



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Park Advisory Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Tuesday, June 20, 2017

4:00 PM

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

A CALL TO ORDER

B ROLL CALL

Staff: 3 - C. Smith, B. Gajewski, G. Wiczorek

Present: 6 - Alan Jackson, David Santacroce, Paige Morrison,
Stephen Borgsdorf, Lauren London, and Mike Appel

Absent: 5 - Robert Galardi, Julie Grand, Praveena Ramaswami, Ruth
L. Kraut, and Graydon Krapohl

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E1 [17-0935](#) Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes, May 16, 2017

Attachments: PAC Meeting Minutes 5-16-17

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to City Council.

F SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

F1 Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark Annual Update

J. Meisler gave the annual update for the Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark, highlighting accomplishments from the last year along with ideas for the upcoming year. The Commissioners shared positive feedback about the Skatepark.

G NEW BUSINESS

- G1** [17-0936](#) Resolution to Recommend Routing Raw Watermain through Barton Nature Area

Attachments: PAC -BARTONWATERMAIN2_grwCS

G. Wiczorek from the Water Treatment Plant gave a brief overview of the project with B. Gajewski from NAP. C. Smith provided history on the role PAC plays in regards to construction in Nature Preserves.

Approved Resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, In 2007 the City Council passed resolution R-07-516 that designated the Barton Nature Area as a Preserve;

Whereas, In 2016 the City Council stated that at times there are identified capital improvement needs and projects that are generally acceptable to improve ecological diversity, environmental conditions, water quality, and other community benefits;

Whereas, In 2016 the City Council amended resolution R-07-516 to allow construction in areas designated as Preserves as long as the proposed improvement will improve ecological diversity, environmental condition, or water quality as determined by the Parks Advisory Commission (PAC);

Whereas, One of the City's raw water lines that provide Huron River water from Barton Pond to the Water Treatment Plant has segments over 100 years old and is exhibiting signs of failure;

Whereas, The raw water line designated for replacement is undersized and not capable of providing sufficient flow from Barton Pond to the Water Treatment Plant;

Whereas, Staff have determined the best route for the new water line necessitates crossing through Barton Nature Area;

Whereas, Natural Area Preservation staff have reviewed the proposed route and view it as acceptable; and

Whereas, Future costs for maintenance and restoration of park areas resulting from the placement of the water line will be borne by the Water Utility Fund.

Resolved, That the Barton Nature Area is restored to its existing

condition upon completion of the raw water line projects; and

Resolved, That features in the Barton Nature Area identified for protection by NAP are protected during the course of the project to ensure that they are not impacted by construction activities;

Resolved, That PAC support using the designated portion of Barton Nature Area shown in Exhibit A to locate the new raw water line from Barton Pond to Barton Pump Station.

A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Morrison, that the Resolution be Approved.

Approved unanimously.

- G2** [17-0937](#) Resolution to Recommend the Parks Operating Budget Cover FY2017 Operating Expenses at the Ann Arbor Skatepark

Attachments: PAC - FY2017 SKATEPARK

C. Smith explained how this resolution addresses how to cover the operating expenses for the Skatepark and discussed the existing agreement between the City and the Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark.

Approved Resolution reads as follows:

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 FY2017, as of June 10th 2017 approximately \$27,118.00 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 FY2017 operating expenses at the Ann Arbor Skatepark.

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by London, that the

Resolution be Approved.

Approved unanimously.

- G3** [17-0938](#) Resolution to Recommend Approval of a Lease with Ann Arbor Rowing Club for the Bandemer Boat House
- Attachments:** PAC - AARC, AARCdraft_LEASE2017
425175.6.16.2017mjfcsfinal2, Exhibit B, AARC Bandemer Lease

C. Smith provided background of the existing lease and how the new lease incorporated changes to better reflect actual practice. Julie Janusz, President of the Ann Arbor Rowing Club, answered questions and provided background on the rowing club.

Approved Resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, It is the desire of the City and the Ann Arbor Rowing Club to continue a lease arrangement for the use of Bandemer Park; Whereas, the AARC has requested continued use of Bandemer Park;

Whereas, A lease agreement, which specifies responsibilities, obligations, rent, has been prepared by the City and reviewed by the AARC;

Whereas, The annual revenue is recognized in the Parks & Recreation Bandemer Fund, and Whereas, The term of the agreement shall be fifteen years;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend City Council approve the Ann Arbor Rowing Club Lease for use of Bandemer Park.

A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Borgsdorf, that the Resolution be Approved.

Approved unanimously.

H UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

J REPORT PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

C. Smith reported that with schools out, the pools and parks are in full swing. Shared that the pools and liveries together provide over 200 seasonal jobs and this is often an overlooked positive impact the Parks have. The pathway at Gallup is being replaced. Waiting for a timeline from the construction company, and the repair work should not take more than two weeks. Once the timeline has been received, it will be widely circulated.

K REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**L REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES****M PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)****N CLOSED SESSION****O TRANSMITTALS****O1 [17-0939](#) Park Planning Capital Project Update**

Attachments: PAC Update 6-17

O2 [17-0940](#) PAC Council Update June 2017

Attachments: PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 6 2017

O3 [17-0941](#) Parks Project Status Table FY 2016-2017

Attachments: Parks_Project_Status_Table-FY2016-17

P ADJOURNMENT