



City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Park Advisory Commission

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

4:00 PM

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

A CALL TO ORDER

B ROLL CALL

Staff: 2 - C. Smith, A. Kuras

Present: 11 - Alan Jackson, Bob Galardi, David Santacroce, Mary Jo Gray, Stephen Borgsdorf, Julie Grand, Praveena Ramaswami, Lauren London, Zachary Ackerman, VACANT POSITION 1, and Mike Appel

Absent: 1 - Paige Morrison

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E1 [16-0572](#) Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2016

Attachments: PAC Meeting Minutes 3-15-16

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to City Council.

F SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

G NEW BUSINESS

H UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H1 Update on the PROS Plan

A. Kuras gave a history of the PROS Plan and explained how it is part of the City's Master Plan. The PROS Plan is a guiding document that helps the City move forward in planning projects, identifying trends and is also a necessary and required tool when applying for trust funds from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. She then discussed the survey and next steps for the Plan.

I COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

I1 [16-0573](#)

PAC Resolution on the FY 2017 Proposed Budget for Parks and Recreation Services and Park Operations

Attachments: FY2017 Parks and Recreation Budget Resolution, Budget impacts for FY17 for Feb 22

R. Galardi discussed the 2nd year of the two year spending plan submitted last year. The budget has very few modifications. The second year has two primary exceptions: 1) The Argo budget needs to be increased for expenditures to accommodate the greater numbers of customers and the subsequent need for staff and other expenditures to meet the customer service needs; 2) The ice rinks were popular this introductory year and will run again for another year. C. Smith gave additional details regarding the budget.

The Commission accepted a friendly amendment and the resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, a vibrant, extensive, and healthy parks system is part of every great town and city;

Whereas, Ann Arbor residents value their parks, natural areas and recreational facilities and support these amenities through their taxes and patronage;

Whereas, the Parks Advisory Commission (PAC) commends staff for their continued efforts to engage PAC members in the budget process, and in producing a budget draft that follows PAC's recommended budget priorities to sustain facilities and activities for all residents, especially children, low income residents, and seniors, particularly where these services are not otherwise available; and

Whereas, the three outdoor rinks piloted over the 2015/16 winter were well received and enjoyed by the public;

RESOLVED, That PAC recommends that City Council approve the Administrator's recommended budget for Parks and Recreation Services and Park Operations as developed by staff highlighting the following items and with one amendment:

- 1. Increased canoe livery revenue budget resulting from increased participation. Increased canoe livery expenditure budget in order to accommodate busier operations with the goal of providing outstanding visitor experiences.*
- 2. Capital projects that focus on rehabilitating existing infrastructure and improvements where sustainable and practicable.*
- 3. Increase the Park Operations general fund operating budget by \$60,000.00 to fund outdoor ice rinks at Allmendinger, Burns, and Northside Parks during the 2016/17 winter.*
- 4. If additional expenditure funds are made available to Parks through the Parks "fairness resolution" those funds should be allocated to the outdoor ice rink program.*

Motion unanimously approved as amended.

Approved as Amended

I2 Appointment of PAC Representative to the Environmental Commission

Chair Santacroce asked the members to consider filling the role left vacant by M. Stults on the Environmental Commission to please discuss with him as soon as possible. The position needs to be filled in a timely fashion. This Commission meets twice a month.

J REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

C. Smith talked about the first day of the season for the canoe liveries. After May 28, Argo will open every day of the season. Golf courses are open. NAP has been performing prescribed burns. Spaces still available at Buhr and Fuller camps. Successful Earth Day event at Leslie Science Nature Center. 3,000+ people attended. P. Ramaswami inquired as to whether or not there would be a parking plan for events with such high attendance. Leslie Park Golf Course has been chosen as the qualifier course by the LPGA for an event in May. The Senior Center has a watercolor artist appearing on May 6. All of the passports in the Passport Program have been distributed. With May, the Farmers Market gets busier. The first Wednesday of each month will have a food truck event. Huron Hills Golf Course has an open house on May 7 for all types of golf. C. Smith gave recognition to A. Kuras for her work on the PROS Plan.

K REPORTS FROM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

MJ Gray stated that RAC met on April 12. Current openings for two high school students and two City appointees. Rick's Run for Kids will occur in October with registration opening in May. AAPS is contracting with an educational company for tuition based program to give students the opportunity to study in China and Chinese students will come here at the same time. Rec and Ed will provide free child care specifically for election day in May.

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

M PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL (3 Minutes per Speaker)

Alan Haber spoke regarding public ownership of Library Lane and the upcoming Earth Day event to be held at Library Lane.

N CLOSED SESSION

O TRANSMITTALS

O1 [16-0574](#) Park Planning Capital Project Update

Attachments: PAC Update 4-16

Received and Filed

O2 [16-0575](#) PAC Council Update April 2016

Attachments: PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 4 2016

Received and Filed

- O3 [16-0576](#) Parks Project Status Table FY 2015-2016
Attachments: Parks_Project_Status_Table-FY2015-16
Received and Filed

P ADJOURNMENT