

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Thursday, January 7, 2016

4:30 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Sixth floor, conference room

Greenbelt Advisory Commission (GAC)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Brines called the Greenbelt Advisory Commission to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Guy Larcum Jr. Building, 6th Floor Conference Room, 301 E. Huron St. Ann Arbor, MI 48104

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Shannon Brines, Stephanie Buttrey, Jennifer Fike, John Ramsburgh, Jean Cares, Douglas Allen, and Robert Gordon

Absent 2 - Julie Grand, and Siri Ibarguen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Fike entered a motion to move the Closed Session to follow the Ten Year update on Scio and Webster Township Partnership Presentation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that the Agenda be Approved with changes. On a voice vote, Chairperson Brines declared the motion carried.

A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2015

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

B SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

C 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.

D OLD BUSINESS

None.

E NEW BUSINESS

E-1 1. Ten year update on Scio and Webster Township Partnership-Barry Lonik

Barry Lonik, Treemore Ecology and Land Services, township consultant thanked the Commission for their time and gave a brief overview of the program that he is involved with. Mr. Lonik presented slides of maps of Ann Arbor, Scio and Webster townships to the Commission. He gave an update on each of the Townships with regard to the preserves, conservation easements and current millage details. (A copy of the Ten year update on Scio and Webster Township presentation is available at the Clerk's Office for review.)

E-2 2. Staff Update

A. Polliey Closing

Peg Kohring was pleased to report the closing of the Polliey Property in Pittsfield Township. She also informed the Commissioners that City Council approved submission of the USDA grant on the Drake property.

Peg Kohring noted that the conservation fund is seeking candidates to replace Ginny Trocchio's position. She stated that applications have been submitted and interviews will be conducted in early February. Commissioners Brines and Fike volunteered to meet some of the top candidates and provide input. Chairperson Brines welcomed ideas or suggestions from any other Commission members as well.

C. Communications with agricultural easement owners

Several agricultural easement owners have requested more communication regarding the closings, how many acres are currently protected and other pertinent topics. Peg Kohring recommends an annual update be created and sent to the landowners. Chairperson Brines suggested the project be addressed by the Commission's Communications subcommittee.

F NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

5:24 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner

Ramsburgh, that the Greenbelt Advisory Commission enter into Closed session.

Yeas: 7 - Commissioner Brines, Commissioner Buttrey, Commissioner Fike, Commissioner Ramsburgh, Cares, Allen, and Gordon

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Grand, and Ibarguen

MEETING RECONVENED

5:54 p.m.

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

None.

Motion 1 Application 2016-1

A motion to recommend to direct staff to complete necessary due diligence on application 2016-1.

Motion 2

A motion to recommend to Council to contribute \$184,800 in funding for the purchase of a conservation easement on the Carol Landsberg property located in Webster Township property in partnership with Webster Township, Legacy Land Trust and Washtenaw County. The fair market value of the 81.77 acre property is \$792,000.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

Commissioner Ramsburgh provided an update regarding the internship posting for the Commission. He stated that there has been no inquires to date. However, the posting is active until the month of March and can be reposted this summer if necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Buttrey, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, that the meeting be Adjourn. On a voice vote, Chairperson Brines declared the motion carried.