

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 2, 2014

4:30 PM

City Hall, 301 E. Huron St., 2nd Floor, Council Chambers

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Riseng called the meeting of the Greenbelt Advisory Commission to order at 4:32 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron St. Ann Arbor, MI 48104

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Catherine Riseng, Shannon Brines, Christopher Taylor, Jennifer Fike, Jean Cares, and Stephanie Buttrey
Absent 3 - Peter Allen, Archer H. Christian, and John Ramsburgh

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Brines, that the minutes be Approved as presented. On a voice vote, Chairperson Riseng declared the motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

(4 SPEAKERS MAXIMUM - 5 MINUTE 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.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual Report and Financial Statement

Ginny Trocchio presented the FY14-15 financial report to the Commission. After review of the report by the commission, it was suggested that an acreage data point be included in future reporting. (A copy of the financial report is on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Commissioner Buttrey thanked and acknowledged Ginny Trocchio for all of the work she does for the Greenbelt Advisory Commission.

2. Staff Update

Ginny Trocchio reminded the Commission of the upcoming 2014 bus tour. The tour is scheduled for October 4, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The tour is expected to visit two farms and one natural area. There is still space available and those interested in attending can contact Ginny Trocchio. Information regarding the tour is also available on the website.

Ginny Trocchio informed the Commission of a change in location for the next two Greenbelt Advisory Commission meetings. She stated that the November and December meetings will be held in the conference room in the basement of City Hall. She noted that the relocation of the meetings was due to an asbestos abatement of council chambers

3. Election of Officers

Catherine Riseng and Shannon Brines were nominated and accepted the Chair and Vice Chair positions respectfully. There was some discussion regarding their past performance. The Commissioners voted unanimously to reappointment them.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

No agenda items were offered at this time.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Brines, seconded by Commissioner Fike, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission enter into Closed session. On a voice vote, Chairperson Riseng declared the motion carried.. On roll call, the vote was as follows, with the [Enter Title] declaring the motion carried.

Yeas: 6 - Chair Riseng, Commissioner Brines, Councilmember Taylor, Commissioner Fike, Cares, and Buttrey

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Christian, and Commissioner Ramsburgh

MEETING RECONVENED

5:27 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Fike, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, Chairperson Riseng declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY (5 MINUTE MAXIMUM SPEAKING TIME - NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SPEAKING IN THIS SECTION.)

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Buttrey spoke on behalf of the Communication Committee. The City of Ann Arbor Communication staff created some outreach materials for the public. Commissioner Buttrey stated the literature shows the achievements of the Greenbelt as well as provides information for individuals that aren't as familiar. Commissioner Buttrey asked that the Commission review the outreach materials for consideration of future use. (All handouts are available at the Clerk's office for review) Ginny Trocchio informed the Commission that she will distribute literature at the homegrown festival and the upcoming bus tour.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

MOTION 1 Applications 2013-02 and 2011-13

A motion to recommend to Council to move forward with the purchase of the development rights on the properties identified in applications 2013-02 and 2011-13 with funding from the USDA Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP). Recommend to Council to also partner with the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation on said properties, if funds allocated by the County.

A motion was made by Cares, seconded by Commissioner Brines, that the be Approved. On a voice vote, Chair Person Riseng declared the motion carried.

MOTION 2 Application 2014-02

A motion to recommend to Council to partner with Scio Township and contribute funds toward the purchase of developments rights on property identified in application 2014-02 not to exceed \$67,320.00.

A motion was made by Cares, seconded by Commissioner Fike, that the be Approved. On a voice vote, Chair Person Riseng declared the motion carried

MOTION 3 Application 2013-01

A motion to recommend to Council to partner with Ann Arbor Township and contribute funds towards the purchase of developments rights on property identified in application 2013-01 not to exceed 20,000.00

A motion was made by Cares, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, that the be Approved. On a voice vote, Chair Person Riseng declared the motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission meeting Adjourns. On a voice vote, Chairperson Riseng declared the motion carried.