

Minutes
Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
Board of Commissioners – Work Session
Thursday, December 12, 2019

A work session of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's Board of Commissioners' was held on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 9:00 am at the Administrative Office

Commissioners Present:

Robert W. Marans
Jaye Quadrozzi (*arrived at 9:21a.m.*)
Bernard Parker
Steve Williams
Kurt L. Heise
Timothy J. McCarthy
John P. Rea (*arrived at 9:32 a.m.*)

Staff Officers:

Director	Amy McMillan
Deputy Director	David Kirbach
Chief of Finance	Rebecca Franchock

Other Attendees:

Rosati Schultz Joppich & Amtsbuechler, PC	Carlito Young
Miller Canfield	Steve Mann
Muchmore Harrington Smalley & Associates	Patrick Harrington

1. Call to Order

Chairman Marans called the work session to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Closed Session

Motion by Commissioner Heise, support by Commissioner Williams that the Board of Commissioners adjourn the work session and enter into a closed session for the purpose of consulting with attorneys to (1) consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State law pursuant to Section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act and; (2) to consult with attorneys for the purpose of discussion and strategizing regarding specific pending litigation pursuant to Section 8 (e) of the Open Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Voting yes: Williams, Parker, McCarthy, Heise, Marans
Voting no: None
Absent: Quadrozzi, Rea

Motion carried unanimously.

The work session adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Commissioner Marans reconvened the work session at 9:40 a.m.

Mr. Patrick Harrington entered the meeting room at 9:40 a.m.

3. Lobbying Update

Patrick Harrington, with Muchmore Harrington Smalley & Associates, reviewed legislative affairs for 2019 and highlighted auto insurance reform, road funding and the state budget. He also reviewed the newly formed Metroparks Caucus and said 22 legislators had signed on to support. There are five co-chairs for the caucus – Rep. Steve Marino, Macomb County; Sen. Jeff Irwin, Washtenaw County; Sen. Ruth Johnson, Oakland County; Sen. Lana Thesis, Livingston County;

and Rep. Matt Koleszar, Wayne County. Mr. Harrington said several legislators had requested meetings with Ms. McMillan early next year to get more information on the Metroparks.

Commissioner Marans said he would like a copy of the legislators on the caucus.

Commissioner Quadrozzi said she would like the list of legislators from Oakland County that declined to participate.

Mr. Harrington also let the Board know that the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) approved three grants for projects at the Metroparks and said the land and water grants would most likely be approved as well.

Ms. McMillan said she has been going to MNRTF meetings for a long time and said staff did a great job on the grant applications. She said in the past; the MNRTF tended to focus on agencies and locations. This year, they asked for the counties where the funding would be spent and ranked the projects by the county they served.

Commissioner Heise asked if staff will convey this success to the caucus members. Mr. Harrington said yes and that more people may want to join.

Commissioner Marans asked what Mr. Harrington thought of the relationship between members of the caucus and the Metroparks board. Mr. Harrington said board members should either send a note or call thanking them for their support. Ms. McMillan said she would send board members contact information along with project descriptions, so they had the information.

Commissioner Quadrozzi said she planned to reach out to caucus members.

Commissioner Williams said that legislators were going to adjust the formula used for determining grant funding and asked if the caucus had an impact on that decision. Mr. Harrington said the caucus helped to give more of an understanding on the projects and the grant requests.

4. Public Participation

None.


5. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Heise that the Board of Commissioners' adjourn the work session.

Motion carried unanimously.

The work session adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shawn M. Athayde
Recording Secretary