

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, January 4, 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: 6 - Stephanie Buttrey, Jennifer Fike, Jean Cares, Robert Gordon, Julie Grand, and Stefanie Stauffer

Absent: 3 - John Ramsburgh, Siri Ibarguen, and Douglas Allen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Cares, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, that the Minutes be Approved with changes. 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2018 GAC Calendar

Attachments: 2018 GAC Calendar.pdf

A motion was made by Council Rep. Grand, seconded by Commissioner Cares, that the 2018 Greenbelt Advisory Commission Calendar be Approved. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

FY2019 Policy Agenda Request

Ruth Thornton, Conservation Fund Contractor for the Greenbelt Advisory Commission, asked that any recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2019 Policy Agenda be sent to her prior to the January 31, 2018 deadline.

Staff Update: Greenbelt RCPP was awarded, Bus Tour 2018

Ruth Thornton discussed the following updates:

- *ACEP application deadline has been officially announced as February 16, 2018.*
- *Greenbelt RCPP was awarded 1.04 million dollars. Ruth Thornton plans to meet with NRCS and the partners involved to finalize the details and move forward in the process. She stated that the award may provide up to 50% of the funding needed toward the purchase price on conservation easements within the southern portion of Washtenaw County.*
- *2018 Bus Tour- consider dates for the upcoming tour and which properties and projects they wish to visit.*
- *Suggested the Commission consider advertising for the next Greenbelt Intern soon.*

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

Jennifer Fike asked that any suggestions for future agenda items be forwarded to her.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Cares, seconded by Council Rep. Grand, that Greenbelt Advisory Commission enter into Closed Session. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with Chairperson Fike declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 6 - Buttrey, Fike, Cares, Gordon, Grand, and Stauffer

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Ramsburgh, Ibarguen, and Allen

MEETING RECONVENED

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

MOTION 1

Moved to recommend to City Council to apply for USDA-NRCS Agriculture Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) funding for properties identified in application IDs 2017-13, 2018-01, 2018-02, and 2018-03.

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

REPORT FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

Communications Committee Report

None at this time.

Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee met and discussed the following:

- The Agenda for the current meeting*
- Potential Properties*
- FY2019 Policy Agenda*

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Stauffer, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting be Adjourn at 5:04 p.m. On a voice vote, Chairperson Fike declared the motion carried.

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