

City of Ann Arbor

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Formal Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2024

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

Environmental Commission

CALL TO ORDER

LAND HERITAGE STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Disch joined at 7:07pm.

Present: 12 - Lisa Disch, Christopher L. Graham, John Callewaert, Stephen C Brown, John Mirsky, Rita Mitchell, Sara Nedrich, Dharma Akmon, Maisie Weyhing, Anya Dale, Brooks Curtis, and Anne Marsan

Absent: 1 - Bridget Gruber

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mirsky, that the agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Approved as presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[23-2120](#) Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 11.30.23

A motion was made by Commissioner Mirsky, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Brown, that the minutes be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to City Council due back on 2/5/2024

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Three callers from Ann Arbor for Public Power called in support of the resolution calling for a phase 2 feasibility study.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[23-1746](#) Annual Environmental Commission Policy Recommendations

Commissioners made amendments to the proposed policy recommendations for consideration for inclusion in the City's next Legislative and Policy Agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Dale, seconded by Commissioner Nedrich, that the recommendations be approved as amended. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Approved as amended

- 23-1992** Environmental Commission Resolution in Support of a Phase 2 Feasibility Study of Municipalization
- Commissioners discussed the draft resolution and additional questions for staff were raised. Staff will present on the feasibility study at a future meeting.*

NEW BUSINESS

- 23-2121** 10,000 Trees Initiative Update
- Sean Reynolds, Senior Analyst with the Office of Sustainability and Innovations, presented on the 10,000 Trees Initiative.*

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, OTHER COMMISSIONS, COUNCIL, AND CHAIR

Circular Economy Working Group – Commissioner Callewaert reported out.

Biodiversity Working Group – Commissioner Curtis reported out.

Water Quality Working Group – Vice-Chairperson Brown reported out.

Planning Commission – Councilmember Disch reported out.

Energy Commission – Commissioner Mirsky reported out.

Parks Advisory Commission – Commissioner Marsan reported out.

Transportation Commission – Councilmember Akmon reported out.

Council Report – Councilmembers Disch and Akmon reported out.

Chairperson Report – Chairperson Mitchell reported out.

REPORT FROM STAFF

- 24-0076** Staff Updates for the Environmental Commission, January 2024
- Staff liaison Sean Reynolds reported out.*

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Sarah Mason, Resource Recovery Manager, will present on the SWRMP.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on February 22, 2024 at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No callers for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.

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