

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission met at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, in Conference Room 222 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 8:02 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Alan Himelhoch, Dr. Beverly Brown, Gloria Nealy, Jeffrey M. Peake, Martin L. Cousineau and William Brandon.

Absent: Cheryl Sclater, Lauren Coney, Reggie Smith, Mike LaPointe and Tyler Rossmassler.

Others Present: Derek Bradshaw, Sheila Taylor, Jacob Maurer, Dan Moulton, McKenna Dutkiewicz and Renate Soto.

III. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the October 1, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** William Brandon, **Seconded by** Dr. Beverly Brown, to approve the October 1, 2024 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

There were no Communications.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Derek Bradshaw stated there were no Committee Reports today. Staff would like to have the Rules and Procedures Committee meet before next month's meeting to update the bylaws. The meeting will take place at 7:30 am prior to the GCMPC meeting on December 3, 2024. Committee members will receive an email confirming this information.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. FOS-09-24-05; Mt. Morris Township – Jeffrey Schlicht – Application for Farmland Agreement

Dan Moulton provided an overview of FOS-09-24-05; Mt. Morris Township – Jeffrey Schlicht – Application for Farmland Agreement. The parcel meets the criteria for enrollment in P.A. 116, as it is larger than 40 acres and at least 51% agriculturally active. The proposed length of protection under P.A. 116 is 90 years. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded** Martin Cousineau, to approve FOS-09-24-05; Mt. Morris Township – Jeffrey Schlicht – Application for Farmland Agreement as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

B. FOS-09-24-06; Mt. Morris Township – Schlicht Properties – Application for Farmland Agreement

Dan Moulton provided an overview of FOS-09-24-06; Mt. Morris Township – Schlicht Properties – Application for Farmland Agreement. The parcel meets the criteria for enrollment in P.A. 116, as it is larger than 40 acres and at least 51% agriculturally active. The proposed length of protection under P.A. 116 is 90 years. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded** Martin Cousineau, to approve FOS-09-24-06; Mt. Morris Township – Schlicht Properties – Application for Farmland Agreement as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

C. MPR-10-24-02; Atlas Township Master Plan

McKenna Dutkiewicz provided an overview of MPR-10-24-02, Atlas Township Master Plan. The Plan was developed with significant input from community members. The input received through the planning process provided a foundation to help achieve Atlas Township's vision through clearly defined goals and objectives. Staff noted that GCMPC does not have record of a Notice of Intent to prepare a Master Plan by Atlas Township. Staff is recommending the Township ensure verification of notices being sent to required partner agencies in their planning process, as required under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded** William Brandon, to approve MPR-10-24-02; Atlas Township Master Plan as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

D. 2025 GCMPC Meeting Dates

Commissioner Himelhoch reviewed the list of proposed 2025 GCMPC meeting dates.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Nealy, **Seconded** Jeffrey Peake, to approve the 2025 GCMPC meeting dates as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

VIII. FINANCES

A. Contract, Vouchers and Bills

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** Gloria Nealy, to approve the November Contract, Vouchers and Bills for a total \$92,184.68 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** Gloria Nealy, to approve the Commission Expenses and Per Diems.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Status

1. 3-C Transportation Planning – October 2024 Status Report

Jacob Maurer stated that staff is in the process of reviewing the 160 applications received for the 2026-2029 TIP Call for Projects. Staff met with transportation safety planning consultant, AECOM, last month. AECOM is currently working on the public participation plan and are involved in developing the task force, which will include stakeholders from around the County.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

2. Environmental Program Update – October 2024 Status Report

Jacob Maurer stated staff has received some preliminary figures from our Recycle Day contractor for the 2025 Recycle Day events. The contractor is projecting about a 5% increase from 2024 rates and using a per unit cost rather than a per car cost. Staff is considering using the site of the future Recycling and Education Center as the site of the 2025 Recycle Day events. Staff has collected 17 out of 25 4th Quarter Solid Waste Ordinance reports. There has been a contract extension and budget increase of \$72,000 with Burnash Wrecking, the demolition contractor of the future site of the Recycling Center, due to the discovery of a previously buried parking lot and basement. Discussion ensued.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

3. Community Development Program – October 2024 Status Report

Sheila Taylor stated that staff has begun working on the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, which outlines our goals for the next 5 years. There will be public hearing on Wednesday to allow public input, comments and questions on the Community Development program. The application process opened for our Housing Impact Fund on October 14

and will close on December 16. 53 applications have been started. There has been a lot of interest in the program and staff is currently meeting with developers to answer questions.

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 – October 2024 Status Report

Derek Bradshaw stated there are many ARPA contracts expiring in December and that staff is working with agencies and local units of government to ensure the projects are completed on time. There may be a few contracts that will require extensions. The last invoice was received from Ashley Capital for the Buick City project and the Genesee County Land Bank is in the process of finalizing their final invoice. The Village of Otisville has a sewage lagoon project that is experiencing delays due to financial challenges. Staff will be working with Village officials to assist them in completing this project. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Nealy, **Seconded by** Martin Cousineau, to approve the American Rescue Plan Act Report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

5. Report of the Director – October 2024 Status Report

Derek Bradshaw stated staff held the first public meetings to kick-off the Genesee: Our County, Our Future Master Plan at Crossroads Village and the Grand Blanc Senior Center. Mr. Bradshaw along with other County department directors attended a 5-day leadership training. Staff is in the process of updating our Home Improvement Program procedures to make the program more efficient for staff and clients.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Nealy, **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.

Chairperson Himelhoch congratulated Commissioners Brown and Cousineau on their recent re-elections.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Himelhoch adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

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