

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission met at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 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, Lauren Coney, Martin L. Cousineau, Mike LaPointe, Reggie Smith, Tyler Rossmassler, and William Brandon.

Absent: Jeffrey M. Peake

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

III. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the April 2, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** William Brandon, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, to approve the April 2, 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

A. Crossover Outreach

Mike LaPointe recently attended the Crossover Outreach ribbon cutting ceremony and open house to introduce the newly constructed facility. He shared some pictures of the new building and expressed how impressed he is with this organization, how it meets the needs of many less fortunate community members, and all the hard work done behind the scenes by many generous volunteers.

Reggie Smith added that Crossover Outreach is supported by 4 area churches as well as numerous partners in the City of Flint. The idea of this expansion started 8 years ago, and

he is very excited to see it finally come to fruition. Mr. Smith extended an invitation to a Spring luncheon taking place at Crossover Outreach on May 17.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. FPR-04-24-02; GCCARD 2024-2025 Continuation Early Head Start Expansion Grant

Gwynneth Coselman provided an overview of FPR-04-24-02; GCCARD 2024-2025 Continuation Early Head Start Expansion Grant. Pamela Coleman, GCCARD Director, explained that this federal assistance would combine the main Head Start grant with the expansion piece, condensing reporting to one annual audit. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Dr. Beverly Brown, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, to approve staff recommendations regarding FPR-04-24-02; GCCARD 2024-2025 Continuation Early Head Start Expansion Grant.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

B. FOS-03-24-03; Mundy Township – Mitchell Walker – Application for Farmland Agreement

Dru Hajec provided an overview of FOS-03-24-03; Mundy Township – Mitchell Walker – 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 15 years.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Martin Cousineau, **Seconded by** Mike LaPointe, to approve staff recommendations regarding FOS-03-24-03; Mundy Township – Mitchell Walker – Application for Farmland Agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

C. Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA) Conference Travel Request

Derek Bradshaw stated that the Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA) Conference will be held July 30th through August 2nd in Muskegon, Michigan. Staff is requesting approval for 5 staff members to attend at a cost not to exceed \$4,585.00 which includes registration, hotel and food. The conference costs will be grant funded. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** Martin Cousineau, to approve 5 staff members to attend the MTPA Conference at a cost not to exceed \$4,585.00.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

VIII. FINANCES

A. Contract, Vouchers and Bills

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Contract, Vouchers and Bills.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Dr. Beverly Brown, **Seconded by** Martin Cousineau, to approve the April Contract, Vouchers and Bills for a total \$58,889.94 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** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** Martin Cousineau, 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 March 31, 2024. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Martin Cousineau, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the Financial Update as presented.
Motion passed unanimously.
(Documents on file with minutes)

D. FY 2024 Budget Transfer Request

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the FY 2024 Budget Transfer Request. GCMPC has a restricted fund set aside for the construction of the new recycling facility. Staff is requesting approval to move the current fund balance of \$753,874 into Restricted for Construction of Solid Waste Facility. This fund combined with the \$900,000 grant from the State of Michigan gives us approximately \$2.4 million toward the construction of the new facility. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the FY 2024 Budget Transfer Request as presented.
Motion passed unanimously.
(Documents on file with minutes)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Status

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

Jacob Maurer stated that he met with the Vienna Township Supervisor regarding the I-75 and Vienna interchange study discussed at last month's meeting. Staff will be coordinating with MDOT on any past studies and research they have done on this interchange and is looking into dedicating some of our FY 2025 United Work Program (UWP) funds toward this effort. Staff will be presenting the FY 2025 UWP to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance for approval later this month before submitting it to MDOT, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for final approval. Staff received over \$3.4 million in Safety Grant applications from the

Genesee County Road Commission and other local road agencies. This is in addition to the \$10-\$11 million that staff allocates annually through our Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The entire Transportation staff has completed training through the Michigan Infrastructure Council (MIC). This will allow staff to provide more technical assistance to Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee County agencies in the future. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Martin Cousineau, **Seconded** William Brandon, to approve the 3-C Transportation Planning report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

2. Environmental Program Update – April 2024 Status Report

Sheila Taylor stated that the McDonald Dairy site demo project has been put on a temporary hold because the bid award was challenged by another bidder. Purchasing and Corporation Counsel are working through that process. Staff is working in collaboration with the City of Flint and Environmental Rubber Recycling (ERR), to hold a Tire Recycling Event on May 18 from 9am-1pm at ERR. Ordinance fees received in FY 2024, 2nd quarter were around \$231,000, which is more than what was reported in the financial report. Staff has begun the Materials Management Plan (MMP) process for which we will be receiving funding from the State of Michigan expected in January 2025. Discussion ensued.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

3. Community Development Program – April 2024 Status Report

Sheila Taylor stated that in March HUD monitored our HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), focusing on the home improvement senior housing portion of the program. The results of the monitoring report were very positive with no findings and no concerns. Ms. Taylor gave thanks to Nichole Odette and the GCMPC financial staff for their organization and efforts in assisting with this program and the HUD monitoring. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Martin Cousineau, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the Community Development Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

4. American Rescue Plan Act – April 2024 Status Report

Chris Durgan stated that many of our ARPA waterline and water improvement projects, which were started around 2 years ago, are nearing completion. The Senior Center projects as well as the Berston Fieldhouse, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and YMCA projects are all going through risk assessments, environmental consulting, and other preliminary federal requirements. Progress is continuing at the Buick City site, with equipment being moved into the area to remove the old water lines. This work is expected to be completed in August.

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

Motion passed unanimously.
(Original on file with minutes)

5. Report of the Director – April 2024 Status Report

Derek Bradshaw is pleased to announce that we have hired a summer intern, a current University of Michigan-Flint student, that will start next week. Mr. Bradshaw stated that Chris Durgan along with staff member Damon Fortney have completed and submitted a grant application to MSHDA, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, for funding to go toward the Housing Division. If the grant is approved, Habitat for Humanity would manage the funds inside the City of Flint and GCMPC staff would manage the funds in Genesee County outside the City. We should have results in about a month. Renate Soto has been promoted to the Program Services Specialist position. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **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.

Dr. Beverly Brown stated that the Community Mentors Symposium held a couple of weeks ago at the University of Michigan-Flint was very successful. Economic Development experts from South Carolina, Pennsylvania, California, and Georgia spoke at the Symposium. UM-Flint is in the process of creating a summary report from the event that Dr. Brown hopes to share with the Commissioners at a future meeting.

Tyler Rossmassler stated that the Flint and Genesee Economic Alliance is working on developing a 1,000-acre site in Mundy Township to attract an advanced manufacturer. In April, \$9.2 million was awarded to begin that process. Stay tuned for more announcements on this project later this month. In the meantime, if Commissioners have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Rossmassler.

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 9:13 a.m.

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