

# City of Ann Arbor

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## Action Minutes

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

4:30 PM

City Council Chamber

**Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)**

## CALL TO ORDER

*Acting Chair Garfield called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom Jr., Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 100 N. Fifth Avenue.*

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 5 - Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Michael Garfield, Sylvia Taylor and Peter Allen

**Absent** 4 - Jennifer Santi Hall, Gilbert S. Omenn, Laura Rubin and Christopher S. Easthope

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

*None.*

## PUBLIC COMMENTARY

*None.*

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer, that the be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [08-1014](#) October 1 and October 2, 2008 GAC Minutes

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ezekiel, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, that the Minutes of October 1 and October 2, 2008, be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council for filing. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

*None.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [08-1015](#) 2009 GAC Calendar

*Peg Khoring passed out the 2009 GAC meeting calendar to the commission.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, that the 2009 GAC meeting calendar be accepted. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

2. Staff Presentation - Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy

*Peg Kohring gave a slide presentation regarding the Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy. The conservancy establishes entrepreneurial and civically responsible approaches to land use, farming and food systems across northeast Ohio.*

*The Commission discussed the presentation and decided on a meeting on February 11, 2009 to discuss it in more details. (A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.)*

*(Commissioner Omenn arrived at this time.)*

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 6 - Tom Bloomer, Dan Ezekiel, Michael Garfield, Gilbert S. Omenn, Sylvia Taylor and Peter Allen

**Absent** 3 - Jennifer Santi Hall, Laura Rubin and Christopher S. Easthope

#### NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

*None presented.*

#### REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

##### 1. Draft RFP Process

*Ms. Kohring said that there are ten closings between Parks and Recreation and the Greenbelt proposed for the end of the year. Two of them will move forward to city council this month. She indicated that they were unable to get attorney staff review of the RFP at this time. At this point, the draft RFP is still in the working stages.*

##### 2. Tour of Preserved Land put on by the Washtenaw Land Trust

*Commissioner Ezekiel said that the Ann Arbor Chronicle wrote an article about a tour of preserved land presented by the Washtenaw Land Trust. He thought that maybe this was something that the commission could do themselves or with some of the other groups in Preserve Washtenaw. He said that he would be willing to work a similar tour in the summer.*

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### 1. [08-1016](#) City Hall Parking Passes Memo from the City Hall Project Team Coordination Committee

*A Memo from the City Hall Project Team Coordination Committee regarding changes to the city hall parking pass program as well as new meeting locations for some of the city's boards and commissions was given to the commission. The City parking pass program will end on December 31, 2008, and a number of city boards and commissions will meet in the County Building at 200 N. Main, lower level conference room as well as the County Board of Commission Public Meeting Room. The Greenbelt Advisory Commission will meet in the County Board of Commission Public Meeting Room, located at 220 N. Main on the second Wednesday of each month beginning January 14, 2009.*

#### CLOSED SESSION

**A motion was made by Commissioner Omenn, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, that the Commission enter into Closed Session. On a roll call, the vote**

was as follows with the Acting Chair declaring the motion carried and the meeting recessed at 5:14 p.m.:

**Yeas:** 6 - Commissioner Bloomer, Commissioner Ezekiel, Commissioner Garfield, Commissioner Omenn, Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Allen

**Nays:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Santi Hall, Commissioner Rubin and Councilmember Easthope

#### Meeting Reconvened

A motion was made by Commissioner Bloomer, seconded by Commissioner Omenn, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting convened at 5:42 p.m.

#### Motion #1

A motion was made by Commissioner Omenn, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer, to authorize the Greenbelt Staff to move forward with an offer on Application 2006-07. Should that offer not be acceptable to the land owners, the staff shall move forward on negotiations on Applications Nos. 2007-02, 2007-06, 2007-07, 2007-20, 2007-21 and/or 2008-01, up to the of the purchase price authorized by the Federal matching funds. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Ezekiel, seconded by Commissioner Bloomer, that the be Adjourn. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried. 5:44 P.M.