

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission met at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Himelhoch called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

 **II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Alan Himelhoch, Alexander Isaac, Cheryl Sclater, Gloria Nealy, Janice Karcher, Jeffrey M. Peake, John Mandelaris, Mark Young, Michael M. Lynch, and Reggie Smith.

Absent: Jamie Curtis.

Others Present: Larry Green, Amy McMillan, Paula Nas, David Merot, Laurie Moncrieff, Christine Durgan, Jason Nordberg, Sheila Taylor, Claire Wilke, Shane Kelley, Damon Fortney, Jacob Maurer, and Nichole Odette.

III. MINUTES

 **A. Minutes of the June 7, 2016 Regular Meeting**

John Mandelaris requested that page three of the minutes are amended so that the word "westbound" is inserted before "I-69 on-ramp from Center Road."

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Young, **Seconded by** Michael M. Lynch, to approve the amended June 7, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Approved minutes are on file in the GCMPC office)

 **IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

No one spoke at this time.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

 **A. Flint Riverfront Restoration Development Presentation – Amy McMillan, Director, Genesee County Parks**


Amy McMillan explained that in 2014 the Genesee County Parks entered into a two-year partnership agreement with the City of Flint to maintain four parks within in the City: Max Branden Park, Flint Park Lake, McKinley Park and Fred Lake Park. This year, the partnership was extended for another five years and the responsibility for maintaining the Flint River Trail was also added to the agreement. The Flint Riverfront Restoration Project will remove

the Hamilton Dam, which is currently rated the most dangerous dam in Michigan, and will also connect the river to the community and use it as an asset. Once complete, the river will have more natural walls down the water, a beach area, several barrier-free launch areas, and five to six drops and pools that will create a novice level paddling experience. Additionally, a pedestrian bridge will connect both sides of the river and Riverbank Park will be reimagined with green space and access to the river. The overall project budget is approximately \$36 million, with a goal of being completed in three years.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel Committee


John Mandelaris stated that the Personnel Committee met this morning to discuss the Director-Coordinator evaluation and the evaluation process. Chairperson Himelhoch and the Personnel Committee Chairperson will meet with the Director-Coordinator next Tuesday to discuss the evaluation. The Director-Coordinator evaluation will be presented to the full GCMPC at next month's meeting. Mr. Himelhoch explained that the Personnel Committee is working to come up with a better evaluation process, so please pass along suggestions to any member of the Personnel Committee.

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Alexander Isaac, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, to approve the report of the Personnel Committee.
Motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. FPR-05-16-09; Regents of the University of Michigan, UM-Flint EDA University Center

Damon Fortney gave an overview of FPR-05-16-09; Regents of the University of Michigan, UM-Flint EDA University Center. Paula Nas, from the University of Michigan-Flint, and David Merot, representing the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, were both present to offer additional information and answer questions. Discussion ensued.

 **Motion: Action:** Endorse, **Moved by** Mark Young, **Seconded by** Alexander Isaac, to endorse FPR-05-16-09; Regents of the University of Michigan, UM-Flint EDA University Center.

Motion passed unanimously.
(Documents on file with minutes)

B. FPR-06-16-10; Regents of the University of Michigan UM-Flint & SkyPoint Innovation Hub, FY 2016 Regional Innovation Strategies Program


Shane Kelley gave an overview of FPR-06-16-10; Regents of the University of Michigan UM-Flint & SkyPoint Innovation Hub, FY 2016 Regional Innovation Strategies Program. Paula Nas, from the University of Michigan-Flint, and David Merot, representing the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, were both present to offer additional information and answer questions. Discussion ensued.

 **Motion: Action:** Endorse, **Moved by** Mark Young, **Seconded by** Alexander Isaac, to endorse FPR-06-16-10; Regents of the University of Michigan UM-Flint & SkyPoint Innovation Hub, FY 2016 Regional Innovation Strategies Program.

Motion passed unanimously.
(Documents on file with minutes)


 **C. FPR-06-16-11; ReSET Michigan, FY 2016 Regional Innovation Strategies Program**

Claire Wilke gave an overview of FPR-06-16-11; ReSET Michigan, FY 2016 Regional Innovation Strategies Program. Laurie Moncrieff, President of ReSET Michigan, was present to offer additional information and exhibited equipment created in ReSET's fabrication laboratory. Discussion ensued.

