



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

Park Advisory Commission

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Tuesday, September 15, 2020

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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1 CALL TO ORDER

2 ROLL CALL

Present: 10 - Paige Morrison, Stephen Borgsdorf, Julie Grand, Praveena Ramaswami, Lauren London, Mike Appel, Ruth L. Kraut, Rachel Skylis, Jeff Hayner, and Anne Marsan

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously as presented.

4 FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Ratner (address unknown) explained that he visited each Ann Arbor Park and prepared a report that was shared with the Commission and is available to the public, and recommended that there be clear signage installed at each park and that an equity audit of the parks system be performed.

Nora (last name unknown, address unknown) expressed support for the proposed Leslie Food Garden Project.

Pam (last name unknown, address unknown) expressed opposition for the Leslie Food Garden Project.

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**5-A** [20-1401](#) Minutes of the August 3, 2020 PAC Meeting**Attachments:** 8-3-2020 PAC Minutes.pdf

Moved by London, seconded by Marsan, approved unanimously as presented and forwarded to the City Council.

6 PRESENTATIONS**6-A** [20-1390](#) Presentation on the Proposed Leslie Food Garden Project**Attachments:** Updated Northside Food Forest Proposal (1).pdf

City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Deputy Manager, Scott Spooner, described the location of the proposed Leslie Food Forest Garden Project. Spooner explained the order of events that took place regarding the proposed Leslie Food Forest Garden Project, and explained that at this time, the project has not been approved by the city.

City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Manager, Colin Smith clarified that today the Commission is going to received a presentation from the proposed Leslie Food Forest Garden Project, consider comments, and to ask questions. Smith explained that no action is required at this time.

Councilmember Jeff Hayner explained that he met with the individuals leading the project and expressed support for the proposed Leslie Food Forest Garden Project.

Robin Greenwood and ShuNahSii, representing the proposed Leslie Food Forest Garden Project presented the proposed project. Full presentation is available online for viewing at <https://ctnvideo.a2gov.org/CablecastPublicSite/show/3014?channel=1>

Commissioner Stephen Borgsdorf inquired about the food produced by the project, and about the location selection process, and if there was any soil sampling or testing that took place. Borgsdorf expressed apprehension about the proposed project.

ShuNahSii explained that the food is available to the community for harvest, and that she lives near the park, and that it was selected due to its size and proximity to affordable housing.

Commissioner Praveena Ramaswami inquired about current funding and long-term funding. Ramaswami also inquired if a garden at West Park is related to this park, and about the logistics of a community garden operating on city park property.

ShuNahSii explained that the project currently has private funding, but that grant funding will be pursued.

Smith explained that the community garden in West Park is affiliated with Project Grow and is affiliated with the city.

Commissioner Ruth Kraut inquired about long term management of the project, as well as how similar future initiatives would be handled.

ShuNahSii discussed community involvement and volunteer roles.

Smith explained that a partnership with Project Grow would be attempted with future initiatives. If a partnership with Project Grow was not possible, the Park's Department would determine the feasibility of the site and move forward as appropriate.

ShuNahSii explained that there has been communication with Project Grow.

Commissioner Anne Marsan inquired if the project is a registered nonprofit organization, about the previous use of the project site, and water source for the site.

ShuNahSii answered that the project is not a registered nonprofit organization, and at this time there has not been any lab analysis for environmental concern. She further explained that a rainwater collection system is being designed.

Councilmember Julie Grand discussed the lack of community engagement at the onset of the project, other similar projects within the city, and inquired about future engagement plans.

ShuNahSii explained that community engagement did take place.

Hayner discussed the project, expressing support.

Kraut recommended that a termination understanding be included in the

planning progress for the proposed project.

Received and Filed

- 6-B [20-1391](#) Presentation on Survey Results for the Burns Park Tennis Court Reconstruction

Attachments: 2020 0910 Burns Park Tennis Court Survey Results with Comments.pdf

City of Ann Arbor Landscape Architect, Hillary Hanzel presented the Survey Results for the Burns Park Tennis Court Reconfiguration results highlighting the following points:

219 responses received

Court reconfiguration options

80% of survey responses supported reconfiguring the courts to include three tennis courts and two pickle ball courts.

