



# City of Ann Arbor

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Park Advisory Commission

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Tuesday, June 18, 2013

4:00 PM

City Hall, 301 E. Huron Street

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### A CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Grand called the meeting to order at 4:10.*

### B ROLL CALL

*C. Smith called the roll.*

*Staff present: C. Smith, J. Straw, A. Kuras, J. Black: 4*

**Present:** 10 - Timothy Berla, Chair Julie Berson Grand, Mike Anglin, Christopher Taylor, Karen Levin, Ingrid Ault, Alan Jackson, Bob Galardi, Melissa Stults, and Jennifer Geer

**Absent:** 1 - Graydon Krapohl

### C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Approved as presented**

**Yeas:** 7 - RAC Rep. Berla, Chair Berson Grand, Vice Chair Ault, Jackson, Galardi, Stults, and Geer

**Nays:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Krapohl

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

*Carolyn Poisant of 667 Center Drive talked about lap lane usage at Veterans Memorial Pool.*

*Seth Best, 1940 West Liberty, from Camp Take Notice discussed the Resolution to Waive Park Fees for Liberty Plaza.*

*Steve Sheiring, 1327 White, from Camp Take Notice discussed Pizza in the Park and communications.*

### E APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Stults, that the Minutes be Approved as presented. On a voice vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried.**

**Yeas:** 8 - RAC Rep. Berla, Chair Berson Grand, Levin, Vice Chair Ault, Jackson, Galardi, Stults, and Geer

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Krapohl

E1 [13-0757](#) PAC Meeting Minutes June 18, 2013

**Attachments:** PAC Meeting Minutes 6-18-13

**F SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

F1 **Introduction - Jenna Bacolor, Director, Community Education & Recreation, Ann Arbor Public Schools**

*J. Bacolor was introduced and gave updates on the Recreation and Ed programs and interactions with City Parks.*

F2 **Public Art - Stadium Bridges/Rose & White Park**

*J. Catarsi and B. Miller from the Public Art Commission gave a presentation on artwork proposals for the Stadium bridges. The four finalists were selected from a pool of 32 applicants.*

**G UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**H NEW BUSINESS**

H1 [13-0748](#) Resolution to Recommend Approval of a Contract with Krull Construction to Build a Skatepark in Veterans Memorial Park (\$1,031,592.60), Appropriate Funds, Amend Project Budget, and Approve Operating Agreement

**Attachments:** H1 PAC - Construction of Skatepark, H1 SkateParkOperating6 14 2013

*C. Smith provided background on the Skatepark project and distributed maps of what the finished project would look like and maps of the park to show the context. A. Kuras described the reasons that Veterans Memorial Park was chosen for this project. T. Staples described the elements of the Skatepark. C. Smith reviewed the memorandum of intent. C. Smith gave additional background on the budget for the Skatepark and the bidding process. T. Staples discussed fundraising efforts.*

*C. Smith read the Resolution:*

*Whereas, A world class Skate Park at Veterans' Memorial Park has been a community goal for nearly ten years and is highlighted in the 2011 – 2015 PROS plan;*

*Whereas, An operating agreement between the City and the FOAAS outlines responsibilities for future maintenance and stewardship of the Skate Park;*

*Whereas, The Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission (WCPRC) has pledged \$400,000.00 to the construction of the Skate Park;*

*Whereas, A grant was received through the Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (DNR) in the amount of \$300,000.00 to partially fund the project;*

*Whereas, Funding in the amount of \$80,000.00 is available in the approved Stormwater capital budget for the raingarden components of the project;*

*Whereas, A State Revolving Fund loan will be utilized to fund the raingarden installation and will reimburse the City's Stormwater Fund;*

*Whereas, the SRF debt payment, less 50% loan forgiveness, is included in the approved FY 14 Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Budget and proposed future budgets;*

*Whereas, Funding in the amount of \$32,356.00 is available in the FY14 budgeted Park Memorials and Contributions Fund for the purpose of landscaping;*

*Whereas, Funding in the amount of \$30,356.00 is available in the FY14 budgeted Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage for pathway construction;*

*Whereas, Unobligated funding in the amount of \$22,977.00 is available in the budgeted Parks & Recreation Services General Fund as a result of the Park Fairness Resolution;*

*Whereas, Uncommitted funds in the amount of \$258,622.86 are available in the Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage fund balance;*

