

Resolution to Recommend Passage of an Amendment to Provide for Exemptions to the Park Rental Fee Requirement for Limited Group Activities in Parks

WHEREAS, local faith communities in conjunction with Camp Take Notice have successfully distributed food to persons in need in Liberty Plaza on a regular basis;

WHEREAS, to support the success of that food distribution program, members of Camp Take Notice requested that the City of Ann Arbor waive park rental fees in connection with Liberty Plaza food distribution;

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor has waived all park rental fees in connection with Liberty Plaza;

WHEREAS, members of Camp Take Notice have observed that Liberty Plaza is occasionally unavailable and not always optimal for distribution of goods to persons in need;

WHEREAS, members of Camp Take Notice have requested that park rental fee waivers be extended to all parks in connection with the “distribution of humanitarian aid”;

WHEREAS, Staff has suggested that “charitable distribution of goods for basic human needs” would be a more narrowly tailored standard than “distribution of humanitarian aid”;

WHEREAS, members of Camp Take Notice have expressed their support for Staff’s proposed language;

WHEREAS, the amendment of Chapter 39, Section 3:6 would not modify the obligation to obtain a permit, permitting procedures, authorized park uses, or a group’s clean up obligations;

WHEREAS, Staff has concluded that the amendment of Chapter 39, Section 3:6 would not burden staff, other park users, or park infrastructure or facilities; and

WHEREAS, the amendment of Chapter 39, Section 3:6 would encourage the “charitable distribution of goods for basic human needs” to persons in need, in a manner consistent with existing park policies.

RESOLVED that the Parks Advisory Commission recommends passage of the attached amendment of Chapter 39, Section 3:6.