

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks Advisory Commission

FROM: Colin Smith, Parks and Recreation Services Manager

DATE: February 26, 2019

SUBJECT: Park Advisory Commission Resolution Recommending Approval of Revised Bylaws and Amended Agreement between Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark and the City of Ann Arbor

Staff requested the City Attorney's Office review the PAC bylaws, and update them to allow LAC business to be conducted at the same meeting as the regular PAC meeting. In the process of doing this the bylaw language were updated to be consistent with other Commissions across the City. Attached is a track changes version of the bylaws that shows the proposed changes. The proposed changes do not alter the function or responsibilities of PAC, rather they update language and add language on certain topics, such as conflict of interest, to be in-line with other City Commissions and Boards.

Section 8.2 outlines the order of business or agenda outline for PAC. Item 9 on the order of business is new – Land Acquisition Matters – this will allow PAC to review LAC items. If the land acquisition matter is one that requires closed session, PAC will go into closed session.

Another change is the addition of the Skatepark Advisory Committee. Previously this was a Council committee but there has been a desire to move it to PAC as the Skatepark group regularly presents and interacts with PAC. Article 9.5 outlines this proposed change. The Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark are in favor of this change. This requires an amendment to the Agreement between the Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark and the City of Ann Arbor for the Management and Operation of the Ann Arbor Skatepark. Attached is the agreement with amendments shown in track changes.

Updating the by-laws is a 3-step process, outlined in Article 11:

1. Proposed amendments must have been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting to be considered. (January PAC meeting)
2. Proposed amendments to these bylaws may be approved at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of all voting members currently serving on PAC. (February PAC meeting)
3. After adoption by PAC, the bylaws must be approved by City Council in order to become effective. (March or April)

The proposed by-law changes were first brought before PAC at their January 29th meeting for consideration.

PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION RESOLUTION
RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF REVISED BYLAWS AND AMENDED
AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRIENDS OF THE ANN ARBOR SKATEPARK AND THE
CITY OF ANN ARBOR

WHEREAS, The Park Advisory Commission desires to update the PAC bylaws to allow for LAC business to become part of the regular PAC agenda, allowing for one monthly meeting;

WHEREAS, The Skatepark Advisory Committee desires to become a sub-committee of PAC;

WHEREAS, The attached PAC bylaws were reviewed by the City Attorney's office and updated to reflect the above changes;

WHEREAS, Sections of the bylaws have been reorganized, updated, and the language clarified, resulting in improved structure and clarity; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement between the Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark and the City of Ann Arbor for the Management and Operation of the Ann Arbor Skatepark has been updated so that the Skatepark Action Committee (SAC) may become a PAC subcommittee;

RESOLVED, The Park Advisory Commission approves the attached draft of the PAC bylaws and updated Agreement between the Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark and the City of Ann Arbor for the Management and Operation of the Ann Arbor Skatepark, requests Council review and approval, and will formally adopt these bylaws upon Council approval.