Received and Filed

7 REPORTS

7-A REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

Smith provided an update regarding the current restrictions of park facilities relating to COVID-19, park related projects that are starting, and that there will be a Park Naming Committee meeting on September 21, 2020. Smith also reported that the Leslie Science and Nature center will be cleared for use. Smith explained that goats will be used at Argo Park, Gallup Park, and Cobblestone Farm to mitigate poison ivy growth.

Grand discussed City Council exemptions relating to recreation and gatherings of people, and explained that a City Council exemption is an option for site should that be needed.

7-B REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

No report.

7-C REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASKFORCES

No report.

8 NEW BUSINESS

8-A [20-1392](#) Resolution to recommend approval of a contract with All Star Power Excavation, L.L.C. to renovate the pathway near the boat launch at Gallup Park (\$245,209.00).

Attachments: PAC - GALLUPBOATWAYPATH (002).pdf, Gallup Park Project Location.JPG

Hanzel presented the resolution to recommend approval of a contract with All Star Power Excavation, L.L.C. to renovate the pathway near the boat launch at Gallup Park.

Moved by Borgsdorf, seconded by Skylis, to approve the Resolution to recommend approval of a contract with All Star Power Excavation, L.L.C. to renovate the pathway near the boat launch at Gallup Park (\$245,209.00).

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

None

On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion passed.

Approved resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH ALL STAR POWER EXCAVATION, L.L.C. TO RENOVATE A PORTION OF PATHWAY IN GALLUPPARK (\$245,209.00)

Whereas, The boat launch pathway in Gallup Park is in need of major renovation,

Whereas, The Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan (PROS) recommends infrastructure improvements for pathways that are in disrepair;

Whereas, Funding for the Gallup Park Pathway Renovations is available in the approved FY2021 Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage budget;

Whereas, Competitive bids were received by Purchasing on August 5, 2020;

Whereas, All Star Power Excavation, L.L.C. submitted the lowest responsive bid;

Whereas, All Star Power Excavation, L.L.C. has submitted all required Non-Discrimination, Prevailing Wage, Living Wage, and Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms and complies with the requirements of the City’s Non-Discrimination, Prevailing Wage, and Living Wage Ordinances;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends approval of a contract with All Star Power Excavating, L.L.C. to renovate the boat launch pathway in Gallup Park and approve a construction contingency of \$24,520.90 (10%) to cover potential contract change orders for a total contract amount of \$269,729.90 for the life of the project without regard to fiscal year.

Yeas: 6 - Morrison, Borgsdorf, London, Appel, Skylis, and Marsan

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Ramaswami, and RAC Rep. Kraut

8-B [20-1393](#) Resolution to recommend approval of a contract with Sommerset Paving to replace basketball courts at Southeast Area Park and Leslie Park (\$116,211.00).

Attachments: PAC RESOLUTION - SE AREA AND LESLIE BASKETBALL.pdf

Hanzel presented the resolution to recommend approval of a contract with Sommerset Paving to replace basketball courts at Southeast Area Park and Leslie Park.

Moved by London, seconded by Rachel, to approve the resolution to recommend approval of a contract with Sommerset Paving to replace basketball courts at Southeast Area Park and Leslie Park.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Hayner inquired if the paving bid includes painting.

Smith explained that the contract includes the cost of paint.

On a roll call vote the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion approved.

Approved resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH SOMMERSET PAVING TO REPLACE BASKETBALL COURTS AT SOUTHEAST AREA PARK AND LESLIE PARK THE PATHWAY IN RIVERSIDE PARK (\$116,211.00)

Whereas, The basketball courts at Southeast Area Park and Leslie Park are in need of replacement;

Whereas, Game court repairs are identified in the Capital Improvement Plan and Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan (PROS) as park priorities; Whereas, Funding for the basketball court replacements is available in the approved FY2021 Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage budget;

Whereas, Competitive bids were received by Purchasing on August 5, 2020;

Whereas, Sommerset Paving submitted the lowest responsive bid for both Southeast Area Park and Leslie Park;

Whereas, Sommerset Paving has submitted all required Non-Discrimination, Prevailing Wage, Living Wage, and Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms and complies with the requirements of the City’s Non-Discrimination, Prevailing Wage, and Living Wage Ordinances;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends approval of a contract with Sommerset Paving to replace the basketball courts in Southeast Area Park and Leslie Park and approve a construction contingency of \$11,621.10 (10%) to cover potential contract change orders for a total contract amount of \$127,832.10 for the life of the project without regard to fiscal year;

Yeas: 6 - Morrison, Borgsdorf, London, Appel, Skylis, and Marsan

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Ramaswami, and RAC Rep. Kraut

8-C [20-1394](#) Resolution to recommend approval of a Service Contract with Aquatic Source, LLC. for On-Call Pool Mechanical Services at the City Pools for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 annually for FY 21 - 23 with a Two-Year Renewal Option not to exceed \$75,000.00 annually for FY 23 - 25.

