIR

Staff Matt Naud gave an update on the Metrics Subcommittee that Staff Josh MacDonald is working on some more details.

Commissioner Slavik reported that the Pollinators Subcommittee now has their website up at

www.a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/NAP/Pages/Pollinators.aspx. She also reported that they have had an article in the NAP newsletter, are working on materials to distribute to the public at events, and are getting a feature in the local media.

Commissioner Mirsky reported that the Energy Commission is working on energy efficiency and a replacement for the Solar Club that would be both solar and energy efficiency. He also reported that staff to the Energy Commission, Nate Geisler, has left City employment. He also spoke that the MPSC would be voting the next day about DTE's proposal for a new gas plant.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Staff Naud also referenced the MAP event. He reported that the State Climatologist said that the predictions for climate change are worse than was expected. Staff Naud talked about the stable funding the City has used to adapt to climate change. Staff Naud also reported speaking about equity issues with the Housing and Human Services Advisory Board. He also reported about the full-day symposium he recently attended about climate neutrality at UM. He also reported that the City has secured a 20% discount on flood insurance for residents of Ann Arbor. Honeywell energy efficiency and renewable audit of some municipal facilities is coming back soon. Also, City is partnering with the DDA on installing new DC fast charging as part of the 5th St rebuild. New Solid Waste Plan is being initiated. Landfill solar is a possibility although some protected birds are breeding on the landfill. Mitigation efforts are in process to help this project happen while also protecting the birds.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No new items.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

May 24, 2018

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There was no public commentary.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Skinner adjourned the meeting at 8:41pm.

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