



City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final Parks Advisory Commission

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

4:00 PM

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

A CALL TO ORDER

B ROLL CALL

Present: 10 - Mike Anglin, Karen Levin, Alan Jackson, Melissa Stults, David Santacroce, Paige Morrison, Mary Jo Gray, Stephen Borgsdorf, Julie Grand, and Praveena Ramaswami

Absent: 1 - Bob Galardi

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)

Dina Kurz, Carisa Wilder, Nick Durrie, Heather McRae-Woolf, Shawn Severance, Andy Brush, Nichole Loren spoke regarding the Cobblestone Farm Market.

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E1 [15-0628](#) PAC Meeting Minutes April 21, 2015

Attachments: PAC Meeting Minutes 4-21-15.pdf

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to City Council.

F SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

F1 [15-0629](#) MDOT 2016 Bridge Repairs on M14/US23 over the Huron River

Attachments: M-14 HANDOUT.pdf, M-14 Plan sheet.pdf, Section 4f hand-out.pdf, Barton Nature Area and M-14 Map.pdf

C. Smith gave a brief background on the bridge repairs and partnership with MDOT. Jack Rick and Ann Lawrie from MDOT talked about the project, the project schedule and the joint interests of Parks and MDOT. During construction, there will be a barge on the water at times but River and park access will be maintained.

F2 Cobblestone Farm Market

Jeannie Palms, gave a presentation detailing the history of the Cobblestone Farm Market and describing its goals. Would like to establish a community partnership with Parks. Discussion followed re fees.

G UNFINISHED BUSINESS**H NEW BUSINESS****H1 [15-0630](#) Resolution to Approve a Contract with Maniaci/Watt, LLC for Mack Pool Interior Ceiling and Trim Painting (\$183,800.00)**

Attachments: PAC - MACK PAINTING 2015.pdf

C. Smith gave background on the need for the contract and the bids received.

The Resolution reads:

Whereas, The existing paint on the ceiling deck and structural joists at Mack Indoor Pool is failing and must be replaced to preserve the life of the structure;

Whereas, The Parks & Recreation Open Space Plan and CIP identify recreation facility infrastructure renovations as a priority;

Whereas, Competitive bids were received by Procurement on March 31, 2015 and Maniaci/Watt, LLC was the lowest responsible bidder with a submitted bid of \$183,800.00;

Whereas, Funding is available in the approved FY2015 Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Fund;

Whereas, Funding is available in revenue recovered from the AAPS and held in a balance sheet account for the purpose of capital facilities improvements at Mack Pool; and

Whereas, Maniaci/Watt, LLC complies with the City's Non-Discrimination and Living Wage ordinances;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend approval of a contract with Maniaci/Watt, LLC for Mack Pool Interior Ceiling and Trim Painting approve a construction contingency of \$18,380 (10%) to cover potential contract change orders for a total contract amount of \$202,180.00 for the life of the project without regard to fiscal year, and recommend appropriating funds received from the AAPS to help fund the project.

Approved unanimously.

H2 [15-0631](#) Resolution Regarding Skate Park Maintenance Expenses for FY2015

Attachments: PAC - FY2015 SKATEPARK.pdf

C. Smith gave background on the operating agreement for the Skate Park.

The Resolution reads:

Whereas, The agreement between the Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark (Friends) and the City of Ann Arbor (City) states the funding of the operation and maintenance of the Ann Arbor Skatepark is the responsibility of the Friends;

Whereas, The agreement provides a provision whereby the City can contribute to the cost of annual maintenance and operation as part of a funding review process;

Whereas, In FY2015, as of May 19th 2015 less than \$620.00 in operational costs have been expended at the Skatepark and the City parks overall operating budget is able to absorb these expenses without neglecting other budgeted park needs;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend that the parks operating budget cover FY2015 operating expenses at the Ann Arbor Skatepark.

Approved unanimously.

H3 [15-0632](#)

Park Advisory Commission Resolution on the Downtown Parks Subcommittee Recommendations and Guidelines for Dog Park Site Selection, Design, Operations and Maintenance

Attachments: PAC - DOG REPORT.pdf, Recommendations and Guidelines for Dog Park Site Selection updated 4-10-15 (2).pdf

A. Kuras discussed the completion of the document and moving forward with dog parks in the future. An ad-hoc committee must be selected.

The Resolution reads:

Whereas, In 2013, PAC created a dog park subcommittee to establish guidelines and recommendations for locating, designing and maintaining dog parks;

Whereas, The Dog Park Subcommittee devoted considerable time and effort to learn more about dog park development in communities around the country, and engaged the public through public meetings and surveys; and

Whereas, the subcommittee developed 'Recommendation and Guidelines for Dog Park Site Selection, Design, Operations and Maintenance' to create formal guidelines regarding the placement of new dog parks and the management and improvement of existing dog parks in Ann Arbor,

Resolved, PAC accepts the Dog Park Subcommittee Recommendation and Guidelines for Dog Park Site Selection, Design, Operations and Maintenance as its own to guide the process of locating additional dog parks and managing existing dog parks in the City of Ann Arbor; and

Resolved, PAC will establish an ad-hoc committee comprised of members from the Park Advisory Commission, staff, and citizens to identify potential sites using established guidelines.

Approved with amendments unanimously.

I COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

J REPORTS FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

C. Smith stated that pools are open. Farmers Market on Wednesdays will be kicking off. Argo will be seven days a week now. A full day workshop with JJR/Smith was held regarding the playground project. Mowing complaints are being addressed.

K REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS**L REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

MJ Gray gave updates from the Rec and Ed department. Lots of activity and restructuring within the programs.

M REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASKFORCES**N PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL (3 Minutes per Speaker)****O CLOSED SESSION****P TRANSMITTALS****P1** [15-0633](#) Park Planning Capital Project Update

Attachments: PAC Update 5-15.pdf

P2 [15-0634](#) PAC Council Update May 2015

Attachments: PAC Council Updates 5-2015.pdf

P3 [15-0635](#) Parks Project Status Table FY 2014-2015

Attachments: Parks_Project_Status_Table-FY2014-15.pdf

Q ADJOURNMENT