

**GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 8:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission met at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, in a Zoom meeting conference call format due to Coronavirus concerns.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Alan Himelhoch, Alexander Isaac, David Martin, Jeffrey M. Peake, Gloria Nealy, Mike LaPointe, Reggie Smith, Ted Henry, and Tyler Rossmassler.

**Absent:** Martin Cousineau and Cheryl Sclater.

**Others Present:** Kelli Webb, Derek Bradshaw, Christine Durgan, Sheila Taylor, Jason Nordberg, Cody Roblyer, Anthony Kelly, and Nichole Odette.

Derek Bradshaw introduced our newly appointed Planning Commissioner, Tyler Rossmassler. Mr. Rossmassler is the Director of Economic Development at the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce.

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Minutes of the September 1, 2020 Regular Meeting**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Nealy, **Seconded by** Mike LaPointe, to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 regular meeting as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Approved minutes are on file in the GCMPC office)

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

No one from the public addressed the Commission at this time.

Mike LaPointe stated that he was very impressed after reading through the hard copy *Genesee: Our County, Our Future* plan and that we are fortunate to have a staff that can put together such a document. Keep up the good work.

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

Derek Bradshaw stated that notification was received from Grand Blanc Township regarding the approval of their draft Master Plan update; comments will be received at a public input session on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Himelhoch requested an update on a communication discussed at the last meeting from an unhappy Home Improvement Program participant. Christine Durgan explained that she and Andy Trudeau met with the client, discussed concerns, and came up with a plan to resolve the issues. Work will begin soon to replace the roof and finalize some minor repairs. The client is aware that the roof replacement will result in an additional lien being placed on the home.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Reports.

Chairperson Himelhoch stated that he will adjust the committee roster to add Mr. Rossmassler to some of the committees. If any Commissioners are interested in changing committee assignments, please let Mr. Himelhoch know prior to the next meeting.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairperson Himelhoch initiated a discussion regarding the recent Michigan Supreme Court decision that struck down the Governor's Executive Orders. The Executive Orders had suspended the requirement of the Open Meetings Act that public bodies must meet physically. The state legislature may take action to suspend that provision; if not, the Board of Commissioners will allow GCMPC to meet in the Harris Auditorium next month. Discussion ensued.

### **A. FPR-08-20-03; GCCARD, 2021 Head Start and Early Head Start Competitive Grant**

Anthony Kelly gave an overview of FPR-08-20-03; GCCARD, 2021 Head Start and Early Head Start Competitive Grant. Chairperson Himelhoch asked if any data were available that tracks the participants' progress over a 20-year period. Kelli Webb, GCCARD Head Start Director, explained that the state now requires that a unique identification code is assigned to all children entering school. Over the last five years, all Genesee County Early Head Start babies have been assigned a unique identification code that will track them beyond 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Soon, the state will be able to provide data regarding graduation rates, reading levels, and standardized test scores. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Action:** Endorse, **Moved by** Ted Henry, **Seconded by** Jeffrey M. Peake, to endorse FPR-08-20-03; GCCARD, 2021 Head Start and Early Head Start Competitive Grant.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

### **B. Recycle Study Presentation**

Cody Roblyer presented an overview of the Solid Waste Study performed by Resource Recycling Systems (RRS). RRS found the County's recycling rate to be 9%, with 23% of landfilled materials being curbside recyclables. Suggested focus areas include increasing shared services, enhancing recycling education and outreach, and the establishment of a permanent HHW drop-off. Increasing the County's Solid Waste Ordinance fee from 12 cents to 50 cents per cubic yard would provide the funding needed to establish a permanent HHW drop-off site, hire an additional staff person, and enhance recycling education. Discussion ensued.

## **VIII. FINANCES**

### **A. Contract, Vouchers and Bills**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Alexander Isaac, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, to approve the October Contract, Vouchers and Bills for a total \$56,331.31 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** Ted Henry, to approve the Commission Expenses and Per Diems as submitted.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

### **C. Financial Update**

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Financial Update.

The County switched to a new accounting system, which our Accountants will use to close-out the year. The GCMPC audit is tentatively scheduled to begin on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Julie Zinger will provide guidance since it will be the first GCMPC audit process for both Accountants. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Alexander Isaac, **Seconded by** Ted Henry, to approve the Financial Update as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Project Status**

#### **1. 3-C Transportation Planning – September 2020 Status Report**

Jason Nordberg reviewed the 3-C Transportation Planning Report.

**Motion: Action:** Receive & File, **Moved by** Gloria Nealy, **Seconded by** Jeffrey M. Peake, to receive and file the 3-C Transportation Planning report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

#### **2. Environmental Program Update – September 2020 Status Report**

Sheila Taylor stated that the amount of Solid Waste Ordinance fees collected is down \$60,000 from last year, which can be attributed to all the businesses shuttered due to the pandemic.

**Motion: Action:** Receive & File, **Moved by** Gloria Nealy, **Seconded by** Mike LaPointe, to receive and file the Environmental Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

#### **3. Community Development Program – September 2020 Status Report**

Sheila Taylor reviewed the Community Development Program Report.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

**4. Director-Coordinator Report – September 2020 Status Report**

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Director-Coordinator Report.

**Motion: Action:** Receive & File, **Moved by** Gloria Nealy, **Seconded by** Alexander Isaac, to receive and file the Director-Coordinator report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

**B. Commissioner Comments**

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

Alexander Isaac requested an update on the Dixie Hwy/Baldwin Road project. Derek Bradshaw explained that construction of the three roundabouts is almost complete. The second phase of construction, the Baldwin Road linkup, will begin before the end of the year. The Road Commission believes that the project should be complete by mid-July.

Chairperson Himelhoch stated that the next meeting is on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>; details to follow on whether it will be in-person or a Zoom meeting.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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