

City of Ann Arbor

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Formal Minutes

Thursday, May 25, 2023

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

Environmental Commission

CALL TO ORDER**LAND HERITAGE STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Disch joined at 7:07pm; Commissioner Weyhing joined at 7:44pm.

Present: 13 - Lisa Disch, Christopher L. Graham, Stephen C Brown, John Mirsky, Rita Mitchell, Lunia Oriol, Shannan Gibb-Randall, Anne Marsan, Bridget Gruber, Sara Nedrich, Dharma Akmon, Maisie Weyhing, and Brooks Curtis

Absent: 2 - John Callewaert, and Anya Dale

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Mirsky; seconded by Commissioner Gibb-Randall. Approved unanimously by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Moved by Commissioner Mirsky; seconded by Commissioner Gibb-Randall. Approved unanimously by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council due back on 6/5/2023

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No callers for public commentary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS**

23-0925 Environmental Commission Officer Elections 2023

Motion to elect Rita Mitchell as Chair of the Commission. Moved by Commissioner Curtis; seconded by Councilmember Disch. Approved unanimously by the Commission.

Motion to elect Steve Brown as Vice-Chair of the Commission. Moved by Commissioner Gibb-Randall; seconded by Commissioner Mirsky. Approved unanimously by the Commission.

23-0926 NAP Overview

Remy Long, Parks and Recreation Deputy Manager, presented an overview of the Natural Areas Preservation program.

23-0927 Discussion on Invasive Plant Species Management

Commissioner Mirsky presented observations on current invasive plant species presence in Ann Arbor; Commissioners discussed potential management practices, with insights provided by Remy Long, Parks and Recreation Deputy Manager; and Mike Kost, Associate Curator at Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, OTHER COMMISSIONS, COUNCIL, AND CHAIR

*Zero Waste Working Group – No updates from Councilmember Disch.
Pollinators Working Group – Chairperson Mitchell and Commissioner Gruber reported out.
Water Quality Working Group – Vice-Chairperson Brown reported out.
Natural Features Working Group – Commissioner Graham reported out.
Planning Commission – Commissioner Gibb-Randall reported out.
Energy Commission – Commissioner Mirsky reported out.
Parks Advisory Commission – Commissioner Marsan reported out.
Transportation Commission – No updates from Councilmember Akmon.
Council Report – Councilmember Akmon reported out.
Chairperson Report – Chairperson Mitchell reported out.*

REPORT FROM STAFF

23-0922 Staff Updates for Environmental Commission, May 2023

Staff Liaison Sean Reynolds reported out.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

The next meeting will be a working session focused on the Commission's working groups.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on June 22nd, 2023 at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No callers for public commentary.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm.

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