

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

October 2, 2007

Community Education and Recreation Offices
1530 Eisenhower Place
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Members Present: David Korman, Jon Strite, Tom George, Paula Greeno, Shannon Kos, Betty Wier, Tim Berla

Ex-Officio Members: Sara Aeschbach, Larry Dishman, Glenn Nelson

Visitors: Nate Nemon, Sequoyah King

Call to Order: Chairperson Paula Greeno called the meeting to order at 7:20pm

Public Commentary: none

Briefing Agenda

- A. Items from RAC
 - 1. Report from PAC – Tim Berla reported the City is looking at the golf course operations and their future viability. A report is expected in December from the consultant conducting the study. PAC will review the report and make a recommendation to City Council based on the findings. Fuller Field is having fertilizer applied as well as aeration of the fields and it is hopeful that a resolution will be passed in January 2008 regarding field usage of Fuller Park. The 9-hole disc golf course at Bandemeer Park is moving forward.
- B. Items from the Department of Parks and Recreation – no report
- C. Items from Community Education and Recreation – Sara Aeschbach reported that the Hikone Japan visitors arrived this week from Japan. The Ann Arbor Public Schools has an informal group looking at high school facility usage for the district. It is hopeful that they will be able to format a standardized practice for district facilities to include regulations for high school usage. Rec&Ed is offering to share the use of their RecNet facility scheduling software program with the district. Sara also reported that a partnership with MFit has evolved from the Project Healthy Schools program. They are offering after school exercise classes for staff at a number of schools.

Approval of Minutes: David Korman moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2007 meeting, and Glenn Nelson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business

- A. Adding new playing fields – Shannon Kos reported that AAYSA is selling a 30-acre plot of land located at Platt/Bemis Roads. Tim Berla reported that the Knights of Columbus land has encountered environmental issues but the City is still negotiating a purchase.
- B. RAC Vacancies – Sara Aeschbach reported that there has not been a reply from the Mayor's office regarding the appointments of Tom George and Jon Strite. With the appointments of Nate Nemon and Sequoyah King from the AAPS, there are 2 more full vacancies to fill with 3 possible candidates. Sara Aeschbach also reported that Dan Timmer is taking a leave of absence from his RAC position for the 2007-08 year. It was decided that all 3 candidates would be recommended for appointment on RAC – two for regular appointments and one to fill in for Dan for one year.
- C. RAC Bylaws – Sara Aeschbach reported that Article IV, Section 5 of the Bylaws has been violated in the past so the language was changed and approved to read “unless

approved by vote of majority of members.” Sara also reported that Article V, Section 7 of the by laws has been presented out of order. RAC members agreed to return to the original order of business as specified in the bylaws for RAC meetings. Adoption of the by-laws will be formalized at the next RAC meeting.

New Business

- A. RAC New Commissioner Orientation – Sara Aeschbach reported that in the past it has been helpful for new RAC members to attend and “pre-meeting” orientation. This provides in-coming members with some background and history of RAC. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 6:00 pm at the Rec&Ed offices. The people being recommended for appointment will be invited as meeting guests, pending official appointment by the Board of Education and the City.
- B. Agenda planning – Paula Greeno suggested that this topic be tabled to follow the budget report presentation scheduled for November 6.

Transmittals: none

Adjournment: Tim Berla moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jon Strite seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chairperson Paula Greeno adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Drago, Recording Secretary to RAC