



# City of Ann Arbor

## Meeting Minutes

### Environmental Commission

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Thursday, April 26, 2018

7:00 PM

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

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#### CALL TO ORDER

*Vice-Chair Skinner called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.*

**Approved as presented**

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Christopher L. Graham, Allison Skinner, Robert Needham,  
Chip Smith, Karie Slavik, John Mirsky, Mike Appel,  
Shannan Gibb-Randall, and Anne Bannister

**Absent:** 3 - Susan Hutton, Jarin Marocco, and Joshua Rego

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by  
Planning Commission Rep Gibb-Randall, that the agenda be  
Approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Vice-Chair declared the  
motion carried.**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[18-0733](#) Environmental Commission Minutes from September 22, 2016

**Attachments:** draft Environmental Commission minutes sept 22  
2016.docx

**A motion was made by Planning Commission Rep Gibb-Randall,  
seconded by Graham, that the Minutes be Approved by the  
Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be  
returned by 5/21/2018. On a voice vote, the Vice-Chair declared the  
motion carried.**

[18-0773](#) Environmental Commission minutes from March 22, 2018

**Attachments:** Revised march 2018 meeting minutes Environmental Commission.pdf

**A motion was made by Needham, seconded by Graham, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 5/21/2018. On a voice vote, the Vice-Chair declared the motion carried.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

*There was no public commentatry.*

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*No unfinished business.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Presentation from City Administrator Howard Lazarus about Sustainability**

*City Administrator Howard Lazarus gave a presentation outlining current budget considerations of interest to the Commission, his vision for how the City will tackle sustainability moving forward, and other news from the Administrator's Office. The video for this section runs between 2:45 and 55:00.*

**18-0757** Support for City Council Resolution R-17-261 the Resolution of Intent Regarding Washtenaw County Millage to Support Community Mental Health Department, County Sheriff Operations, and Policing Jurisdictions Rebate

*The video for this item runs between 55:05 and 1:24:50.*

**A motion was made by Park Advisory Commission Rep. Appel, seconded by Energy Commission Rep. Mirsky, that the Resolution be Approved as Amended. On a voice vote, the [Enter Title] declared the motion carried.**

#### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, COUNCIL, AND CHAIR**

*Staff Matt Naud gave an update on the Metrics Subcommittee that Staff Josh MacDonald is working on some more details.*

*Commissioner Slavik reported that the Pollinators Subcommittee now has their website up at*

*www.a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/NAP/Pages/Pollinators.aspx. She also reported that they have had an article in the NAP newsletter, are working on materials to distribute to the public at events, and are getting a feature in the local media.*

*Commissioner Mirsky reported that the Energy Commission is working on energy efficiency and a replacement for the Solar Club that would be both solar and energy efficiency. He also reported that staff to the Energy Commission, Nate Geisler, has left City employment. He also spoke that the MPSC would be voting the next day about DTE's proposal for a new gas plant.*

#### **REPORT FROM STAFF**

*Staff Naud also referenced the MAP event. He reported that the State Climatologist said that the predictions for climate change are worse than was expected. Staff Naud talked about the stable funding the City has used to adapt to climate change. Staff Naud also reported speaking about equity issues with the Housing and Human Services Advisory Board. He also reported about the full-day symposium he recently attended about climate neutrality at UM. He also reported that the City has secured a 20% discount on flood insurance for residents of Ann Arbor. Honeywell energy efficiency and renewable audit of some municipal facilities is coming back soon. Also, City is partnering with the DDA on installing new DC fast charging as part of the 5th St rebuild. New Solid Waste Plan is being initiated. Landfill solar is a possibility although some protected birds are breeding on the landfill. Mitigation efforts are in process to help this project happen while also protecting the birds.*

#### **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

*No new items.*

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

*May 24, 2018*

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

*There was no public commentary.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Vice-Chair Skinner adjourned the meeting at 8:41pm.*

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