



CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2010

The regular meeting of the Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, MRCH 16, 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 4:07 p.m. by Acting Chair J. Lawter.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: (8) J. Lawter (Acting Chair), S. Offen, T. Berla, D. Barrett, J. Grand, G. Nystuen, D. Chapman, K. Levin

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

Ex- Officio Members Absent: (0) None.

Members Absent: (1) S. Rosencrans

Staff Present: (4) C. Smith, J. Straw, J. Frenzel, L. Bowen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Commissioner Lawter asked for approval of the agenda. The Commission approved the agenda as written unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes per Speaker)

J. Satarino spoke on the Fuller Road Station project.

A. Ralph spoke on the Fuller Road Station project.

B. Bach spoke on the Fuller Road Station project.

L. Jevins spoke on the Fuller Road Station project.

P. Pollack spoke on the Fuller Road Station project.

A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Commissioner Offen moved, supported by **Commissioner Nystuen** to approve the minutes. The minutes of February 23, 2010 was approved unanimously as written.

SPECIALPRESENTATIONS

Leslie Science & Nature Center – Introduction of new Executive Director

53 **Greta Brunschlyer** (Executive Director) spoke on the plans and goals at the Leslie Science
54 & Nature Center.

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56 **NAP – Volunteer Program**

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58 **J. Frenzel** explained the power point presentation and spoke on the volunteer programs
59 that are currently active in the parks.

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61 **J. Grand** asked if it would be possible to engage volunteers at our various recreational
62 facilities.

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64 **J. Frenzel** stated there has been positive discussion regarding that issue.

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66 **G. Nystuen** asked Mr. Frenzel to give an approximate total of the volunteers that are
67 working with the NAP program.

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69 **J. Frenzel** stated there are approximately 7,000 volunteer hours and approximately 1,000 –
70 2,000 volunteers yearly.

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72 **PUBLIC HEARING**

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74 **B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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76 **C - NEW BUSINESS**

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78 **C-1** Fuller Station

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80 **E. Cooper** provided an update with a power point presentation regarding the
81 Fuller Road Station project to the Commission.

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83 **D. Mitchell** explained the architectural aspect of the Fuller Road Station
84 project to the Commission.

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86 **D. Cooper** explained the site design of the Fuller Road Station project to the
87 Commission.

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89 **D Dykman** explained the projected schedule regarding the Fuller Road Station
90 project to the Commission

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92 **D. Chapman** asked if the proposed project was on schedule.

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94 **D. Dykman** stated the project is in the design stage, which is phase one.

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96 **D. Chapman** asked if there were more phases.

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98 **D. Dykman** stated the different phases will depend on securing funding.

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100 **S. Offen** expressed concern over the amount of revenue Parks is proposed to
101 receive, and expressed the opinion that the proposed revenue was not
102 enough.

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104 **E. Cooper** explained future revenue reflect only the portion of the existing
105 lease that is currently in place.

107 **C. Smith** stated he would inquire about this issue and report back to the
108 Commission with details.

110 **S. Offen** asked if traffic study had been done

112 **E. Cooper** stated yes.

114 **G. Nystuen** expressed concern regarding the traffic situation.

116 **E. Cooper** explained there has been discussion and plans for intersection
117 improvements.

119 **G. Nystuen** asked if the proposed project in the concept phase or design
120 phase.

122 **E. Cooper** stated the concept plan has been approved by City Council.

124 **T. Berla** asked if there is a specific timeline as to when this Commission would
125 present a Resolution pertaining to this project.

127 **C. Taylor** stated City Council will vote on this issue in the future and doesn't
128 feel there is a need for a resolution at this time.

130 **E. Cooper** stated the next item going to City Council would be a site plan in
131 the next 3-4 months.

133 **C. Smith** stated this Commission can express concerns to Council by way of a
134 Resolution if desired.

136 **T. Berla** expressed concern regarding the parking spaces that would be
137 available to park users.

139 **C. Smith** explained the parking spaces available for park users are sufficient
140 at this time.

142 **D. Chapman** asked if the Parks system will benefit from any monies paid by
143 the University of Michigan from the land lot lease.

145 **C. Smith** stated yes.

147 **E. Copper** stated there is the possibility of other users that will be using the
148 parking lot which could assist in revenue.

150 **C-2** Discussion of election of officers in April

152 **J. Lawter** explained elections will be held at the April 2010 meeting due to S.
153 Rosencrans not being able to remain as Chair of this Commission.

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D - COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

E - REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

C. Smith stated the June, September & December, 2010 Park Advisory Commission meetings will be held at the CTN studios due to scheduling constrains.

C. Smith also stated the April 2010 meeting will concentrate on the proposed budget.

There has been an issue at Bird Hills having dogs without a leash, due to this issue the Police Department has been asked to increase their presence as well as passing informational cards to educate the users at the parks stating there is an ordinance in effect and a fine could be imposed if users do not comply.

The golf task force will have upcoming discussions regarding the RFP.

F - REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS

G - REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

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

H-1 Updates from PAC Task Forces

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

P. Pollack reiterated the subject pertaining to the Fuller Road Station project.

J - CLOSED SESSION TO DEAL WITH PRIVELEDGED CLIENT ATTORNEY INFORMATION

K - TRANSMITTALS

K-1 City Council Items Update

K-2 Park Project Update

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

There being no further business to come before the **Commissioner Berla** moved supported by **Commissioner Nystuen** that the open meeting be adjourned at 6:54 p.m.