

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission met at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 3rd Floor, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Himelhoch called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

A. Swearing in of Genesee County Planning Commissioners

Genesee County Clerk Domonique Clemons swore in Planning Commissioners Himelhoch, LaPointe, Nealy, Brown, Rossmassler, Peake, Smith, Brandon and Sclater.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Alan Himelhoch, Cheryl Sclater, Dr. Beverly Brown, Gloria Nealy, Jeffrey M. Peake, Mike LaPointe, Reggie Smith, Tyler Rossmassler, and William Brandon.

Absent: Lauren Coney and Martin Cousineau

Others Present: Derek Bradshaw, Christine Durgan, Sheila Taylor, Jacob Maurer, and Renate Soto.

Cheryl Gregory, Rowe Professional Services

III. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Peake, to approve the January 7, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented.

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. US 23 Corridor Study

Cheryl Gregory from Rowe gave a status overview of the US-23 Corridor Traffic Study currently being conducted by Rowe and Fishbeck. The US-23 Corridor Study limits start at Owen Road and run north 13 miles to Bristol Road with 2 mile segments running east and west at the interchanges of Hill Rd., Grand Blanc Rd., Thompson Rd., North/Torrey Rd., Silver Lake Rd., and Owen Rd. Ms. Gregory stated that the Study is about 95% complete

and staff is preparing the final draft to present to the US-23 Corridor Traffic Study Steering Committee. Discussion ensued.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VIII. FINANCES

A. Contract, Vouchers and Bills

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Contract, Vouchers and Bills.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the February Contract, Vouchers and Bills for a total of \$87,009.13 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** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the Commission Expenses and Per Diems.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

C. Financial Update

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Financial Update ending December 31, 2024.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, to approve the Financial Update as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

D. Budget Transfer Requests

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Budget Transfer Requests. GCMPC received a \$60,000 grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation to add to existing funds for staff to develop a non-motorized capital improvement plan. A transfer of Solid Waste funds is needed to pay the architect for the future Recycling and Education Center.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the Budget Transfer Requests as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Status

1. 3-C Transportation Planning – January 2025 Status Report

Jacob Maurer stated that transportation staff continues to assign year placement of the FY 2026-2029 Transportation (TIP) Call for Projects. As part of the Safety Action Plan, Mr. Maurer displayed a map of Genesee County's top 25 most dangerous intersections and road segments, including both state and local roadways. The Safety Action Plan consultant, AECOM, will continue in-depth crash analysis of these intersections/road segments. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded** Tyler Rossmassler, to approve the 3-C Transportation Planning report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

2. Environmental Program Update – January 2025 Status Report

Jacob Maurer stated that staff is finalizing 2025 Recycle Day dates with ERG Environmental Services. 2025 events will have the same format as 2024: 4 weekday events with 200 appointments each. Staff will be making a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to approve the architectural firm DLZ to oversee the design and construction of the Recycling and Education Center. Demolition at the site is complete except for some final grading and seeding to take place in the Spring. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the Environmental Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

3. Community Development Program – January 2025 Status Report

Sheila Taylor stated that HUD monitors the Community Development Program spending progress. On March 1st, HUD will check the account, to ensure that spending is in line with the May 1st deadline. The required spending is expected to meet the deadline. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Dr. Beverly Brown, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Peake, to approve the Community Development Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

4. American Rescue Plan Act – January 2025 Status Report

Chris Durgan stated that GCMPC has been administering ARPA funds for approximately 2.5 years and currently 75% of the total funds have been spent. The Genesee County Land Bank completed 379 single family home demolitions as part of a \$8 million grant from the County. Dan Moulton will provide more details in an ARPA annual report at the next GCMPC meeting.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, to approve the American Rescue Plan Act Report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

5. Report of the Director – January 2025 Status Report

Derek Bradshaw stated that staff is continuing to make progress on the Genese County Master Plan. The Genese County Tower Project is making steady progress, with some drywall, carpet and final finishes installed, and furniture has been placed on some floors.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** William Brandon, **Seconded by** Mike LaPointe, to approve the Report of the Director as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

B. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners made comments at this time.

Gloria Nealy gave an update of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission's meetings and events.

Chairperson Himelhoch stated that he will be out of the country for the next GCMPC meeting, so Vice-Chairperson LaPointe will chair the meeting in his place.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Himelhoch adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Renate Soto, Program Services Specialist
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission