



City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final Park Advisory Commission

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

4:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 E. Huron Street

A CALL TO ORDER

B ROLL CALL

Staff Present:

C. Smith, A. Kuras, S. Bahl: 3

Present: 10 - Mike Anglin, Christopher Taylor, Karen Levin, Ingrid Ault, Alan Jackson, Bob Galardi, Melissa Stults, Graydon Krapohl, Jennifer Geer, and David Santacroce

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved with changes

D PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)

Rita Benn, 3755 Charter Place, spoke on the placement of the tennis courts at Windemere Park and reiterated her support for Option 4.

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E1 [14-0166](#) Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2013

Attachments: PAC Final Meeting Minutes 11-19-13

Approved by the Board and forwarded to the City Council due back on 2/18/2014

F SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

F1 Universal Access Playground at Gallup Park – Rotary Club Centennial Project

Bob Buckler gave background on Rotary Club and its upcoming Centennial and voiced support for a universal access playground. Bernie Lugar was introduced from the Rotary. C. Smith gave presentation on what a universal playground is and how it could be implemented in Gallup park. Could be in place in 2016, coinciding with the Rotary Club Centennial, who would be recognized for their contribution to the project.

G UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G1 [14-0125](#) Resolution on Location of Windemere Tennis Courts

Attachments: Public Mtg Minutes 1-15-14, windemere locations and topo, on-forum responses, off-forum responses, all responses, windemere communication 3, EKHA, Windemere_Park_Comments, Windemere 2, Previous_Resolution_to_Support_the_Reconstruction_of_Windemere_Tennis_Courts, Test Pit Exploration-Windemere Park, Soil Boring Report - Windemere Park Tennis Courts, rp-Proposed Tennis Courts - Windemere Park, FIRST PAC RESOLUTION ON WINDEMERE LOCATION 2012

Report given by Commission members on outcome of Public Meeting on January 15. Motion made by B. Galardi and seconded by A. Jackson to amend the Resolution to approve Option 1A.

C. Smith read the Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE RECONSTRUCTION AND RELOCATION OF TENNIS COURTS IN WINDEMERE PARK

Whereas, the tennis courts in Windemere Park are in need of replacement;

Whereas, the tennis courts are a heavily utilized neighborhood asset;

Whereas, the tennis courts are in an underserved Northeast area of the City;

Whereas, saturated organic soils and a high water table have resulted in an unstable base and heaving of the existing net posts;

Whereas, a number of potential locations exist for replacing the tennis courts in areas where soil borings indicate acceptable conditions for a tennis court;

Whereas, the Park Advisory Commission (PAC) values the input of the neighbors and community in making a decision regarding the tennis courts;

Whereas, PAC has previously supported by resolution that the tennis courts in Windemere Park be replaced;

Whereas, PAC has previously supported by resolution that this reconstruction be accomplished for no more than 10-20% above normal reconstruction costs;

Whereas, input from neighbors and the community has been solicited through two initial public meetings, written communication, and public commentary at PAC meetings;

Whereas, PAC has previously supported by resolution the recommended placement of the reconstructed tennis courts in accordance with Option 4 at their October 23, 2012 meeting;

Whereas, community members requested that PAC reconsider the selection of location 4 to replace the tennis courts at the PAC November 19, 2013 meeting;

Whereas, input from neighbors and the community has been solicited through one additional public meeting on January 15, 2014, written communications and an Ann Arbor Open City Hall survey specific to this topic;

RESOLVED, that PAC revisits the Option 4 recommendation incorporating and considering input solicited and received from neighbors and the community regarding site location;

RESOLVED, that PAC recommend site 1A as the location for reconstructing the tennis courts in Windemere Park; and

RESOLVED, that the PAC recommends staff prepare bids for construction of the Windemere Tennis Courts in the location recommended by the Park Advisory Commission meeting on January 28, 2014.

Approved as Amended

Yeas: 7 - Levin, Chair Ault, Jackson, Galardi, Stults, Vice Chair Krapohl, and Geer

Nays: 0

Recused: 1 - Santacroce

H NEW BUSINESS

H1 [14-0126](#) Resolution to Recommend Submitting a Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Management for a Universal Access Playground at Gallup Park

Attachments: PAC - ROTARY GALLUP PLAYGROUND GRANT APPLICATION

Discussion regarding the process and timing of submitting grant applications.

C. Smith read the Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GRANTS MANAGEMENT FOR A UNIVERSAL ACCESS PLAYGROUND AT GALLUP PARK

Whereas, The City park system does not have a Universal Access Playground;

Whereas, The Park and Recreation Open Space Plan identifies an area of focus as providing play areas that are designed to allow disabled users greater opportunities;

Whereas, The playground at Gallup Park is in need of replacement;

Whereas, The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor has committed \$250,000.00 toward a Universal Access Playground in celebration of their upcoming centennial year in 2016; and

Whereas, Grants are available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Management to assist in funding improvements such as this project;

RESOLVED, That City Council directs the City Administrator to apply to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Management for a Universal Access Playground at Gallup Park and authorizes the City Administrator to execute all documents required for or incidental to the application process.

Approved Unanimously

H2 [14-0124](#)

Resolution to Recommend Approving the Purchase of Two Fifteen Passenger Vans from Red Holman GMC (Oakland County, \$50,212.00)

Attachments: PAC - LIVERY VANS 2014

C. Smith reported on high level of activity at the livery and the need for additional vehicles for shuttling people from Gallup back to the Livery.

C. Smith read the Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO 15 PASSENGER VANS FROM RED HOLMAN GMC (STATE OF MICHIGAN BID, 50,212.00)

Whereas, The Canoe Livery experienced a 22% growth in rental from fiscal year 2012 to 2013 which requires additional vans to shuttle customers to decrease prolonged wait times for customers;

Whereas, The Canoe Livery is not proposing to increase its fleet of boats and the additional vans are to improve day to day operations to better accommodate for the current demand;

Whereas, Red Holman GMC, Westland MI, is the lowest responsive bidder to the State of Michigan's and Oakland County's Cooperative Bid program; and

RESOLVED, That the Parks Advisory Commission recommend approval for the issuance of a purchase order to Red Holman GMC for the purchase of two 2014 GMC Savana 15 passenger vans at \$25,106.00 each for a total amount of \$50,212.00; and

RESOLVED, That funds for this purchase come from the FY 2014 approved Parks & Recreation Services General Fund budget with funds to be available without regard to fiscal year.

Approved Unanimously

I **COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

J **REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**

C. Smith gave updates on park activity as a result of the cold weather. February 1 is registration for summer day camps. 25% increase in day camp registrants. Hope to go over 1000 this year. Dive-In Movie at Mack pool is Despicable Me 2. Additional skating times for Vets and Buhr will be available. Figure skating and learn to skate sessions begin this week. Public Art at Argo has re-started. Application that was made for 721 N. Main was not successful through MDNR.

K **REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS**

L REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

M REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASKFORCES

K. Levin gave an update of the Dog Park Subcommittee. Creating a formal document which will include a mission statement, history, goals, procedures for setting up and maintaining existing dog parks.

N PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL - (3 Minutes per Speaker)

O CLOSED SESSION

P TRANSMITTALS

P1 [14-0120](#) City of Ann Arbor 2013-2018 Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage Status

Attachments: City of Ann Arbor 2013-2018 Park Maintenance and Capital
Received and Filed

P2 [14-0121](#) PAC Council Update January 2014

Attachments: PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 1 2014
Received and Filed

P3 [14-0122](#) Parks Project Status Table

Attachments: PAC Update 1-14
Received and Filed

ADJOURNMENT

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