



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Commission

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Thursday, May 25, 2017

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Skinner called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: 11 - Christopher L. Graham, Allison Skinner, Robert Needham, Jarin Marocco, Chip Smith, Jason Frenzel, John Mirsky, Veronica Hannah, Mike Appel, Joshua Rego, and Shannan Gibb-Randall

Absent: 2 - Susan Hutton, and Karie Slavik

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Energy Commission Rep. Mirsky, that the agenda be Approved. On a voice vote, the Vice-Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[17-0854](#) Environmental Commission Minutes April 27, 2017

Attachments: DRAFT Environmental Commission Minutes 4-27-2017

A motion was made by Graham, seconded by Needham, that the Minutes of April 27, 2017 be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 7/17/2017. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There was no public commentary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Shannan Gibb-Randall was introduced to the Commission. Later in the meeting, new Commissioner Josh Rego introduced himself.

17-0864 Solid Waste/Recycling Program Area Status Updates

Attachments: Solid Waste - Recycling Program Area Status Updates
City Administrator Lazarus walked the Commission through the memo he prepared regarding ongoing issues with recycling and solid waste. The video runs between 3:20 and 26:50.

SUBCOMMITTEE FORMATION

17-0855 Formation of the Zero Waste Subcommittee

Attachments: ZERO WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE FORMATION

A motion was made by Energy Commission Rep. Mirsky, seconded by Councilmember Frenzel, that the Resolution be Approved. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

17-0842 Green Fleets Policy

Attachments: Green Fleets Final Enviro Comm version

An amendment was introduced by Energy Commissioner Mirsky, and seconded by Councilmember Smith to add the words "use of telematics" to a Resolved clause. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair called the amendment passed. This Resolution was Approved as Amended. The video for this item runs between 28:50 and 44:50.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND CHAIR

Metrics Subcommittee

The Metrics Subcommittee has not yet met.

Pollinators Subcommittee

Pollinator Subcommittee Chair Slavik was not able to attend the meeting to give a report.

Zero Waste Subcommittee

The Zero Waste Subcommittee has not yet met.

Planning Commission

Commissioner Gibb-Randall reported that the Planning Commission is in the process of formulating their agenda for the year, and may discuss the Landmark Trees Ordinance.

Energy Commission

Energy Commissioner Mirksy gave an update from the Energy Commission including information about the kick off of the "A2 Solar Club"; DTE presentations about their energy efficiency programs; a new DTE clean energy program; a new DTE climate goal; and an upcoming working session to work on community solar.

City Council

Councilmember Frenzel gave a recap of the City budget process and thanked members of the Commission for their work. Commissioner Mirsky asked for an update regarding the resolution passed by the Commission asking for more climate program funding.

Chair

Commissioner Appel gave an update from the Parks Commission that the canoe liveries and pools are now open; that a new parking lot was installed at the Argo Canoe Livery; and that there are new pickleball courts. Commissioner Graham gave an update from the Natural Features Subcommittee and spoke about why natural features are so important to Ann Arbor and the world.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Staff Emily Drennen gave two updates. The first was an introduction to the City's "Solar Faithful" project, and the second was introducing a crowdfunding opportunity through the MEDC.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

There were no new items.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is June 22, 2017 at 7pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There was no public commentary.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Skinner adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

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