

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission met at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 3rd Floor, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson LaPointe called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Cheryl Sclater, Gloria Nealy, Lauren Coney, Martin L. Cousineau, Mike LaPointe, Reggie Smith, Tyler Rossmassler, and William Brandon.

Absent: Jeffrey Peake, Alan Himelhoch, and Dr. Beverly Brown.

Others Present: Derek Bradshaw, Christine Durgan, Jacob Maurer, Anthony Kelly, Damon Fortney and Renate Soto.

III. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the July 9, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** Martin Cousineau, to approve the July 9, 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

Derek Bradshaw stated there has been a small reorganization of staff in the department. The Environmental division will now be headed by Jacob Maurer instead of Sheila Taylor, to allow more time for the housing division as they take on a \$10 million housing initiative in the coming year. Other staff role changes include: Lead Planner Cody Robyler has moved to the Transportation/Environmental Department, Planner Gwynn Coselman will be taking on more Community Development tasks and the Recycling tasks will now be taken care of by Planner Dru Hajec. These small changes will provide staff with program cross-training as well.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson LaPointe stated that the Consultant Committee met prior to this meeting and the results of that meeting will be discussed during Agenda Item D.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MPR-06-24-01; City of Montrose Master Plan

Anthony Kelly provided an overview of MPR-06-24-01; City of Montrose Master Plan. Through the significant public input the City of Montrose received, the City organized the Plan into 6 major themes, including Natural Environment and Sustainability, Housing and Neighborhoods, Business and Economic Development, Mobility and Connectivity, Community Character and Culture, and Governance and Community Services. The Plan meets all the necessary requirements for adoption.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Neeley, **Seconded** Cheryl Sclater, to approve the MPR-06-24-01; City of Montrose Master Plan as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.
(Original on file with minutes)

B. Pass Through Agreement between the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) and the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA)

Derek Bradshaw stated that annually we are required to update our pass-through agreement with the MTA and this agreement is the same as in year's past.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded** Gloria Nealey, to approve the Pass Through Agreement between the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) and the Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.
(Original on file with minutes)

C. Pass Through Agreement between the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) and the Genesee-Lapeer-Shiawassee Region V Planning and Development Commission (GLS Region V)

Derek Bradshaw stated that this agreement must be updated annually as well. This agreement allows GCMPC staff members to act as staff for the GLS Region V Commission.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Nealey, **Seconded** Martin Cousineau, to approve the Pass Through Agreement between the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) and the Genesee-Lapeer-Shiawassee Region V Planning and Development Commission (GLS Region V) as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.
(Original on file with minutes)

D. Genesee County Transportation Safety Action Plan Consultant Recommendation

Chairperson LaPointe stated that the Consultant Selection Committee met prior to this meeting and unanimously recommend the Planning Commission accept the staff recommendation of selecting AECOM as the consultant to assist staff in implementing the Genesee County Transportation Safety Action Plan. Kris Garris stated that staff received 5 consultant proposals that were reviewed, evaluated, rated and ultimately 2 were interviewed to choose the most qualified consultant for this endeavor.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Nealey, **Seconded** Tyler Rossmassler, to approve the Genesee County Transportation Safety Action Plan Consultant Recommendation as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.
(Original on file with minutes)

VIII. FINANCES

A. Contract, Vouchers and Bills

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Contract, Vouchers and Bills.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Neeley, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, to approve the August Contract, Vouchers and Bills for a total \$35,998.87 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** Martin Cousineau, **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 June 30, 2024.

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)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Status

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

Jacob Maurer stated that staff has been working to prepare for our next Call for Projects (CFP) for FY 2026-2029. Staff is currently working on updating our policies and procedures. We received our updated estimates from MDOT, which may be a \$2-\$2.5 million per year increase in our federal funding. This will allow our area road and transit agencies to continue with the planned projects that were put on hold due to funding cuts in previous years. Staff will be holding 2 additional TSM meetings before the CFP is announced in August and it will be open for five weeks.

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 – July 2024 Status Report

Jacob Maurer stated that at our June 18 Recycle Day event, over 36,000 lbs. of materials were collected. Just over 200 participated at our July event. Due to overwhelming

interest, another event has been added to the schedule for August 13th. Our final event will take place on August 20th. Mr. Maurer presented some drone photos and footage of the continued demolition of the McDonald Dairy site, the future home of the future permanent recycling facility. As of this past Friday, all of the buildings on the site have been taken down. Derek Bradshaw added that the progress of this project has and will really change the look of this corner and will become an impactful gateway into the city. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Martin Cousineau, **Seconded by** Gloria Nealey, to approve the Environmental Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

3. Community Development Program – July 2024 Status Report

Damon Fortney stated numerous CDBG program construction projects have been ongoing, and many will be completed and closed out by the end of August. Staff is awaiting our 2024 funding and received approval from HUD last week for the 2024 Action Plan. Once we receive our grant agreements from HUD, we will begin to sign contracts with local units of government for 2024 projects. The 2023 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), our annual report to HUD, was submitted last month. Mr. Fortney gave an overview of the 2023 CAPER highlights. In the HOME program, staff began discussions and preparing documents regarding an initiative to address the housing shortage in Genesee County. Three roof replacements were completed and construction on a septic replacement commenced under the Urgent Repair Program. Under the NSP program, staff is working with a realtor to list the property on Dixel Drive in Burton.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

4. American Rescue Plan Act – July 2024 Status Report

Chris Durgan provided an update on the ARPA Senior Center projects. Those projects are making progress and are either waiting for environmental reviews, at the State Historic Preservation Office or currently out for a 15-day public comment period. Six Senior center contracts are currently waiting for final approval and will be signed and underway soon. The ARPA funds annual report was recently completed and submitted to the federal government. So far, the County has spent \$44 million of the \$78 million of ARPA funding that was received. Regarding the Genesee County Land Bank project, \$5.5 million has been spent of the \$8 million received. Discussion ensued.

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 – July 2024 Status Report

Derek Bradshaw stated a candidate has accepted the Housing Rehabilitation Specialist position for the Home Improvement Program. The candidate is expected to start in the next few weeks. This position will be key in the near future as we are in the last phases of

preparing for the implementation of the MSHDA housing grant we received for a county-wide roofing program. This grant is a \$2.7 million initiative in which we are partnering with Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity will be handling the emergency roof replacements in the City of Flint, and we will be handling the roofs outside of the City. Jacob Maurer is working with Kettering University and MTA, to apply for funding to install electric vehicle charging stations. These talks are in the preliminary stages. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** Martin Cousineau, 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.

Tyler Rossmassler gave an update on the Mundy Township advance manufacturing campus. He stated that due to some recent industrial federal policy, there was an opportunity to attract a transformational type of investment back to Genesee County. This project will make us less reliant on foreign countries as a nation and create thousands of jobs here in Genesee County. Mundy Township has implemented some incredible zoning language that will hold this development to a very high standard. This project will look and feel much like a high-tech college campus and will provide incredible opportunities for Genesee County.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson LaPointe adjourned the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

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