

PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION RESOLUTION  
RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF REVISED BYLAWS

WHEREAS, The Park Advisory Commission conducted an extensive review of its existing bylaws;

WHEREAS, The Park Advisory Commission had extended discussions with Senior Assistant City Attorney Kevin McDonald about the changes we wished to see and the changes he recommended;

WHEREAS, The attached draft is the product of those discussions and reflects significant and valuable input from the Senior Assistant City Attorney;

WHEREAS, Given the importance of the Park Advisory Commission's role in providing recommendations regarding the Parks budget and expenditures, including recommendations on the annual operating budget, the annual capital improvement budget, and special millages for capital improvements and acquisitions, the new draft specifies that the Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee with the responsibility to advise the Park Advisory Commission on financial matters arising as part of the work delegated to it by City Council, and that the Chair of the Park Advisory Commission shall nominate the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, and the nominee shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of the full Commission;

WHEREAS, Instituting a standing Budget Committee will ensure more consistent attention to this important role of the Commission and facilitate communications between staff and the Commission on the important and often complex aspects of the Parks budget and financial accounting systems;

WHEREAS, The Assistant City Attorney has added an important new article on Ethics and Conflicts of Interest;

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

WHEREAS, The Assistant City Attorney has vetted and approved the attached draft of the bylaws;

RESOLVED, The Park Advisory Commission approves the attached draft of the bylaws, requests Council review and approval, and will formally adopt these bylaws upon Council approval.

Park Advisory Commission  
May 19, 2009