 **Motion: Action:** Endorse, **Moved by** Mark Young, **Seconded by** Jeffrey M. Peake, to endorse FPR-06-16-11; ReSET Michigan, FY 2016 Regional Innovation Strategies Program. Motion passed unanimously.
(Documents on file with minutes)

VIII. FINANCES

 **A. Contract, Vouchers and Bills**

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Alexander Isaac, **Seconded by** Janice Karcher, to approve the Contract, Vouchers and Bills for a total of \$100,814.56 and to authorize the proper authorities to sign the checks. Motion passed unanimously.
(Documents on file with minutes)

 **B. Commission Expenses and Per Diems**

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Alexander Isaac, **Seconded by** Jeffrey M. Peake, to approve the Commission Expenses and Per Diems as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.
(Documents on file with minutes)

 **C. Budget Sheets**

Christine Durgan explained that once we receive payment for the Ramada Project our revenue and expenditures will be back where they should be. Janice Karcher noted there are no 2016 budget amounts listed for the IT Service Charges and Insurance line items and asked if staff anticipates doing line item transfers for these. Ms. Durgan replied yes, at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Himelhoch added that those are County charges that we have no control over.

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Alexander Isaac, **Seconded by** Jeffrey M. Peake, to approve the Budget Sheets as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
(Documents on file with minutes)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Status

 **1. 3-C Transportation Planning – June 2016 Status Report**

Jason Nordberg reviewed the 3-C Transportation Planning Report. Alan Himelhoch asked if staff had participated in the two public meetings held recently regarding the Dort Hwy Extension project. Mr. Nordberg stated that he was not aware of the meetings. John Mandelaris stated that there will be a presentation regarding the project at the Road Commission this morning.

 **Motion: Action:** Receive & File, **Moved by** Alexander Isaac, **Seconded by** Janice Karcher, to receive and file the 3-C Transportation Planning report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

2. Environmental Program Update – June 2016 Status Report

Sheila Taylor stated that over 145,000 pounds of material, not including appliances or tires, was collected at the spring Household Hazardous Waste event. Staff is currently finalizing the site agreement for the summer HHW event to be held on August 20th in southern Genesee County. The fall collection will be held on October 22nd.

 **Motion: Action:** Receive & File, **Moved by** Alexander Isaac, **Seconded by** Jeffrey M. Peake, to receive and file the Environmental Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

3. Community Development Program – June 2016 Status Report

Sheila Taylor reviewed the Community Development Program Report.

 **Motion: Action:** Receive & File, **Moved by** Alexander Isaac, **Seconded by** Michael M. Lynch, to receive and file the Community Development Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

4. Director-Coordinator Report – June 2016 Status Report

Christine Durgan stated that staff submitted a draft budget for the next fiscal year to the Controller's office two weeks ago. Staff is still receiving some inter-governmental costs from the Controller's office, so the budget cannot be finalized until those figures are settled upon.

Alan Himelhoch expressed his concerns about the preliminary budget numbers and the burden that the increasing costs over the last five years have placed on the Planning Commission. Mark Young stated that he felt blind-sided with the budget discussion, since it was not an agenda item and he had not received a budget to review. Mr. Young indicated that he would be willing to meet in order to resolve any concerns. Discussion continued.

Motion: Action: Receive & File, **Moved by** Janice Karcher, **Seconded by** Mark Young, to receive and file the Director-Coordinator report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

B. Commissioner Comments

Cheryl Sclater stated that Elga Credit Union will be hosting its Pack the Truck event this Friday in order to collect school supplies for students all over Genesee County. Community partners, Meijer and Walmart, are matching donations dollar for dollar. Last year Elga raised \$10,000 during the event, so the goal for this year is \$11,000.

Janice Karcher stated that the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, along with many partners, will be hosting Volunteer Day on July 28th. Approximately 45 students from the Saginaw County program will also be in attendance. All Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce members have been invited to participate as well.

Gloria Nealy stated that she participated in the Max Brandon Park opening on June 14th, which included activities, crafts and food. Last Friday, Flushing County Park hosted the "For-Mar On the Road" truck, which showcased fresh vegetables and flowers. Blue Bell Beach has a new concrete pavilion and Wolverine Camp Ground has been at near capacity all season. The Parks are partnering with Zagster on "Flint Bike Share", a bicycle sharing program in which the bikes are free for the first half-hour and then \$2.00 per hour afterward. Mr. Himelhoch added that the Huckleberry Hustle, a 5k trail run and walk, is this Thursday at Crossroads Village.

Alan Himelhoch stated that the Personnel Committee is trying to come up with a good Director-Coordinator evaluation process. Please pass along any comments or suggestions on how to improve the process to any member of the Committee: Jeffrey M. Peake, Gloria Nealy, Janice Karcher, John Mandelaris or himself.

Alexander Isaac asked about the Operation Unification homes that are being managed by Piper. In regards to the rents being collected versus what we have spent on attorney fees and rehabbing them, would you say we have a positive or negative cash flow? Christine Durgan stated that she would look into it and provide information to the Commission. Discussion ensued.

Cheryl Sclater thanked the Personnel Committee for their work on the evaluation process and explained that she is uncomfortable completing the evaluation under the current format. Ms. Sclater suggested that perhaps members of non-profit boards should be contacted to see how they evaluate their Directors.



X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Himelhoch adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nichole Odette, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission