

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Formal Minutes

Thursday, October 26, 2023

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

Environmental Commission

CALL TO ORDER

LAND HERITAGE STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 10 - Lisa Disch, Christopher L. Graham, John Callewaert, Stephen C Brown, Rita Mitchell, Anne Marsan, Sara Nedrich, Dharma Akmon, Anya Dale, and Brooks Curtis
- Absent:** 3 - John Mirsky, Bridget Gruber, and Maisie Weyhing

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[23-1744](#) Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 09.28.2023

Vice-Chairperson Brown abstained due to absence at the September 28th meeting.

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council due back on 11/6/2023

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

One caller in support of revisions to natural features ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS

[23-1745](#) Presentation: Urban Bird Safety

Heidi Trudell, Washtenaw Safe Passage Coordinator with the Washtenaw Audobon Society, presented on risk assessments and preventative solutions for bird strikes and mortality in urban environments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23-1280 Annual Review of Environmental Commission Bylaws

Commissioners discussed proposed changes to the commission bylaws. Commissioner Dale moved to send the bylaws as presented to a staff review and Commissioner Curtis seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

Approved

23-1746 Annual Environmental Commission Policy Recommendations

Commissioners discussed proposed policy recommendations to be sent to City Council for consideration for inclusion in the City's 2024 Legislative and Policy Agenda. Working groups will discuss internally and present updated policy recommendations at the November 30th meeting.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, OTHER COMMISSIONS, COUNCIL, AND CHAIR

Biodiversity Working Group – Commissioner Graham reported out.

Circular Economy Working Group – Commissioner Callewaert and Councilmember Disch reported out.

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

Energy Commission – Nothing to report out.

Parks Advisory Commission – Commissioner Marsan reported out.

Planning Commission – Councilmember Disch reported out.

Transportation Commission – Councilmember Akmon reported out.

Council Report – Councilmembers Akmon and Disch reported out.

Chairperson Report – Chairperson Mitchell reported out.

REPORT FROM STAFF**23-1747** Staff Updates for the Environmental Commission, October 2023

Staff liaison Sean Reynolds reported out.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Commissioners will continue discussing policy recommendations for 2024; the 2024 meeting calendar for the Commission will be presented for approval.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on November 30, 2023 at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No callers for public commentary.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.

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