Attachments: PAC - AQUATIC SOURCE.pdf, aquatic source contract unsigned2020.pdf

City of Ann Arbor Deputy Parks Manager Josh Landefeld explained the resolution to recommend approval of a Service Contract with Aquatic Source, LLC. for On-Call Pool Mechanical Services at the City Pools for

an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 annually for FY 21 – 23 with a Two-Year Renewal Option not to exceed \$75,000.00 annually for FY 23 - 25.

Moved by Appel, seconded by Marsan to approve the Resolution to recommend approval of a Service Contract with Aquatic Source, LLC. for On-Call Pool Mechanical Services at the City Pools for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 annually for FY 21 – 23 with a Two-Year Renewal Option not to exceed \$75,000.00 annually for FY 23 - 25.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

None.

On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion approved.

Approved resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH AQUATIC SOURCE, LLC FOR ON-CALL POOL MECHANICAL SERVICES AT THE CITY POOLS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00 ANNUALLY FOR FY 21 – 23 WITH A TWO-YEAR RENEWAL OPTION NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00 ANNUALLY FOR FY 23 - 25

Whereas, The Parks & Recreation Services utilizes pool services companies to open, close and provide in season maintenance to ensure the four city pools are function,
Whereas, Having a single company on call will provide consistent and quality maintenance;
Whereas, The City issued Request for Proposal #20-23 for On-Call Pool Mechanical Services at the City Pools and three bids were received, with the proposal from Aquatic Source, LLC. being selected;
Whereas, Funding is available in the approved FY 21 Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage;
Whereas, Aquatic Source, LLC. has submitted all required Non-Discrimination, Prevailing Wage, Living Wage, and Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms and complies with the requirements of the City’s Non Discrimination, Prevailing Wage and Living Wage Ordinances;
RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend

approval of a Service Contract with Aquatic Source, LLC. for On-Call Pool Mechanical Services at the City Pools for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 annually for FY 21 - 23 with a Two-Year Renewal Option not to exceed \$75,000.00 annually for FY 23 – 25, subject to funding for future fiscal years.

Yeas: 6 - Morrison, Borgsdorf, London, Appel, Skylis, and Marsan

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Ramaswami, and RAC Rep. Kraut

8-D **20-1395** Resolution to Recommend Approval of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant Development Project Agreement for the Argo Livery Universal Access and Site Improvements Project and Accept and Appropriate Funding (\$300,000.00)

Attachments: PAC - ARGO_MDNR.pdf

Hanzel presented the Resolution to Recommend Approval of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant Development Project Agreement for the Argo Livery Universal Access and Site Improvements Project and Accept and Appropriate Funding (\$300,000.00).

Moved by Borgsdorf, seconded by Appel to approve the Resolution to Recommend Approval of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant Development Project Agreement for the Argo Livery Universal Access and Site Improvements Project and Accept and Appropriate Funding (\$300,000.00).

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Appel expressed support for the proposed resolution and discussed education and outreach.

Commissioner Marsan inquired about spending time limits.

Hanzel answered that two full years are available for spending the funds.

On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion passed.

Approved resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS TO ARGO NATURE AREA AND ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE UP TO \$300,000.00 IN FUNDING

Whereas, The Michigan Department of Natural Resources approved a matching grant through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) or (DEPARTMENT) for construction of Universal Access and Site improvements to Argo Nature Area, Whereas, the Park Advisory Commission recommended approved the grant application on February 26, 2019, and City Council recommended approval of the grant application on March 18, 2019, and

Whereas, Local match funding for the project includes \$300,000.00 from the Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage; **RESOLVED**, That the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement for TF19-0154 as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and that the City of Ann Arbor does specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) dollars to match the grant authorized by the DEPARTMENT.
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to the DEPARTMENT for auditing at reasonable times.
3. To construct the project and provide such funds, services, and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of said Agreement.
4. To regulate the use of the facility constructed and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
5. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend that Mayor and Council accept and appropriate funding not to exceed \$300,000.00 from the DEPARTMENT;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend approval of the project agreement between the City and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the construction of Universal Access and Site Improvements at the Argo Livery.

