



CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2009

The regular meeting of the Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Washtenaw County Administrative Building, Public meeting Room, 220 N. Main St. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:06p.m. by Acting Chair, J. Lawter

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: (7) G. Nystuen, D. Barrett (arrived at 4:12 p.m.)
J. Lawter, S. Rosencrans, T. Berla, S. Offen,
J. Grand

Ex-Officio Members Present: (2) C. Taylor, M. Anglin

Ex- Officio Members Absent: (0) None.

Members Absent: (2) B. Macomber, L. Berauer

Staff Present: (5) C. Smith, J. Straw, A. Kuras,
M Warba, L. Bowen

Guest(s)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Acting Chair Commissioner Lawter stated the agenda would stand approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes per Speaker)

A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 Commissioner Berla moved; supported by **Commissioner Nystuen** to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2009 as written. The minutes of May 19, 2009 were approved unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Ann Arbor Ultimate Frisbee

D. Cohen shared a presentation on Ultimate Frisbee with the Commission.

S. Offen asked if this game is at a professional level at this time.

D. Cohen stated not at this time, partially due to the fact that the sport is self-refereed.

52 **G. Nystuen** asked if the ultimate Frisbee is renting fields from Parks.

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54 **D. Morris** stated yes.

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56 **S. Rosencrans** expressed his appreciation regarding the interest in stewardship and
57 volunteering that AAUF demonstrates.

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59 **D. Morris** stated they have adopted Fuller Park and the players would be willing to help with
60 the maintenance of the fields if possible.

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62 **F.I.T.S Briefing**

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64 **E. Cooper** presented a concept for a Fuller Intermodal Transportation Station to the
65 Commission.

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67 **S. Offen** asked if this project is envisioned as a parking deck.

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69 **E. Cooper** stated yes, that was the concept being presented.

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71 **S. Offen** asked who owned the property.

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73 **C. Smith** stated the land is City owned and is park land.

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75 **Community Action Network**

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77 **J. Doughty** presented to the Commission regarding Community Action Network and their
78 role at both Bryant and Northside Community Centers.

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80 **J. Lawter** asked for an approximate idea on how many people are served in the community.

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82 **D. Miller** explained that program use has increased for after school programs, food
83 distribution and other programs and that more people are using the community centers and
84 support for them has grown.

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86 **S. Offen** asked for an explanation on how the information regarding the availability of
87 resources is distributed to the community.

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89 **J. Doughty** stated there are monthly community meetings to share information with the
90 community.

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92 **C. Taylor** expressed thanks to J. Doughty for the efforts of the program in the community.

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94 **Washtenaw Biking and Walking Coalition**

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96 **F. Schwende** presented to the Commission and shared who the Washtenaw Biking and
97 Walking Coalition represent.

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99 **M. Anglin** expressed his concern with safety issues regarding pedestrians and cyclists and
100 wondered what was being done to educate people about bike safety.

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103 **F. Schwende** stated the group was launching a safety campaign.

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105 **C. Smith** clarified that while the Bandemer underpass is a project listed in the CIP that it is
106 not in the approved budget..

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108 **PUBLIC HEARINGS – (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

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110 **B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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112 **B-1 Soccer Field Update**

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114 **J. Straw** spoke in depth on the renovations of the athletic fields to the
115 Commission.

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117 **M. Warba** explained additional improvements that are being done at the
118 athletics fields.

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120 **D. Barrett** asked if there is a plan in place to ensure the fields are not
121 used too heavily at the outset.

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123 **J. Straw** stated staff will monitor and evaluate usage patterns and conditions
124 on an on-going basis.

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126 **S. Offen** asked if the chain linked fences located at Fuller field are permanent.

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128 **M. Warba** stated yes.

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130 **C - NEW BUSINESS**

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132 **D - COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

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134 **E - REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**

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136 **C. Smith** stated there are many improvements throughout the facilities and
137 encouraged the Commission to visit the sites.

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139 **J. Grand** stated the Senior center will be hosting a fundraising event in July at Burns
140 Park.

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142 **C. Smith** stated the Senior Center applied for and received a grant from the Ann
143 Arbor Community Foundation to assist in developing a strategic plan. C. Smith also
144 stated the revenue at the facilities is stable at this point, while the golf courses
145 continue to see increases in revenue and rounds played.

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147 **T. Berla** asked if there was information available regarding the Mary Beth Doyle disk
148 golf course.

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150 **C. Smith** stated he will inquire as to the status.

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153 **C. Smith** reminded the Commission that per the approved budget, Mack Pool would be
154 closing July 1 and will reopen on Labor Day.

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156 **F - REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS**

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158 **M. Warba** updated the Commission regarding improvements and additions throughout
159 the parks.

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161 **G - REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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163 **T. Berla** gave an update regarding the Recreation Advisory Commission to the
164 Commission.

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166 **H - REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASK**
167 **FORCES**

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169 **G. Nystuen** gave an update to the Commission regarding the Environmental Committee.

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171 **I - PUBLIC COMMENTARY – GENERAL (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

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173 **J - CLOSED SESSION TO DEAL WITH PRIVELEDGED CLIENT ATTORNEY INFORMATION**

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175 **K - TRANSMITTALS**

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177 **K-1** City Council Items Update

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179 **K-2** Park Project Update

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181 **K-3** City of Ann Arbor 2008 – 2013 Park Maintenance and Capital
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185 There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Rosencrans**
186 moved that the meeting be adjourned. The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.