

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission met at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 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.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Tyler Rossmassler, Martin L. Cousineau

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

III. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** William Brandon, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, to approve the September 10, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously. Jeffrey Peake abstained.

(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. Housing Initiative Presentation

Derek Bradshaw gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding a new Genesee County housing initiative, *Our Housing Future*. The initiative includes \$10 million toward a Housing Impact Fund and \$2.8 million toward a Roof Revitalization Fund. With these funds we expect to leverage an additional \$90 million toward new housing opportunities. The Housing Impact Fund will help develop new affordable housing throughout Genesee County and stabilize the current housing stock. Mr. Bradshaw provided data regarding the state of housing in the County, including who would benefit from affordable housing. Mr. Bradshaw gave an overview of the Roof Revitalization Program, a County-wide roofing program that we are partnering with Habitat for Humanity on; available to low to middle income households up to 120% Area Median Income (AMI). Discussion ensued.

Chairperson Himelhoch stated that the next meeting is scheduled for November 6, the day after the 2024 United States election and asked if there is any interest in moving the meeting to the following week on November 12, 2024.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve moving the November meeting to November 12, 2024 at 8:00 am.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Approved minutes are on file in the GCMPC office)

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Election Committee

1. Election of Officers

Reggie Smith stated that the Election Committee met this morning to choose a slate of Officers. The Committee recommends re-electing all current GCMPC Officers for another term by acclamation.

Reggie Smith asked Gloria Nealy if she accepted the nomination to serve as Secretary. Ms. Nealy accepted. Mr. Smith asked if there were any other nominations for Secretary. There were no other nominations.

Reggie Smith asked Mike LaPointe if he accepted the nomination to serve as Vice Chairperson. Mr. Lapointe accepted. Mr. Smith asked if there were any other nominations for Vice Chairperson. There were no other nominations.

Reggie Smith asked Alan Himelhoch if he accepted the nomination to serve as Chairperson. Mr. Himelhoch accepted. Mr. Smith asked if there were any other nominations for Chairperson. There were no other nominations.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Dr. Beverly Brown, **Seconded** Lauren Coney, to approve the recommendation of the Election Committee to re-elect current GCMPC Officers for the upcoming term, those being Alan Himelhoch as Chairperson, Mike LaPointe as Vice Chairperson, and Gloria Nealey as Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

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** Reggie Smith, to approve the October Contract, Vouchers and Bills for a total \$9,081.07 and to authorize the proper authorities to sign the checks. Recycle b

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

B. Commission Expenses and Per Diems

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, 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 August 31, 2024.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** William Brandon, 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 2024 Status Report

Jacob Maurer stated that the TIP Call for Projects was closed and over 100 applications were received. Feedback regarding the online application process was very positive. Staff completed our Pavement Condition Reports for Genesee County. New this year, is an interactive dashboard on the GCMPC website sorted by community or commissioner district.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded** Gloria Nealy, to approve the 3-C Transportation Planning report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

2. Environmental Program Update – September 2024 Status Report

Jacob Maurer stated that the demolition of the old McDonald Dairy site, the future site of the Drop-off Recycling and Education Center, continues to make progress. Burnash Wrecking is expecting to finish up the demolition around Thanksgiving.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

3. Community Development Program – September 2024 Status Report

Sheila Taylor stated that staff is in the process of closing out the 2023 CDBG projects. 2024 CDBG funding was received from HUD, and staff will be getting 2024 contracts signed by the Board Chairperson and Subrecipients.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

4. American Rescue Plan Act – September 2024 Status Report

Chris Durgan stated that many of the ARPA water and sewer projects are on track to be closed out by the end of the year. Staff is working with Otisville and their ARPA project, which has had some delays due to some permitting issues. Later this fall, staff will be conducting monitoring of the ARPA subrecipients to ensure all requirements are completed and all documentation is in order.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

5. Report of the Director – September 2024 Status Report

Dr. Beverly Brown spoke about the Genesee County Broadband Initiative, stating that the taskforce is promoting a public survey to gather the necessary data to provide evidence to funding sources the need for increased broadband service. Mr. Bradshaw stated that staff is in the process of updating the *Genesee: Our County, Our Future* combined plan. A steering committee has been created and staff will continue to update the Planning Commission on the progress of the Plan update.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Peake, 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.

Mike Lapointe stated that he will be taking a presentation to the Thetford Township board regarding the Genesee County broadband initiative. The first commercial solar farms in Thetford Township are due to be started soon.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Himelhoch adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

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