



**CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the Washtenaw County Administration Building in the County Board of Commission Public Meeting Room, 220 N. Main St., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair S. Rosencrans.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: (9) S. Rosencrans, J. Lawter, S. Offen
T. Berla, D. Barrett, J. Grand,
G. Nystuen (arrived @ 4:05 p.m.), D. Chapman,
K. Levin

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

Ex- Officio Members Absent: (0) None

Members Absent: (0) None

Staff Present: (7) J. Miller, C. Smith, M. Warba, J. Black, D. Borneman,
A. Kuras, L. Bowen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Commissioner Rosencrans asked for a motion to approve the agenda. **Commissioner Chapman** moved, supported by **Commissioner Offen** to approve the agenda as written. The Commission approved the agenda unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes per Speaker)

J. Satarino spoke on the proposed Fuller Road Transit project.

N. Leff spoke on the issue of the Resolution to Approve Parking of Vehicles for a Fee at Allmendinger and Frisinger Parks during University of Michigan home football games and expressed several concerns.

H. Corey spoke on the issue of the Resolution to Approve Parking of Vehicles for a Fee at Allmendinger and Frisinger Parks during University of Michigan home football games and expressed several concerns regarding returning the parks to a usable status.

C. Hamilton explained the WIT program in depth to the Commission regarding the proposed Art on the Huron River project.

H. Blatnik spoke in support of the Art on the Huron river project.

D. Walsh spoke on a specific property in the city where a fire took place and asked for direction to request this property becoming a City park in the future. D.Walsch also thanked Wendy Rampson for her assistance regarding this situation.

53 **A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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55 **Commissioner Grand** moved supported by **Commissioner Offen** to approve the
56 minutes of the November 17, 2009 meeting as written. The minutes of November 17,
57 2009 were approved unanimously.

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59 **SPECIALPRESENTATIONS**

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61 Jayne Miller – Update on City Budget

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63 **J. Miller** provided PAC with an update on the City budget and the recent Council retreat
64 regarding the budget. The City needs to cut an additional 11% for FY10 and FY11 and
65 anticipates a further 8% reduction in FY12. Such cuts will result in service reductions across
66 the City.

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68 **C. Taylor** stated there will be cuts that will be made across the organization.

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70 **M. Anglin** stated there will be cuts made and this will be difficult.

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72 **C. Taylor** stated the Park Advisory Commission can be a great service to assist in
73 advisement to City Council.

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75 **D. Barrett** asked if there is a possibility to repurpose the land acquisition millage.

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77 **J. Miller** stated that is one of many ideas Council has asked staff to explore.

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79 **T. Berla** asked that an explanation be given regarding the funding of on going maintenance
80 at Argo Dam.

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82 **J. Miller** stated the maintenance of the Dams are currently paid from the water fund. As part
83 of the budget process, Council has directed staff to explore where the maintenance costs
84 for the recreational dams should be funded from.

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86 **D. Barrett** asked if the City was open to a public/private relationship regarding athletic
87 fields.

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89 **J. Miller** stated yes.

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91 **J. Miller** stated the mowing cycle for Parks is currently on a 14-day cycle, beginning spring
92 of 2010 this will change to a 19-day mowing cycle; there will be an impact regarding the
93 hand trimming that is done as well.

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95 **G. Nystuen** asked if the public will be made aware of the proposed changes and
96 reductions.

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98 **J. Miller** stated yes.

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100 **D. Barrett** asked if Recreation & Education will be made aware of the changes in the
101 mowing schedules.

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103 **J. Miller** stated yes.

105 **PUBLIC HEARING**

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107 **B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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109 **B-1** Proposed Amendment to PAC by-Laws

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111 **S. Rosencrans** stated the Commission would discuss any and all
112 amendments to the by-laws.

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114 **D. Chapman** asked for an explanation on certain language included in the by-
115 laws regarding the decision of an individual(s) being appointed to committees
116 on the Park Advisory Commission.

