



**CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, July 21, 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 4:08 p.m. by Chair L. Berauer.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: (9) L. Berauer, B. Macomber, D. Barrett, G. Nystuen, S. Rosencrans, T. Berla, S. Offen (arrived at 4:11 p.m.), J. Grand

Ex-Officio Members Present: (2) C. Taylor (left meeting at 5:16 p.m.), M. Anglin

Ex- Officio Members Absent: (0) None.

Members Absent: (1) J. Lawter

Staff Present: (5) C. Smith, M. Warba, K. Mortson, J. Frenzel, L. Bowen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Commissioner Berauer stated there would be

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes per Speaker)

C. Nordstrom (Fuller Rd. Intermodal Transit Site) explained the presentation to the Commission in detail.

A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 Commissioner Berauer moved, supported by **Commissioner Rosencrans** to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2009 meeting as written. The minutes of June 16, 2009 were approved unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Wildwood Avenue Sanitary Sewer

N. Hutchinson explained the presentation to the Commission in depth.

50 **S. Rosencrans** asked if this project will have an effect on the neighbor's sewer service and
51 cause any interruptions.

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53 **N. Hutchinson** stated no.

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55 **S. Offen** asked if pictures could be provided to the Commission.

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57 **N. Hutchinson** stated yes.

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59 **S. Offen** asked if the pipe bursting option would be riskier.

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61 **N. Hutchinson** stated this method does not pose a high risk and has been used previously.

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63 **S. Offen** asked if any active recreational areas will be disturbed during the project.

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65 **N. Hutchinson** stated no.

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67 **C. Smith** stated when this project moves forward the trees in affected areas will be taken
68 into consideration and the public engaged.

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70 **Parks & Recreation Service Marketing and Communication**

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72 **K. Mortson** explained the presentation to the Commission in detail. K. Mortson also
73 explained her responsibilities regarding marketing and communication tools for various
74 departments with the City of Ann Arbor.

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76 **L. Berauer** complimented K. Mortson on the presentation.

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78 **D. Barrett** asked if the literature is senior friendly.

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80 **K. Mortson** stated yes.

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82 **S. Offen** complimented K. Mortson on the presentation and asked if releases were received
83 for photographic images that are published in City communications.

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85 **K. Mortson** stated yes.

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87 **J. Grand** expressed how the positive results have at the Golf Courses are partially due to
88 the marketing.

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90 **G. Nystuen** complimented K. Mortson on the presentation

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92 **L. Berauer** stated the millage signage with the provided information to the citizens is
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95 **PUBLIC HEARING**

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B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B-1 FY2009 End of year Financial Updates

C. Smith explained the financial reports to the Commission in depth. C. Smith also explained each facility including revenues and expenses.

S. Offen asked why there was a decrease in the dog park fees.

C. Smith stated he would gather information regarding this situation and discuss it with the Commission.

C. Smith stated the revenue at the Golf Courses have increased 20%.

L. Berauer asked if there is a breakdown regarding the increases of revenues at the Golf Courses

C. Smith stated food and beverage sales have tripled.

D. Barrett asked if the irrigation system was still a concern.

C. Smith stated the irrigation system is being monitored and is working efficiently at this time.

S. Offen complimented the positive results at the golf courses.

M. Warba explained the financial reports from Park Operations in depth to the Commission.

M. Anglin complimented the new drinking fountains that have been installed at various sites. M. Anglin also inquired about the possibility of supplying water to Hunt Park.

M. Warba explained the challenges and cost factor of a water line being installed directly into Hunt Park.

M. Warba also explained that park operations and the forestry department have assisted with providing water for the community gardens.

G. Nystuen asked about the long range plan for maintenance on the newly renovated athletic fields.

M. Warba explained the plan for the maintenance to the Commission.

150 **C - NEW BUSINESS**

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152 **D - COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

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154 **S. Offen** inquired about the status of the unofficial dog park located at Slauson School.

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

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158 **C. Smith** complimented Leslie Park Golf Course regarding their recognition as best
159 municipal course in the State of Michigan by Golf Digest.

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161 **C. Smith** mentioned the movie that is being filmed in Virginia Park as being a very
162 positive event.

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

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

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168 **H - REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASK**
169 **FORCES**

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171 **L. Berauer** stated the Commission will vote for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair for the Park
172 Advisory commission.

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

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

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178 **K - TRANSMITTALS**

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

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187 **K-4** Golf Digest Recognition

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189 There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Berauer**
190 **moved** that the open meeting be adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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