

# **City of Ann Arbor**

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*Ann Arbor, MI 48104*

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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**

[23-0923](#) Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 04/27/23

**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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