



# City of Ann Arbor

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Park Advisory Commission

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Tuesday, July 21, 2015

4:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St,  
Second Floor, City Council chambers

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**A CALL TO ORDER**

**B ROLL CALL**

*Staff present: 2 - C. Smith, A. Kuras*

**Present:** 9 - Mike Anglin, Karen Levin, Alan Jackson, Melissa Stults, David Santacroce, Paige Morrison, Mary Jo Gray, Stephen Borgsdorf, and Praveena Ramaswami

**Absent:** 1 - Julie Grand

**C APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Approved.*

**D PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

*Gwen Nysteun, 1016 Olivia, spoke on the Library Lot development proposals.*

**E APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**E1 15-0887 Parks Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2015**

**Attachments:** PAC Meeting Minutes 5-19-15.pdf

**Approved and sent to City Council.**

**F SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**F1 Mack Pool 2014/15 season recap, 2015/2016 preview**

*Item to be rescheduled.*

**G UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**G1 Capital Project Updates**

*A. Kuras presented on the park improvements at Gallup, Burr Oak, Allmendinger, Hunt, and the Island Park bridge repair.*

**H NEW BUSINESS**

- H1 15-0882** Resolution to Recommend Approval of a Contract with Saladino Construction Company, Inc. to Provide Barrier Free Access to the Bandemer Park Rowing Docks for \$68,734.00 and Appropriate Funds

**Attachments:** PAC- BANDEMER DOCKS.pdf

*A. Kuras gave background on providing barrier free access to the rowing docks.*

*The Resolution reads:*

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH SALADINO CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. TO PROVIDE BARRIER FREE ACCESS TO THE BANDEMER PARK ROWING DOCKS FOR \$68,734.00 AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS**

*Whereas, the Bandemer rowing facility dock is not currently barrier free;*

*Whereas, The Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan recommends improvements to existing facilities to facilitate barrier free access;*

*Whereas, Competitive bids were sought to provide barrier free access to the existing docks, including parking, an accessible pathway and ramp;*

*Whereas, Funding for improvements to Bandemer Park is available in the Bandemer Park Fund fund balance;*

*Whereas, Competitive bids were received by Purchasing on July 9, 2015; and*

*Whereas, Saladino Construction Company, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid;*

**RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends authorizing the appropriation of \$75,607.00 from the unobligated fund balance in the Bandemer Park Fund to fund the contract budget and construction contingency; and**

**RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend approval of a contract with Saladino Construction Company, Inc. for \$68,734.00 to provide barrier free access to the existing rowing docks, and approve a construction contingency of \$6,873.00 (10%) to cover potential contract change orders for a total contract amount of \$75,607.00 for the life of the project without regard to fiscal year.**

**Approved unanimously.**

- H2 15-0883** Park Advisory Commission Resolution Appointing Members to the Dog Park Site Selection Ad-Hoc Committee.

**Attachments:** PAC - DOG AD-HOC.pdf

*D. Santacroce explained the selection process. A. Kuras spoke on the group of potential candidates and their qualifications.*

*The Resolution reads:*

*Whereas, On May 19, 2015, the Park Advisory Commission approved the*

*'Recommendations and Guidelines for Dog Park Site Selection, Design, Operations and Maintenance' document;*

*Whereas, The documents outlines a process to establish new dog park sites, with the first recommendation being to establish an ad-hoc committee comprised of members from the Park Advisory Commission, staff and citizens; and*

*Whereas, community members submitted their names and interest in becoming a member of the committee and the Park Advisory Commission Dog Park Subcommittee chose 6 members;*

*RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission establish the ad-hoc committee to identify potential sites and be involved in the process to establish dog parks; and*

*RESOLVED, That the ad-hoc dog park committee shall advise the City Parks & Recreation Services Unit and the City Park Advisory Commission on the following :*

- a. Identify potential dog park sites using established criteria*
- b. Evaluate sites using placement criteria*
- c. Narrow sites to those that score the highest*
- d. Develop a concept plan showing proposed location*
- e. Plan for public meeting*
- f. Vote on proposed sites*

*RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission appoints the following individuals to the ad-hoc Dog Park Committee for a term of one-year, expiring July 31, 2016:*

- Missy Stults, Park Advisory Commission*
- Karen Levin, Park Advisory Commission*
- John Lawter, Citizen*
- Kristin Schroeder, Citizen*
- Scott Kett, Citizen*
- Lou Stefanic, Citizen*
- Rush Mira, Citizen*
- Hannah Ashmore, Citizen*
- Amy Kuras, Park Planner*
- Brittany Ruthven, Recreation Supervisor*
- Colin Smith, Manager, Parks and Recreation Services*

**Approved unanimously.**

**H3 15-0909**

**Resolution to Recommend Approval of a Partnership Agreement with the Michigan Recreation and Park Association, Accept a Grant for \$38,000.00 and Appropriate Funds**

**Attachments:** PAC - MRPA.pdf

*C. Smith provided background on the partnership with the Michigan Recreation and Park Association and the BCBS Michigan Health Endowment Fund and the view of health and wellness as part of the role of the park system.*

*The Resolution reads:*

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION, ACCEPT A**

**GRANT FOR \$38,000.00 AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS**

*Whereas, the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association is one of only a handful of agencies in the State of Michigan that was awarded funding from the newly established Michigan Health Endowment Fund;*

*Whereas, The MRPA is seeking agencies interested in participating as a pilot program;*

*Whereas, Participation by the City in this program will highlight the role that Ann Arbor's parks play in the health and well being of our community members ;*

*Whereas, Programs funded through this grant will include senior fitness classes, enhanced offerings for scholarship recipients, and highlight our existing teen camp,*

*RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend the City Council accept and appropriate funding for \$38,000.00 from the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association.*

**Approved unanimously.**

**I COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS****J REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**

*C. Smith reported that the parks are very busy. Swimming pools had close to 4K paid admissions over the past weekend. The same weekend a year ago had 1,346. The Canoe liveries had a record weekend with about 4,500 people renting boats. 31 various special events in the parks. Many events coming up including the River Art grand opening on August 7 at Gallup. Update provided on past and current fiscal year budgets. Library Lot proposals are being reviewed. Many opportunities for volunteerism in the next month.*

**K REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS****L REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

*MJ Gray reported on further restructuring in Rec and Ed and within RAC.*

**M REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASKFORCES****N PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

*Susan Buchan, 1505 Pauline, asked that some park tennis courts, like Allmendinger, be designated for pickleball use. B. Galardi gave an announcement for AADL.*

**O CLOSED SESSION****P TRANSMITTALS**

- P1 15-0891** Park Planning Capital Project Update  
*Attachments:* PAC Update 7-15.pdf
- P2 15-0892** PAC Council Update July 2015  
*Attachments:* PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 7 2015.pdf
- P3 15-0893** Parks Project Status Table FY 2014-2015  
*Attachments:* Parks\_Project\_Status\_Table-FY2014-15.pdf
- Q ADJOURNMENT**