

## MINUTES OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

Rec&Ed Offices  
1515 S Seventh St  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Members Present: Annie-Norah Beveridge, Tim Berla, Sheila Calhoun, Joe Erhardt, Tom George, Paula Greeno, Joanne Kimata, Betty Wier, Colleen Greene

Ex-Officio Members Present: Sara Aeschbach, Jeff Straw, Glenn Nelson

Call to Order: Chairperson Paula Greeno called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Public Commentary: There was no public commentary

Approval of Minutes: Tom George moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2010 meeting and Tim Berla seconded this motion. Minutes were approved unanimously after modification was made to clarify the correct website as annarborweb.com.

Old Business

New Business

A. High School Volunteer Program – Sara Aeschbach reported that Rec&Ed is moving forward with the high school volunteer program. All divisions of the department have agreed to include volunteers with a wide variety of choices for students who wish to volunteer. There is a simple application form for the student to complete, as well as a form for a teacher or counselor to recommend the student. There will be a one-session training program for all participants followed by individual training within the various divisions. Information will be sent to the counselors at the high schools, is available on the Rec&Ed website. Annie-Norah suggested information be available at the individual COE offices at the high schools. Sara has asked RAC members for suggestions for potential thank you gifts for the volunteers and Glenn Nelson recommended that an individual photo of the volunteer working with their students be presented to each one. Tom George suggested a formal certificate of completion be presented to the volunteers from Rec&Ed.

B. RAC Focus Group for PROS Plan – Jeff Straw served as facilitator for the PROS plan focus group. This plan is updated every five years and is important for planning and seeking grants. Jeff Straw, Sara Aeschbach and Tim Berla sit on the steering committee for the PROS plan. The plan needs to be completed by December 2010. See the document “RAC PROS Focus Group” for information about the focus group discussion.

Briefing Agenda

A. Items from RAC

1. Reports from PAC – Tim Berla reported the City of Ann Arbor is contemplating an additional 1000 parking spaces at Fuller Park to be used by the University of Michigan. While it would be of no benefit to the parks, the spaces would create more opportunities for citizens to not drive their cars and for others to commute to Ann Arbor via Amtrak train to their place of employment with the

University of Michigan. PAC also discussed Adopt-a-Park and volunteer opportunities within the park systems.

B. Items from Parks and Recreation – Jeff Straw reported the golf courses are open for business. Gallup canoe livery will open later this week. Official administrators budgets will be submitted next week.

C. Items from Community Education and Recreation – Sara Aeschbach reported the spring brochure is available. Summer program planning is under way. Potential closure of some middle school pools would have a major impact on Rec&Ed swim programs. Under consideration is to close pools for portions of the year, rather than permanent closures.

Transmittals – None.

Adjournment: Tom George moved to adjourn the meeting and Tim Berla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chairperson Paula Greeno adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Drago, Recording Secretary to RAC