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118 **S. Offen** stated he did not see a conflict between Article 9, Section 2 and
119 Article 9, Section 1 of the by-laws.

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121 **S. Rosencrans** asked if there should be an additional amendment to the by-
122 laws that speaks specifically to the appointments on committees.

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124 **D. Barrett** asked for clarity of the last sentence specifying a need for a
125 unanimous vote versus the two-third vote.

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127 **S. Rosencrans** stated there would be a higher standard if there is a
128 unanimous vote versus a two-third vote.

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130 **S. Rosencrans** moved supported by J. Lawter to postpone further discussion
131 on the by-law resolution until the January 19, 2010 meeting.

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133 **Ayes: (7)** **S. Rosencrans, J. Lawter, G. Nystuen, T. Berla,**
134 **D. Chapman, J. Grand, K. Levin**

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136 **Nays: (2)** **S. Offen, D. Barrett**

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138 **Absent: (0)** **None**

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140 *On a voice vote in addition to a show of hands – **Motion Passed** to postpone*
141 *further discussion pertaining to the by-laws until the January 19, 2010*
142 *meeting.*

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144 **B-2** Public Art on the Huron River

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146 **A. Kuras** provided a staff review on the proposal; there were concerns
147 brought to the City's attention including questions pertaining to the
148 maintenance, vandalism and general upkeep of the art work.

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150 **T. Berla** asked if staff was confident that rowers would not be affected due to
151 the art work being in the water.

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153 **C. Smith** stated C. Saam is in agreement to the art being placed in the water.
154 The proposed placement in Argo Pond will have to be modified as it will
155 interfere with rowing patterns.
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157 **S. Offen** asked if any cost would be incurred to the City.

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159 **A. Kuras** stated no.

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161 **S. Offen** asked if the Park Advisory Commission has the authorization to
162 approve this project.

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164 **C. Hamilton** from the University explained the recommendation of the Park
165 Advisory Commission will provide the opportunity to proceed with the
166 application process to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

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168 **S. Rosencrans** asked if the University of Michigan would provide insurance
169 for the art on the river.

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171 **C. Hamilton** stated this information would need to be confirmed.

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173 **S. Rosencrans** read a draft Resolution reading the public art installation on
174 the Huron River.

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176 **The Commission discussed modifying the resolution.**

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178 **S. Rosencrans** read the revised resolution to the Commission:

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180 **Resolution Regarding the Public Art Installation Proposed by William Dennisuk**
181 **December 15, 2009**
182 **Ann Arbor Park Advisory Commission**
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184 Whereas, William Dennisuk , a visiting artist to the Ann Arbor area who is sponsored
185 by the University of Michigan, Penny W. Stamps and Roman J. Witt Visiting Artists
186 and Lecture Series proposes to install four works of art in the Huron River adjacent to
187 city park land,

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189 Be it Resolved that the Ann Arbor Park Advisory Commission endorses the making of
190 an application to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the approval
191 of the project.

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193 **Ayes: (9) S. Rosencrans, J. Lawter, G. Nystuen, T. Berla,**
194 **S. Offen, D. Barrett, D. Chapman, J. Grand, K. Levin**

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196 **Nays: (0) None**

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198 **Absent: (0) None**

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200 *On a voice vote in addition to a show of hands – **Motion Passed** to approve*
201 *the Resolution regarding the Public Art Installation Proposed by William*
202 *Dennisuk.*

