

City of Ann Arbor

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Formal Minutes

Thursday, April 27, 2023

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

Environmental Commission

CALL TO ORDER

LAND HERITAGE STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Present: 14 - Lisa Disch, Christopher L. Graham, John Callewaert, Stephen C Brown, John Mirsky, Rita Mitchell, Shannan Gibb-Randall, Anne Marsan, Bridget Gruber, Sara Nedrich, Dharma Akmon, Maisie Weyhing, Anya Dale, and Brooks Curtis

Absent: 1 - Lunia Oriol

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously.

Approved as presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Approved unanimously.

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council due back on 5/15/2023

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Mr. Ken Garber spoke in support of the natural gas ban resolution.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23-0702 Resolution in support of accelerated action on an ordinance to ban natural gas connections in new construction and major renovations and in support of devising and implementing interim measures to incentivize all-electric construction

Motion to amend the language of the second resolved clause.

A motion was made by Park Advisory Commission Rep. Marsan,

seconded by Councilmember Akmon, that the Resolution be Amended. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 12 - Councilmember Disch, Graham, Callewaert, Chair C Brown, Mirsky, Planning Commission Rep Gibb-Randall, Park Advisory Commission Rep. Marsan, Gruber, Councilmember Akmon, Youth Rep. Weyhing, Dale, and Curtis

Nays: 2 - Mitchell, and Nedrich

Absent: 1 - Youth Rep. Oriol

Motion to split the resolved clauses into two separate resolutions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Commissioner Mirsky, that the Resolution be split in two. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 14 - Councilmember Disch, Graham, Callewaert, Chair C Brown, Mirsky, Mitchell, Planning Commission Rep Gibb-Randall, Park Advisory Commission Rep. Marsan, Gruber, Nedrich, Councilmember Akmon, Youth Rep. Weyhing, Dale, and Curtis

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Youth Rep. Oriol

Motion to pass the first resolution, which calls for accelerated action on an ordinance to ban natural gas connections in new construction.

A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Commissioner Curtis, that the Resolution be Approved as amended by the Commission and Forwarded to the City Council, due back on 5/15/2023. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 10 - Graham, Callewaert, Chair C Brown, Mirsky, Mitchell, Planning Commission Rep Gibb-Randall, Gruber, Youth Rep. Weyhing, Dale, and Curtis

Nays: 4 - Councilmember Disch, Park Advisory Commission Rep. Marsan, Nedrich, and Councilmember Akmon

Absent: 1 - Youth Rep. Oriol

Motion to pass the second resolution, which calls for measures to

incentivize all-electric construction.

A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Commissioner Curtis, that the Resolution be Approved as amended by the Commission and Forwarded to the City Council, due back on 5/15/2023. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 14 - Councilmember Disch, Graham, Callewaert, Chair C Brown, Mirsky, Mitchell, Planning Commission Rep Gibb-Randall, Park Advisory Commission Rep. Marsan, Gruber, Nedrich, Councilmember Akmon, Youth Rep. Weyhing, Dale, and Curtis

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Youth Rep. Oriol

NEW BUSINESS

23-0703 Solid Waste: Updates and Budget Discussion

Brian Steglitz and Sarah Mason addressed previously submitted questions from the Commission regarding the Solid Waste budget; Sarah Mason and Molly Maciejewski provided updates on Solid Waste activities.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, OTHER COMMISSIONS, COUNCIL, AND CHAIR

Zero Waste Working Group – Commissioner Callewaert and Councilmember Disch reported out.

Pollinators Working Group – Vice-chairperson Mitchell reported out.

Water Quality Working Group – No updates from Chairperson Brown.

Natural Features Working Group – Commissioner Graham reported out.

Planning Commission – Commissioner Gibb-Randall and Councilmember Disch reported out.

Energy Commission – Commissioner Mirsky reported out.

Parks Advisory Commission – Commissioner Marsan reported out.

Transportation Commission – Councilmember Akmon reported out.

Council Report – Councilmembers Disch and Akmon reported out.

Chairperson Report – Chairperson Brown reported out.

REPORT FROM STAFF

23-0704 Staff Updates for Environmental Commission, April 2023

Staff liaison Sean Reynolds reported out.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Commissioners will vote on a chair and vice-chair.

Remy Long will present an overview of NAP activities.

Commissioners will discuss invasive species management.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on May 25th, 2023 at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No callers for public commentary.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24pm.

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