



City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final Park Advisory Commission

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

4:00 PM

City Hall, 301 E. Huron Street

A CALL TO ORDER

B ROLL CALL

C. Smith called the roll.

Present: 11 - Timothy Berla, Chair Julie Berson Grand, Mike Anglin, Christopher Taylor, Karen Levin, Ingrid Ault, Alan Jackson, Bob Galardi, Melissa Stults, Graydon Krapohl, and Jennifer Geer

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E1 13-1032 PAC Meeting Minutes August 20, 2013

Attachments: Draft PAC Meeting Minutes 8-20-13

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council

F SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

G UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H NEW BUSINESS

H1 13-1033 PAC Annual Elections

Attachments: PAC Bylaws-Revised

I. Ault nominated and unanimously elected as PAC Chair.

G. Krapohl nominated and unanimously elected as PAC Vice-Chair.

Chair Grand nominated B. Galardi for Budget Chair. B. Galardi accepted nomination and unanimously elected.

H2 13-1034 Land Acquisition Annual Report

Attachments: Open Space and Parkland Preservation Program Activity Report, Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage

G. Trocchio reviewed the Land Acquisition Report and Greenbelt/Parks financial status.

H3 13-1113

Resolution to Recommend Passage of an Amendment to Provide for Exemptions to the Park Rental Fee Requirement for Limited Group Activities in Parks

Attachments: Resolution to Recommend Passage of an Amendment to Provide for Exemptions to Park Rental Fee Requirement, Ord Amend Parks Group Activities Permit Fee

C. Taylor gave the background on the proposed resolution and its merits. C. Taylor read the Resolution:

WHEREAS, local faith communities in conjunction with Camp Take Notice have successfully distributed food to persons in need in Liberty Plaza on a regular basis;

WHEREAS, to support the success of that food distribution program, members of Camp Take Notice requested that the City of Ann Arbor waive park rental fees in connection with Liberty Plaza food distribution;

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor has waived all park rental fees in connection with Liberty Plaza;

WHEREAS, members of Camp Take Notice have observed that Liberty Plaza is occasionally unavailable and not always optimal for distribution of goods to persons in need;

WHEREAS, members of Camp Take Notice have requested that park rental fee waivers be extended to all parks in connection with the "distribution of humanitarian aid";

WHEREAS, Staff has suggested that "charitable distribution of goods for basic human needs" would be a more narrowly tailored standard than "distribution of humanitarian aid";

WHEREAS, members of Camp Take Notice have expressed their support for Staff's proposed language;

WHEREAS, the amendment of Chapter 39, Section 3:6 would not modify the obligation to obtain a permit, permitting procedures, authorized park uses, or a group's clean up obligations;

WHEREAS, Staff has concluded that the amendment of Chapter 39, Section 3:6 would not burden staff, other park users, or park infrastructure or facilities; and

WHEREAS, the amendment of Chapter 39, Section 3:6 would encourage the "charitable distribution of goods for basic human needs" to persons in need, in a manner consistent with existing park policies.

RESOLVED that the Parks Advisory Commission recommends passage of the attached amendment of Chapter 39, Section 3:6.

I COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

Discussion regarding survey data and the need for a policy on how data is to be desiminated and distributed.

J REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

C. Smith reported on Parks activities: Skatepark construction is going well. Roof construction at Mack and Vets is wrapping up. The Ice Arena at Vets is now open. Esch Park construction is substantially complete. Phase 2 of Gallup construction is happening now and should be finished by November. The Dog Swim has been very successful. Numbers from last year were 163 dogs. This year's numbers are 419 dogs.

K REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS

L REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

T. Berla reported on topics being discussed by RAC including a Coach Recognition Plan (Coach Hall of Fame), goals and school funding options.

M REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASKFORCES

M1 Update from Dog Park Subcommittee

The first public meeting was held and the subcommittee will have another public meeting at Traverwood. Good feedback was obtained in the meeting.

M2 Update from Downtown Park Subcommittee

First public meeting has occurred and the second will occur on the 18th of September.

N PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL (3 Minutes per Speaker)

A member of Camp Take Notice expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Commission for voting in favor of the Resolution to waive fees for use of Liberty Plaza.

O CLOSED SESSION

P TRANSMITTALS

P1 13-1035 City Council Items Update

Attachments: PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 9 2013

P2 13-1036 Park Projects Update

Attachments: PAC Update 9-13

P3 13-1037 City of Ann Arbor 2013 - 2018 Park Maintenance and Capital

Improvements Millage Status

Attachments: Parks_Project_Status_Table-FY2013-14

Q ADJOURNMENT