

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 7, 2019

4:30 PM

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

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fike called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Stephanie Buttrey, Jennifer Fike, Robert Gordon, Julie Grand, Stefanie Stauffer, Sheila Schueller, and Rosanne Bloomer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Stauffer, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 19-2122 GAC Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Bloomer, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, that the October 3, 2019 minutes be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council. On a voice vote, the Chair 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.

B OLD BUSINESS

B-1 19-1883 FY20 Policy Agenda

The Commission reviewed the FY20 Policy Agenda. Commissioner Fike asked that City Council add a line 10. under the "In the interest of protecting the environment as responsible stewards of natural resources, the Council directs the following:" section:

...10. MONITOR AND SUPPORT STATE FUNDING TO PARTNERS WHEN APPLICABLE, TO LEVERAGE THE OPEN SPACE AND PARKLAND MILLAGE FUNDS. ...

Note: All CAPS indicate new proposed language.

Received and Filed

C NEW BUSINESS

C-1 Recap on 2019 Greenbelt Bus Tour

Remy Long gave a recap the 2019 Greenbelt Bus Tour surrounding the Ann Arbor area.

C-2 Annual Easement Monitoring Update

Mr. Long gave an update on the Annual Easement Monitoring. He said that he would be monitoring thirty two (32) easements which would average monitoring three (3) easements per day. The easements would be monitored between November and December 2019. Mr. Long advised that this work may be out-sourced in future years.

C-3 Greenbelt RCPP Renewal Update

Mr. Long updated the Commission on the Greenbelt RCPP Renewal. He explained that \$50 million in funding was available nationwide and that they could renew up to the original amount that was rewarded previously. A resolution was sent to City Council requesting that \$90 million be made available nationwide, but that resolution did not pass. He said that priority was given to RCPPs that were expiring in 2020, there by renewing them, in an effort to keep those moving forward.

C-4 Open GAC Seats/Applications

Commissioner Fike announced that there are currently two open seats on the Commission; one for a realtor and one for a member at-large. She encouraged current commissioners to reach out to their contacts to find potential applicants for the commission.

Commissioner Fike thanked former Commissioner John Ramsburgh for his contribution to the Commission.

C-5 19-2117 FY18-19 Annual Report GAC Goals

The commission reviewed and discussed to the proposed the FY28-29 Annual Report GAC Goals report.

Received and Filed

C-6 19-2121 Draft Strategic Plan Report Review and Comments

The Commission reviewed and discussed the draft Strategic Plan Report.

Received and Filed

D NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None presented.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, that the Commission enter into Closed Session to discuss land acquisition. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting recessed at 5:31 p.m.

Yeas: 7 - Buttrey, Fike, Gordon, Grand, Stauffer, Schueller, and Bloomer

Nays: 0

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Commissioner Buttrey, seconded by Farmer Rep. Bloomer, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 5:56 p.m.

Application ID 2012-01

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, to recommend City acquisition of a conservation easement on the property identified in Application 2012-01 with funding from the USDA Agricultural Conservation Easement (ACEP), approval of a participation agreement with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$457,617.00 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage. On a voice vote,

the Chair declared the motion carried.

Application ID 2019-04

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, to recommend City acquisition of a conservation easement on the property identified in Application 2019-04, approval of a participation agreement with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$115,367.00 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Application ID 2016-05

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, to recommend City acquisition of a conservation easement on the property identified in Application 2016-05, approval of a participation agreement with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$133, 367.00 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Application ID 2019-08

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Buttrey, to recommend to City Council to apply for USDA-NRCS Agriculture Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) finding for the property identified in Application ID 2019-08. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

5 MINUTES MAXIMUM SPEAKING TIME - NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SPEAKING IN THIS SECTION.

None.

E REPORT FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

E-1 Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Fike said that the Committee met to discuss the

November agenda, potential properties, the Huron River RCPP, the bus tour, the annual report, and needing two new members for the commission.

E-2 Communications Committee

Commissioner Buttrey announced that a replacement is needed on the subcommittee since Commissioner Ramsburg is no longer serving on the Commission.

E-3 Scoring Committee

No update to report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Farmer Rep. Bloomer, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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Jennifer Fike, Chairperson

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