



City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final Park Advisory Commission

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

4:00 PM

Basement Conference Room, City Hall,
301 E. Huron Street

A CALL TO ORDER

B ROLL CALL

Staff in attendance:

6 - C. Smith, A. Kuras, S. DeWitt, B. Gajewski, D. Borneman, D. Armstrong

Present: 9 - Mike Anglin, Karen Levin, Alan Jackson, Bob Galardi, Graydon Krapohl, David Santacroce, Paige Morrison, Mary Jo Gray, and Praveena Ramaswami

Absent: 1 - Melissa Stults

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved

D PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E1 14-1619 Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2014

Attachments: PAC Final Meeting Minutes 10-21-14.pdf

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to City Council.

F SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

F1 Skatepark Report

Trevor Staples provided a history of how the Skatepark came to be. Currently trying to raise a goal of \$100K for the endowment to assist with maintenance and management of the Skatepark. Right now at \$85K. C. Smith discussed the formation of the Skatepark Advisory Committee, which was part of the construction agreement. This Committee will meet twice a year to speak to all matters regarding the Skatepark.

F2 14-1620 Canoe Imagine Art Project

Attachments: Canoe Imagine Art.pdf

Deb Pollock from the Ann Arbor Arts Alliance stated that the Canoe Imagine Art Project is to repurpose City owned canoes that have been retired and give artists opportunity to create installations that will then be placed in parks along the River.

F3 14-1621 Natural Area Preservation Osprey Nesting Platform Project

Attachments: Osprey Platform memo to PAC.pdf, Osprey nesting sites - 5 sites.pdf

D. Borneman and Dee Armstrong gave a presentation on the Osprey. As part of an effort to preserve habitats for birds, this project will assist in bringing back the osprey.

F4 14-1630 Farmers Market Annual Update

Attachments: AAFM 2014 PAC Presentation Handout.pdf

S. DeWitt gave an annual update on the Market. She presented on 2014 accomplishments, the actual market vendors, food assistance programs, the Wednesday Evening Market, partnerships and events, press for the Market, the Public Market Advisory Commission and goals for 2015.

G UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H NEW BUSINESS

I COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

I1 14-1622 Recommendation for the Sister Lakes in Dolph Park

Attachments: Sister Lakes Resolution_Oct2014_revisedCS.pdf

A. Jackson gave summary on the main points of the resolution. Resolution now reads as follows:

Park Advisory Commission Recommendation for the Sister Lakes in Dolph Park

WHEREAS, the Sister Lakes in Dolph Park are the only natural lakes in the city, making them both unique and ecologically significant;

WHEREAS the Sister Lakes have been observed undergoing eutrophication and other natural and anthropogenic changes;

WHEREAS, several studies have been conducted on the water quality and ecological health of the lakes including:

- *The First and Second Sister Lakes Diagnostic/Feasibility Study of 1997;*
- *Dolph Park Master Plan – Environmental Analysis, of 1976;*
- *Black & Vetch Stormwater Master Plan – '97;*
- *United States Geological Survey Ground and Surface Water Relations along Honey Creek – '03;*
- *Huron River Impoundment and Management Plan – '09;*
- *SL Sampling data from Dolph Park Master Plan – '76*
- *SL Sampling data from Feasibility Study – '97*
- *SL Sampling data from MiCorps – '13*
- *First Sister Lake surface areas beginning in 1904*
- *Aerial Photos From: '47, '93, '97, '02, '06, '12*

WHEREAS, a number of valuable initiatives have been undertaken to protect the Sister Lakes including:

- Phosphorus ban in the City of Ann Arbor, which passed in 2006 and took effect in 2007;*
- City-wide composting and street-leaf pick-up ban, which took effect 2010;*
- The Waste Watcher publication that includes cartoons about how stormwater works;*
- Dissemination of a watershed guide describing homeowner best management practices;*
- Partnership with Ann Arbor Public Schools for urban stormwater curriculum;*
- Clean-up events;*
- Interpretive signs at key features;*
- Labeling of storm drains (e.g. Huron River Watershed Council Adopt-a-Drain program);*
- Reduced use of salt on streets and dissemination of guidance to homeowners about how to properly use salt;*
- Implementation of an effective and compliant construction runoff control program in the watershed; and*
- Support to Huron River Watershed Council programs;*

WHEREAS, the Parks Advisory Commission (PAC) have learned that there are a number of measures that could help retain or enhance the water quality and ecological health of the Sister Lakes, including:

- Eliminating road salt usage in the area;*
- Additional street sweeping in direct drainage areas;*
- Additional interpretive educational program for visitors and area schools;*
- Retrofit of the privately-owned stormwater detention basin that drains to Second Sister Lake;*
- Redirection of tributary drain into First Sister Lake;*
- Additional monitoring of both lakes*
- Additional property owner education programs*

WHEREAS, PAC has determined that additional resources are needed to retain or enhance the water quality and ecological health of the Sister Lakes;

WHEREAS, drainage from the Sister Lakes affects the Huron River and City of Ann Arbor drinking water source;

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor promotes the concept of integrated stormwater management;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that PAC recommends that the City Council coordinate efforts citywide to protect the Sister Lakes and work with outside organizations including, but not limited to other governmental entities to devise strategies for protecting and preserving the Sister Lakes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, PAC recommends that the City Council secure funding for feasibility and design efforts to retrofit the Lakewood Road outfall that discharges into First Sister Lake to enhance water quality through increased sediment trapping and nutrient uptake;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PAC recommends that the City Council continues to promote the use of green infrastructure to reduce the amount of runoff reaching the Sister Lakes and other water bodies in the city;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PAC recommends that the City Council encourage a targeted residential rain garden program in the Sister Lakes drainage area to reduce the amount of runoff reaching the Sister Lakes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approved

J REPORTS FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

C. Smith gave the following updates:

- 1) Non-smoking ordinance was accepted and implemented by the City Administrator. To be implemented by February 1st for 78 parks.*
- 2) City/Fuller Parking Lot Lease was approved with amendments.*
- 3) Leslie Park Golf Course is closed for the season. Huron Hills remains open. Buhr Park outdoor ice arena is open.*
- 4) Recognition for Farmers Market on Today Show. Women's Health Magazine recognized Ann Arbor Parks. Better Homes and Gardens recognized Mack Pool. Virgin Atlantic Magazine recognized Buhr Park.*
- 5) Staff beginning to work on budget.*
- 6) Grant application for Rotary playground at Gallup has been submitted.*
- 7) Repairs at Leslie Science Nature Center are beginning.*

K REPORTS FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS

L REPORTS FROM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

MJ Gray stated that the first 5K was just run. This was the first of what will be an annual event to fund physical education programs.

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

M1 14-1623 Presentation and Progress Update from Dog Park Subcommittee

Attachments: Dog Park Document 9-3-14.pdf

A. Kuras gave an update on the Dog Park Subcommittee activities and the history on the Dog Park process. Similar cities were looked at for comparison and guidelines. There is not a series of consistent best practices in the country. Discussion followed regarding past and future practices. Document will be uploaded to the website and a survey will be added to Open City Hall.

N PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL (3 Minutes per Speaker)

O CLOSED SESSION

P TRANSMITTALS

P1 14-1624 Park Planning Capital Project Update

Attachments: PAC Update 11-14.pdf

P2 **14-1625** PAC Council Update November 2014

Attachments: PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 11 2014.pdf

P3 **14-1626** Parks Project Status Table FY2014-2015

Attachments: Parks_Project_Status_Table-FY2014-15.pdf

Q **ADJOURNMENT**