



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes - Draft

Environmental Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Thursday, January 28, 2021

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

7:02pm

ROLL CALL

Present: 12 - Christopher L. Graham, Robert Needham, Lisa Disch, Shannan Gibb-Randall, Kathy Griswold, John Callewaert, Stephen C Brown, Jonathan Overpeck, John Mirsky, Rita Mitchell, Marie Gabrielle Buendia, and Lily Faris

Absent: 2 - Allison Skinner, and Mike Appel

LAND HERITAGE STATEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner John Mirsky, seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Overpeck, on a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Approved

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

ENERGY PRINCIPLES DISCUSSION (MISSY OR FANG)

Dr. Missy Stults presented on the Energy Principles

SOLID WASTE TOPICS

21-0201

Attachments: 2nd FYQ 2021_QuarterlyRpt.pdf

Eileen Naples presented on the Solid Waste Resource Management Plan and covered Materials Recovery Facility, Downtown Alleys, contracts, and RFP plan

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Brian Ukena of RAA: Support Zero Waste Thinking, reject Integrated Waste Management rubric- see <https://icleiusa.org>

Anya Dale: Please incentivize family and commercial recycling and organics, currently the worst performing segments by diversion rate

Jan Wright: Please consider both improving customer satisfaction and costs when adding new solid waste services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved

21-0184

Attachments: 9980_M_Environmental_Commission_20-12-03_Meeting_Minutes.pdf

Approved

OLD BUSINESS

Council hasn't responded to Letter requesting ad hoc committee to review Title III:40.

Environmental Commission_Resolution in Support of Energy Principles (002).pdf was passed unanimously. Council had already passed a similar resolution.

Annual Report to Council was tabled, pending update from Council about what such a report, mandated by our ByLaws, should contain to be useful.

21-0185

Attachments: A2ECrecommendationChapter40.pdf

ENERGY PRINCIPLES RESOLUTION

21-0193

Attachments: Environmental Commission_Resolution in Support of Energy Principles (002).pdf

REPORT TO COUNCIL

A2EC 2020 Report to Council

NEW BUSINESS

21-0175

Attachments: Resolution-NoticeofViolation-GelmanSciences-WRC-2021-0128.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Bob Needham, seconded by Commissioner John Mirsky, that the Resolution be Approved by the Commission. On a voice vote, the Chairman Stephen Brown declared the motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, OTHER COMMISSIONS, COUNCIL, AND CHAIR

Natural Features Working group: Commissioner Christopher Graham reported UDCv.10, Landmark Tree Lists, and SEAS capstone project proposal updates

Pollinators Working group: Commissioner Lily Faris reported building on 2018, native plants and coordinating with NAP 5-year goals

Solid Waste reported by Chairman Stephen Brown and Council Member Lisa Disch

Construction & Demolition Recycling Ordinance project has identified initial stakeholder community, will schedule a meeting to discuss concerns

Zero Waste Group has begun establishing goals

Other Commissions

Energy Commission: Commissioner John Mirsky reported EV ready ordinance passed Council; focus now is on 100% renewable energy delivery, electrification and developing an energy concierge service concept.

Planning Commission: Commissioner Shannon Gibb-Randall said optimizing evaluation and communication of afford ability and flexibility principles, and streamlining project planning regulations after Valhalla experience. Near North project is next on the table.

Parks Commission :Commissioner Shannon Gibb-Randall said Ruthven purchase, CIP issues under review.

Council Report: Council Member Lisa Disch reported review of Infrastructure needs

Chair Report: Chairman Stephen Brown reported EGLE/RSS NEXTCYCLE project to fund recycling and manufacturing start-ups, with grant funding available.

Staff Report: Galen Hardy reported A2ZERO Ambassador project pitches due by Feb. 10.

REPORT FROM STAFF

ACTION ITEMS

Galen Hardy will share the A2ZERO Ambassador Project URL

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No public commentary

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 9:23pm

Adjourn

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