Yeas: 6 - Morrison, Borgsdorf, London, Appel, Skylis, and Marsan

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Ramaswami, and RAC Rep. Kraut

9 COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

9-A [20-1396](#) Resolution to Rename Rose White Park in honor of Graydon Krapohl.

Attachments: PAC - GRAYDON_PARK_RENAMING.pdf

Chair Morrison explained the proposed resolution to Rename Rose White Park in honor of Graydon Krapohl.

Borgsdorf clarified that all parts of Rose White Park would be renamed, including all of the triangular parcels.

Hayner inquired about existing and new signage for the park.

Smith answered that the park sign will be completed "in house". Smith further explained that park signs are replaced each year on a schedule.

Appel clarified that Rose White is seven separate parcels, and discussed appropriate signage for that site.

The Commission further discussed signage at park locations.

Grand expressed appreciation and support for the resolution to Rename Rose White Park in honor of Graydon Krapohl.

Moved by Appel, seconded by Marson, to approve the resolution to Rename Rose White Park in honor of Graydon Krapohl.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

None.

On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring

the motion passed.

**RESOLUTION TO RENAME ROSE WHITE PARK IN HONOR OF
GRAYDON KRAPOHL**

Whereas, Rose White Park, located in Ann Arbor, is a 1.12-acre park owned and managed by the City of Ann Arbor;

Whereas, The Park is a series of triangular parcels and derives its name from its location at the intersection of Rose Avenue and White Street; Whereas, Graydon Krapohl was an Infantry Officer in the United States Marine Corps who retired as a Colonel, a former Ann Arbor City Council member, a Parks Advisory Commission member, an advocate for the care and maintenance of our city parks, and a caring neighbor dedicated to community service;

Whereas, Graydon Krapohl passed away in April of 2020 after an extensive battle with cancer;

Whereas, An opportunity to commemorate and celebrate the life of Graydon Krapohl as an admired leader and caring community member has been presented to the Parks Advisory Commission of the City of Ann Arbor by the neighbors surrounding Rose White Park; and Whereas, This opportunity suggests to the Parks Advisory Commission that Rose White Park be renamed in honor of Graydon Krapohl, as “Graydon Park”;

RESOLVED, that The Parks Advisory Commission, at its September 15, 2020 meeting, recommends that Ann Arbor City Council rename and rededicate Rose White Park as Graydon Park;

RESOLVED, That the Parks Advisory Commission recommends that Ann Arbor’s Mayor and the Ann Arbor City Council officially rename and rededicate Rose White Park as Graydon Park; and RESOLVED, That, upon completion of the Park renaming, the City of Ann Arbor join with the Krapohl family and Park neighbors, in convening an appropriate Park dedication ceremony.

Yeas: 6 - Morrison, Borgsdorf, London, Appel, Skyllis, and Marsan

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Ramaswami, and RAC Rep. Kraut

10 LAND ACQUISITION MATTERS

Moved by Borgsdorf, seconded by Appel to enter a closed session to discuss Land Acquisition Matters at 5:56 p.m.

Moved by Skylis, seconded by London, to exit the closed session to discuss Land Acquisition Matters at 6:33 p.m.

11 SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT (Not Limited to Agenda Items)

Greta Krapohl, 1502 Golden Avenue, Ann Arbor, expressed appreciation for the approval of renaming Rose White Park in her husband Graydon's memory.

12 COMMUNICATIONS

12-A [20-1397](#) Park Planning Capital Project Update

Attachments: 2020-09 PAC Update.pdf

Received and Filed

12-B [20-1398](#) PAC Council Update

Attachments: PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 9_2020.pdf

Received and Filed

12-C [20-1399](#) Parks Project Status Table

Attachments: Parks_Project_Status_Table-FY2021.pdf

Received and Filed

13 CLOSED SESSION

14 ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:36 p.m.