



City of Ann Arbor
Formal Minutes
Park Advisory Commission

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Tuesday, October 16, 2018

4:00 PM

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

A CALL TO ORDER

Chair Santacroce called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

B ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Robert Galardi, David Santacroce, Paige Morrison,
Stephen Borgsdorf, Julie Grand, Mike Appel, and Ruth L.
Kraut

Absent: 3 - Praveena Ramaswami, Lauren London, and Graydon
Krapohl

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously as presented.

D APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D-1 [18-1740](#) Minutes of the September 18, 2018 PAC Meeting

Attachments: 9-17-2018 PAC Minutes .pdf

**Approved unanimously as presented and forwarded to the City
Council.**

E PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)

F SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

F-1 [18-1739](#) Update on Stream Bank Stabilization project in Glazier Hill Park

*H. Sheehan, Chief Deputy Washtenaw County Water Resources
Commissioner, provided an update on the Stream Bank Stabilization
project in Glazier Hill Park*

Sheehan explained that the conditions of the areas effected have an average of five foot vertical banks due to erosion, which causes the flow to change. He explained that areas impacted by the project will be revegetated with native perennial and woody species. Trees that are removed will be replaced. He explained that there are two more public meetings, that the project will be on the agenda for City Council in November, that a bid would be put out in March with the goals of construction beginning in summer 2019, and then in fall 2019, planting and maintenance would take place.

S. Borgsdorf inquired about neighborhood awareness for the project.

Sheehan answered that the neighbors understand that the project is needed, and they aren't happy about tree removal and the disturbance of construction. He explained that he would like to have more awareness.

P. Morrison inquired if this item can return to the Commission for further updates.

H. Sheehan answered, yes.

G NEW BUSINESS

G-1 [18-1741](#) Resolution to Recommend a Modification of the Partnership Agreement between the City and Leslie Science and Nature Center

Attachments: LSNC Agreement.pdf,
 CityAAHOM-LSNCFinal10.16.2018.pdf, PAC -
 MOULSNCAAHOM.pdf

S. Westhoff explained the partnership with the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum and the Leslie Science and Nature Center, and that the merge has taken place over the last six months. The merge has allowed for one staff for Human Resources, Development, Maintenance, and others. She explained that the merge has allowed for more programming, including bat and nocturnal animal programming. She explained that they have been able to receive a capital grant, as well as several unity grants. She explained that merging the finances would save about \$10,000 and that is what the modification is serving today.

S. Borgsdorf asked if any other conditions would change.

S. Westhoff explained that the intention is to continue to honor the

contract with the City, and that the intention is to finalize the merger through the correct process.

C. Smith added that when the partnership with AAHOM & Leslie was proposed it was important to maintain the Leslie “brand” since it is unique and that he is pleased with how smooth the merger has been.

RESOLUTION READS AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND MODIFICATION OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH LESLIE SCIENCE AND NATURE CENTER AND ANN ARBOR HANDS ON MUSEUM

Whereas, In 2016 Leslie Science and Nature Center (LSNC) and the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum (AAHOM) entered into a partnership;

Whereas, The City and LSNC have operated under a partnership agreement since 2008;

Whereas, The union of LSNC and AAHOM provides for organizational efficiencies and service delivery improvements;

Whereas, The City is supportive of the LSNC and AAHOM union;

Whereas, The City is in the process of updating the partnership agreement with LSNC and AAHOM; and

Whereas, The Memorandum of Understanding will allow LSNC and AAHOM to complete their merger while the partnership agreement is updated;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends approval of a Memorandum of Understanding and Modification of Partnership Agreement with Leslie Science and Nature Center (LSNC) and Ann Arbor Hands On Museum (AAHOM).

Moved by Morrison, seconded by Borgsdorf, that the Resolution to Recommend Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding and Modification of Partnership Agreement with Leslie Science and Nature Center and Ann Arbor Hands On Museum be approved.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

None.

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

Yeas: 6 - Galardi, Santacroce, Morrison, Borgsdorf, Appel, and RAC Rep. Kraut

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Ramaswami, and London

H COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

H-1 [18-1742](#) Annual Officer Elections

Attachments: PAC Bylaws- Revised.pdf

After an anonymous vote, Santacroce and Morrison will continue in their existing positions as Chair and Vice Chair.

Received and Filed

I REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

C. Smith explained that the approval of the Fuller Parking Lot Lease was passed by City Council. He also shared that 625 people participated in the recent Trick or Treat Paddle event, he expressed gratitude for the volunteers who allow large events like the Trick or Treat Paddle to take place. He shared that on October 27, 2018 there is a Halloween Skate at Veteran’s Park Ice Arena and a Halloween Party at the Farmer’s Market. He added that the Annual Report from the Land Acquisition Committee is attached to the agenda as a transmittal.

J REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

C. Smith explained that he attended the meeting to present on the Millage Proposal and he was able to answer questions.

R. Kraut explained that Wednesday, October 17, is the ribbon cutting for the Freeman Environmental Education Center.

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

L PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)

M CLOSED SESSION

N TRANSMITTALS

N-1 [18-1743](#) Park Planning Capital Project Update

Attachments: 2018-10 PAC Update.pdf

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N-2 [18-1744](#) PAC Council Update

Attachments: PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 10_2018.pdf

Received and Filed

N-3 [18-1745](#) Parks Project Status Table

Attachments: Parks_Project_Status_Table-FY2018-19.pdf

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N-4 [18-1788](#) Open Space & Parkland Preservation Program Annual Activity Report for Fiscal Year 2018

Attachments: Annual Report 2018 for PAC 10.12.18 (002).pdf

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O ADJOURNMENT

Unanimously adjourned at 4:39 P.M.