



CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2010

The regular meeting of the Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 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 4:0 p.m. by Chair J. Grand.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: (8) J. Grand, J. Lawter, S. Offen, (arrived at meeting at 4:28 p.m.) T. Berla, G. Nystuen, D. Chapman, K. Levin, T. Doyle

Ex-Officio Members Present: (1) M. Anglin

Ex- Officio Members Absent: (1) C. Taylor.

Members Absent: (1) D. Barrett

Staff Present: (4) C. Smith, M. Warba, A. Kuras, L. Bowen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Commissioner Grand asked for approval of the agenda.

Commissioner Lawter moved, supported by **Commissioner Doyle** to approve the agenda. The Commission approved the agenda unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes per Speaker)

A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Grand asked for a motion to approve the current minutes.

Commissioner Berla moved, supported by **Commissioner Levin** to approve the minutes of July 20, 2010 as written. The minutes of July 20, 2010 were approved unanimously as written.

SPECIALPRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING

J. Cassebaum spoke on the Huron Hills Golf Course issue.

T. Annis spoke on the Huron Hills Golf Course issue.

A. Schriber spoke on the Huron Hills Golf Course issue.

53 **G. Gaston** spoke on the Fuller Road Station issue.

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55 **N. Kaplan** spoke on the Huron Hills Golf Course issue also reading a letter written by Paul
56 Banzel to the Commission.

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58 **J. D'Amore** spoke on the Huron Hills Golf Course issue.

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60 **E. Potts** spoke on the Huron Hills Golf Course issue

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62 **B. Cassebaum** spoke on the Huron Hills Golf Course issue.

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64 **W. Arlinghaus** spoke on the Huron Hills Golf Course issue.

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66 **S. Arlinghaus** spoke on the Huron Hills Golf Course issue.

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68 **R. Mitchell** spoke on the Fuller Road Station issue.

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70 **M. Larson** spoke on the Huron Hills Golf Course issue.

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72 **B. Richard** spoke on the Huron Hills Golf Course issue.

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74 **A. Horst** spoke on the Huron Hills Golf Course issue.

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76 **W. Carmen** spoke on the Huron Hills Golf Course issue.

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78 **B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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80 **B-1** Update on West Park Project Construction

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82 **A. Kuras** updated the Commission on the progress of the West Park project;
83 A. Kuras also updated the Commission on the progress of the Pros Plans.

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85 **S. Offen** asked if the project at West Park is within budget.

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87 **A. Kuras** stated the project is within the contingency at this point.

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89 **C - NEW BUSINESS**

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91 **C-1** Review of Draft Golf RFP for Recreational Golf Opportunities at Huron Hills
92 Golf Course

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94 **C. Smith** explained the process of the originality of the draft RFP (Request for
95 Proposal) for the Huron Hills Golf Course in depth to the Commission. C.
96 Smith also read and explained the language of the draft RFP to the
97 Commission.

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99 **J. Grand** complimented staff on their efforts with composing the RFP.

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101 **G. Nystuen** asked what the opinions of the Golf Task Force were regarding
102 the language of the RFP.

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104 **J. Grand** stated the Golf Task Force agreed the environmental language
105 should be strengthened in the RFP.

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107 **C. Smith** stated the Golf Task Force is well aware of the fine job staff is doing
108 at the Golf Courses.

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110 **S. Rapundalo** (City Council President) spoke and explained the discussion
111 that took place with City Council regarding this issue.

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113 **C. Smith** stated

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115 **T. Berla** expressed concern regarding this issue in depth.

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117 **C. Smith** explained the process that will take place regarding the RFP.

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119 **T. Berla** asked if buildings can be built on the property.

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121 **C. Smith** stated a building pertaining to golf could be built on the property.

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123 **S. Offen** stated the RFP gives the City an opportunity to explore creative ideas
124 that are available and could generate interesting ideas that will benefit the
125 City.

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127 **T. Doyle** stated the draft RFP is very exploratory, which could bring very
128 diverse proposals. T. Doyle also suggested an RFI, and explained this
129 suggestion to the Commission in depth.

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131 **C. Smith** gave two examples of two Community Centers within the Park and
132 Recreation Services and City owned properties where Community Action
133 Network are managers for these sites.

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135 **K. Levin** stated the intent seems to be to explore if there is a better way to
136 manage the golf courses financially and efficiently.

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138 **C. Smith** asked the Commissioners if there were additional thoughts to please
139 send then to J. Grand

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141 **D - COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

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

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145 **C. Smith** updated the Commission on the Argo Dam issue.

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147 C. Smith updated the Commission on new implementations at the Senior Center;
148 including memberships at the facility (over \$4,000.00 has been raised so far with 220
149 members), fitness classes and The Picnic in the Park event that will be held at Burns
150 Park. There is also an RFP issued to provide trips at the Senior Center.

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152 Mack Pool will reopen September 7, 2010, the thermo blanket is on order and LED
153 lights will be installed.

156 The golf courses exceeded revenue as well as other facilities. Staff does a very good
157 job with paying close attention to the budget at the various facilities.

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159 Stonyfield Yogurt will be in parks through October 1, 2010 providing free samples; in
160 exchange they will donate \$15,000.00 to the scholarship fund, the Senior Center or
161 Mack Pool; there will be a process to determine how this donation will be distributed.

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

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165 **M. Warba** updated the Commission on upcoming work on the paths, the playgrounds
166 and the return of trimming being done throughout the City.

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168 M. Warba also updated the Commission on the Olson & Fuller fields.

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

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172 **H - REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASK**
173 **FORCES**

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

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177 **N. Kaplan** expressed additional comments regarding the Huron Hills Golf course issue.

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179 **B. Richard** expressed additional comments regarding the Huron Hills Golf Course issue.

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181 **T. Annis** expressed additional comments regarding the Huron Hills Golf Course issue.

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183 **W Arlinghaus** expressed additional comments regarding the Huron Hills Golf Course issue.

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185 **R. Mitchell** asked for update regarding Fuller Road Station

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

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189 **K - TRANSMITTALS**

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

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193 **K-2** Park Project Update

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195 **K-3** City of Ann Arbor 2008 – 2013 Park Maintenance and Capital
196 Improvements Millage Status

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198 There being no further business to come before the **Commissioner Berla** moved supported
199 by **Commissioner Offen** that the open meeting be adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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