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204 **C - New Business**

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206 **C-1** Resolution to Approve Agreement between the City and Ann Arbor Public
207 Schools for Field and Park Space Use
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209 **C. Smith** explained the Resolution in depth. C. Smith reviewed the old
210 agreement, which only included baseball, softball and kickball. The new
211 agreement includes all sports.
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213 **T. Berla** complimented staff on a job well done pertaining to the agreement
214 with Recreation and Education.
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216 **G. Nystuen moved to Approve Agreement between the City and Ann**
217 **Arbor Public Schools for Field and Park Space Use.**
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219 *On a voice vote **Motion Passed** to Approve Agreement between the City and*
220 *Ann Arbor Public Schools for Field and Park Space Use.*
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222 **The Commission approved the Resolution unanimously.**
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224 **S. Offen** asked if any monies are exchanged between the City and Recreation
225 and Education.
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227 **C. Smith** explained that Rec & Ed collects the fees for third party fees and
228 then passes the revenue to the City. Rec & Ed also pays for their use of
229 lighting on the fields.
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231 **C-2** Resolution to Approve Parking of Vehicles for a Fee at Allmendinger and
232 Frisinger Parks during University of Michigan Home Football Games
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234 **C. Smith** explained the Resolution to the Commission in depth.
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236 **D. Barrett** asked who would make the decision regarding inclement weather.
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238 **C. Smith** stated it would be a joint decision between field operations and the
239 city forester.
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241 **S. Offen** asked who would enforce the rule on alcohol use in the park.
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243 **C. Smith** stated additional staff will be on-site and additional signage would be
244 installed.
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246 **S. Offen** asked if staff would receive overtime.
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248 **M. Warba** stated scheduling will be shifted accordingly to avoid overtime
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250 **S. Offen** asked if the configuration to accommodate the proposed parking
251 would interrupt play equipment.
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253 **M. Warba** stated that play equipment would still be available for use.
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255 **T. Berla** asked if staff can provide the proper cleaning to the parks after the
256 games.
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258 **M. Warba** explained staff will be able to clean the parks properly and the fact
259 the event is scheduled will make it easier to manage.
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261 **T. Berla** suggested an outreach to the neighbors with a card that includes
262 information that allows communicating any complaints.

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264 **D. Chapman** expressed concern that children would be unable to use the
265 parks on football days.

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267 **C. Smith** acknowledged the inconvenience and explained that other parks in
268 the nearby vicinity were available for use.

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270 **S. Rosencrans** asked if additional traffic will be addressed.

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272 **C. Smith** stated yes.

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274 **C. Smith** stated the net revenue possibly earned is approximately \$30,000.00.

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276 **D. Barrett** complimented staff for bringing forward the proposal.

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278 **Ayes: (7) J. Lawter, G. Nystuen, T. Berla,**
279 **S. Offen, D. Barrett, J. Grand, K. Levin**

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281 **Nays: (2) S. Rosencrans, D. Chapman**

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283 **Absent: (0) None**

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285 *On a voice vote in addition to a show of hands – **Motion Passed** to approve*
286 *the Resolution Parking of Vehicles for a Fee at Allmendinger and Frisinger*
287 *Parks during University of Michigan Home Football Games*
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289 **D - COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

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

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293 **C. Smith** explained the golf courses financial reports in depth to the Commission,
294 stating the golf courses are ahead of schedule pertaining to the forecast.

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296 **G. Nystuen** asked for updated information regarding the Senior Center and Mack
297 Pool.

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299 **C. Smith** provided an update regarding public meeting dates for both Task Forces.

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302 **G. Nystuen** asked when discussions would take place pertaining to park land.

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304 **C. Smith** stated there will be discussions on this issue on future agendas.

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

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

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310 Recreation & Education moving will be moving to Pioneer High School in January
311 2010. This will be the new location for registration.
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313 H - **REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASK**
314 **FORCES**

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316 C. Taylor explained a recent Resolution pertaining to HRIMP that City Council passed.
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318 I - **PUBLIC COMMENTARY – GENERAL** (3 Minutes per Speaker)
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320 J - **CLOSED SESSION TO DEAL WITH PRIVELEDGED CLIENT ATTORNEY INFORMATION**
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322 K - **TRANSMITTALS**
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324 K-1 City Council Items Update
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326 K-2 Park Project Update
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328 K-3 City of Ann Arbor 2008 – 2013 Park Maintenance and Capital
329 Improvements Millage Status
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331 There being no further business to come before the **Commissioner Offen** moved
332 supported by **Commissioner Lawter** that the open meeting be adjourned at 6:53 p.m.
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