



CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2011

The regular meeting of the Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Washtenaw County Administration Building in the County Board of Commission Public Meeting Room, 220 N. Main St., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chair J. Grand.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: (8) J. Grand, S. Offen, T. Berla, D. Barrett,
G. Nystuen D. Chapman, K. Levin,
T. Doyle

Ex-Officio Members Present: (1) M. Anglin

Ex- Officio Members Absent: (1) C. Taylor

Members Absent: (1) J. Lawter

Staff Present: (3) C. Smith, A. Kuras, L. Bowen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Commissioner Grand asked for a motion to approve the agenda. The Commission approved the agenda unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes per Speaker)

J. Satarino spoke on the Fuller Road Station proposed project.

A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Berla moved supported by **Commissioner Doyle** to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2010 meeting as written. The minutes of November 16, 2010 were approved unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Allen Creek Greenway Conservancy

M. Quinn gave a detailed overview on this issue; explaining a power point presentation that also included a video.

T. Berla asked if a brief explanation could be given regarding future plans that may be proposed with the Greenway over the next few years.

M. Quinn explained future plans that could be implemented the Allen Creek Greenway.

53 Update from Friends of the Ann Arbor Skate Park

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55 **S. Rosencrans** explained he is now the project liaison for this proposed project and would
56 be the contact person. S. Rosencrans gave an overview/update to the Commission on a
57 number of upcoming activities and fundraisers towards the implementation of this project.

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59 **D. Barrett** asked if parking would be an issue.

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61 **S. Rosencrans** stated there have not been any discussions regarding an expansion of the
62 parking lot.

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64 **C. Smith** stated parking issues have not been foreseen at this time.

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66 **PUBLIC HEARING**

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68 **A. Ralph** spoke/read a letter on behalf of Rita Mitchell regarding the Pros Plan Resolution;
69 asking the Resolution be tabled until after sufficient time of public comment is completed
70 and public hearings are held.

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72 **G. Gaston** asked if the Pros Plan Resolution be tabled until after there has been a public
73 hearing regarding this issue.

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75 **B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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77 **B-1** Quarterly Financial Update

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79 **S. Offen** spoke on this issue and explained the financial report to the
80 Commission. S. Offen also commented staff on doing a good job regarding
81 keeping cost down as well as the reports being well prepared.

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83 **C. Smith** stated the highlights and variations of the budget could be found in
84 the forecast.

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86 C. Smith also explained the process for the budget will be different this year as
87 oppose to previous years. Impact sheets will be presented to City Council from
88 Community Services this year, which will include ideas to be able to cut the
89 budget by approximately 2%.

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91 **C - NEW BUSINESS**

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93 **C-1** Resolution to Recommend Approval of the 2011 – 2015 Parks and Recreation
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96 **A. Kuras** spoke on the Pros Plan Resolution and explained the different ways
97 the public have been involved and given the opportunity to comment on this
98 issue. A. Kuras also explaining the process and deadlines that are required.

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100 **C. Smith** stated surveys were sent out to the public and responses have been
101 very good.

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103 **T. Berla** asked if amendments could be made to the Pros Plan.

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105 **A. Kuras** stated yes, amendments can be made. A. Kuras also stated there
106 would be a written summary of the comments received.

108 **C. Smith** stated there will be a Public Hearing at the Planning Commission in
109 February 1, 2011.

111 **T. Doyle** stated he would be supportive to approving the Resolution as a draft.

113 **S. Offen** expressed concern regarding the approval of a draft Resolution
114 without the comments of the public received, and would rather postpone voting
115 on the Resolution at this time.

117 **D. Barrett** complimented A. Kuras on the hard work done on the Pros Plan
118 presentation.

120 **J. Grand** stated the vote would be “tabled” on the Pros Plan Resolution until
121 the February 22, 2011 meeting. The Commission agreed.

123 ***The Commission agreed unanimously to postpone the vote for the**
124 **Resolution.**

126 **C-2** Gallup Livery Improvements Plan

128 **A. Kuras** spoke on this issue; stating there are 3 basic elements that will be
129 renovated at Gallup Park, including the canoe livery; expanding the meeting
130 room and improving safety at the approach to the canoe livery and the dock
131 areas

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133 The will be a public meeting next Tuesday, January 25, 2011 to review the
134 concept plans for the proposed renovation; afterwards if the plans are
135 approved there can be an opportunity to apply for grants to fund the
136 renovations.

138 **C. Smith** stated the facility at Gallup Park has outgrown what it was originally
139 designed for; the upgrades and renovations are much needed. C. Smith also
140 explained the process of applying for a grant.

142 **S. Offen** asked if the renovations would take place in the existing structure at
143 Gallup Park.

145 **A. Kuras** stated there will be a change in the configuration of the existing
146 structure.

148 **C. Smith** stated there will be a public meeting at the canoe livery on January
149 25, 2011, pertaining to the proposed renovations at Gallup park.

151 **D - COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

153 **E - REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**

155 **C. Smith** updated the Commission on Washtenaw County committing to contributing
156 financially to the proposed project of the Argo Dam head race.

157 **T. Berla** asked for an update regarding the RFP pertaining to the Golf Course.

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159 **C. Smith** explained the process that took place regarding this issue.

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161 **F - REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS**

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163 **G - REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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165 **H - REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASK**
166 **FORCES**

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168 **I - PUBLIC COMMENTARY – GENERAL (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

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170 **J - CLOSED SESSION TO DEAL WITH PRIVELEDGED CLIENT ATTORNEY INFORMATION**

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172 **K - TRANSMITTALS**

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174 **K-1** City Council Items Update

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176 **K-2** Park Project Update

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178 **K-3** City of Ann Arbor 2008 – 2013 Park Maintenance and Capital
179 Improvements Millage Status

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181 There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Berla**
182 moved that the open meeting be adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The Commission unanimously
183 agreed.