*Whereas, Competitive bids were received by Purchasing on May 15, 2013;*

*Whereas, Krull Construction submitted the lowest responsive bid;*

*Whereas, Krull Construction received Human Rights approval on May 22, 2013;*

*Whereas, MDNR will reimburse construction costs after City submitting construction invoices and WCPRC will reimburse construction costs once the project is complete;*

*Whereas, Funds in the amount of \$258,622.86 will need to be appropriated from Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage Fund Balance to be available at the time of award of the construction contract; and*

*RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends approval of a contract with Krull Construction for the construction of a Skate Park at Veterans Memorial Park in the amount of \$1,031,592.60 and a construction contingency of \$103,159.26 (10%) to cover potential contract change orders for a total contract amount of \$1,134,751.86 to be expendable for the life of the project without regard to fiscal year;*

*RESOLVED, That PAC recommends the project budget previously established in the Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage for the purpose of accepting and appropriating grants and donations be increased from \$800,000.00 to \$1,224,311.86 as follows:*

*Sources of funds:*

- \$80,000.00 from the approved Stormwater Capital Budget.*
- \$32,356.00 from the approved FY2014 Parks Memorial and Contributions Fund.*
- \$30,356.00 from the approved FY2014 Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage.*

- \$22,977.00 from the approved FY2014 Parks & Recreation Services General Fund operating budget.
- \$258,622.86 from uncommitted funds available appropriated from the Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage fund balance.

Use of funds:

- Construction contract value and 10% contingency, for a total increase of \$424,311.86

**A motion was made by Galardi, seconded by Jackson, that the Resolution be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council. On a voice vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried.**

**Yeas:** 8 - RAC Rep. Berla, Chair Berson Grand, Levin, Vice Chair Ault, Jackson, Galardi, Stults, and Geer

**Nays:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Krapohl

**H2**      [13-0749](#)

Resolution to Recommend Waiving Park Space Rental Fee for Liberty Plaza

**Attachments:**    H2 PAC - LIBERTY FEE WAIVER

*C. Smith provided background on the Proposal and its connection to Pizza in the Park and other ways to provide other additional benefits for Liberty Plaza. J. Black also provided some history of the use of Liberty Plaza.*

*C. Smith read the Resolution:*

*Whereas, Liberty Plaza has long been identified as a park space that could be improved;*

*Whereas, Previous events have taken place in Liberty Plaza with no rental fee charged and have activated the space; and*

*Whereas, It is the goal of staff and PAC to further activate Liberty Plaza by increasing social, cultural, and recreational activities that take place there;*

*RESOLVED, That PAC recommends that City Council authorize the City Administrator or designee to waive any fees related to the rental of park space in Liberty Plaza until July 1, 2014; and*

*RESOLVED, That PAC reviews the efficacy of this fee waiver prior to July 1, 2014 and provide City Council with a recommendation as to whether the fee waiver should become permanent.*

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**I COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

*Chair Grand recognized C. Smith for receiving the "2013 Current Readers Choice Do Gooder of the Year Award."*

**J REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**

*C. Smith shared that the grand opening of the Traver Creek Stream Bank Stabilization Project at Leslie Golf Course on June 23. Ann Arbor Civic Band Summer Concert series starts on June 19 at West Park. Repairs at Gallup Park are continuing. C. Smith discussed risk management and safety at the Canoe Livery.*

**K REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS**

**L REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

*T. Berla discussed ongoing conversations on ways to get more recreation programs.*

*I. Ault gave updates for the Downtown Park Subcommittee. Survey should be out shortly followed by community outreach.*

*Chair Grand gave an update on the North Main Vision Task Force. The writing up of recommendations from the Task Force will be forthcoming. Art at Argo is down to three finalists.*

**M REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASK FORCES**

*K. Levin talked about the upcoming survey from the Dog Park Subcommittee.*

**N PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

*Nicolas Goodman, 1327 White Street, from Camp Take Notice Committee gave an update of the group's activities.*

*Greg Pratt, 3580 Oakwood Street, discussed Pizza in the Park.*

*Caleb Parker, 1327 White Street, discussed the Resolution and the protection of Pizza in the Park.*

**O CLOSED SESSION**

**P TRANSMITTALS**

**P1**     [13-0750](#)     City Council Items Update

**Attachments:**     P1 PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 6 2013

**P2**     [13-0751](#)     Park Projects Update

**Attachments:**     P2 PAC Update 6-13

**P3**     [13-0752](#)     City of Ann Arbor 2008 - 2013 Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage Status

**Attachments:**     P3 Parks\_Project\_Status\_Table-FY2012-13

**Q**     **ADJOURNMENT**

**Adjourn**