



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

Park Advisory Commission

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Tuesday, April 20, 2021

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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1 CALL TO ORDER

2 ROLL CALL

All Commission members attended the meeting electronically from Ann Arbor, MI.

Staff Present:

Colin Smith

Scott Spooner

Josh Landefeld

Kristen Vander Lugt

Present: 10 - Paige Morrison, Stephen Borgsdorf, Julie Grand, Praveena Ramaswami, Lauren London, Mike Appel, Ruth L. Kraut, Rachel Skylis, Anne Marsan, and Patti Smith

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously.

4 FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT

Seeing no callers, Chair Morrison closed public comment.

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5-A [21-0759](#) Minutes of the March 16, 2021 PAC Meeting

Attachments: 3-16-2022 PAC Minutes.pdf

Moved by London, seconded by Marsan, approved unanimously as amended and forwarded to the City Council.

5-B [21-0758](#) Minutes of the February 23, 2021 PAC Meeting

Attachments: 2-23-2021 PAC Minutes.pdf

Moved by Marsan, seconded by Smith, approved and forwarded to the City Council.

6 PRESENTATIONS

None.

7 REPORTS

7-A REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

Colin Smith provided an update on park operations as they relate to the Covid-19 pandemic.

7-B REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

7-C REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASKFORCES

8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8-A [21-0767](#) Update on Leslie Park Food Forest.

Attachments: NFF Resolution (003).pdf, Leslie Park Food Forest Agreement.PDF

Scott Spooner, ShuNahSii Rose, and Robin Greenwood provided an update on the Leslie Park Food Forest project.

9 NEW BUSINESS

10 COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

- 10-C** [21-0796](#) Park Advisory Commission Resolution on the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget and Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Plan for Parks and Recreation Services

Attachments: PAC - FY2022 Parks and Recreation Budget Resolution.pdf, Budget Impact Analysis FY22 and FY23-Parks.pdf, Fund71ActivityLevel.pdf, ParksGFActivityLevel.pdf

Moved by Borgsdorf, seconded by Appel, to approve the Park Advisory Commission Resolution on the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget and Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Plan for Parks and Recreation Services.

Approved resolution reads as follows:

PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION RESOLUTION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET AND FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET PLAN

Whereas, a vibrant, extensive, and healthy parks system is part of every great town and city;

Whereas, Ann Arbor residents value their parks, natural areas and recreational facilities and support these amenities through their taxes and patronage;

Whereas, the Parks Advisory Commission (PAC) commends staff for their continued efforts to engage PAC members in the budget process, and in producing a budget draft that follows PAC's recommended budget priorities to sustain facilities and activities for all residents, but especially children, low income residents, and seniors, particularly where these services are not otherwise available;

RESOLVED, That PAC recommends that City Council approve the Administrator's recommended budget for Parks and Recreation Services developed by staff highlighting the following items and noting the following changes from the FY 2021 budget:

- 1. Increase in revenue of \$298,029 in the General Fund by increasing various program and admission fees,**

- 2. Increase in revenue of \$48,787 in the General Fund to reflect increased demand and a new eCommerce Parks store,
- 3. Decrease in General Fund expenditures in the amount \$104,512 through the reallocation of a portion of Recreation Supervisor costs to Fund 71, to better reflect practice.

Yeas: 9 - Morrison, Borgsdorf, Ramaswami, London, Appel, RAC Rep. Kraut, Skylis, Marsan, and RAC Rep. Smith

Nays: 0

9-A [21-0757](#) Resolution Recommending Approval of Fiscal Year 2022/23 Fee Adjustments for Parks & Recreation Services

Attachments: PAC - FEES FY2022.pdf, Fees Parks.pdf, Comparative Fees.pdf

Moved by Borgsdorf, seconded by London, approved unanimously.

Approved resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 FEE ADJUSTMENTS FOR PARKS & RECREATION SERVICES

Whereas, Parks & Recreation Services review existing fees annually as part of the budget process;

Whereas, Fees for various programs and services have not been increased for numerous years;

Whereas, The proposed fee increases are in line with what other communities charge for similar services; and

Whereas, Scholarships that provide for reduced or free programs are available to income eligible Ann Arbor residents;

RESOLVED, That fees for Parks and Recreation Services be adjusted according to the attached schedules;

RESOLVED, That the attached fee schedules become effective according to the dates in the attached schedules; and

RESOLVED, That the Parks Advisory Commission recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve the proposed fees.

Yeas: 9 - Morrison, Borgsdorf, Ramaswami, London, Appel, RAC Rep. Kraut, Skylis, Marsan, and RAC Rep. Smith

Nays: 0

11 LAND ACQUISITION MATTERS

Moved by Skylis seconded by Smith to enter a closed session to discuss land acquisition at 5:06 p.m.

Moved by London, seconded by Borgsdorf, seconded by Kraut to exit the closed session at 5:38 p.m.

LAND ACQUISITION MATTERS

Moved by Appel seconded by Kraut to recommend City participation with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission in the fee acquisition of property identified in Application ID 2017-04 and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$230,000.00 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage.

Unanimously approved.

12 SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minutes per Speaker)

Seeing no callers, Chair Morrison closed public comment.

13 COMMUNICATIONS

13-A [21-0743](#) Park Planning Capital Project Update

Attachments: 2021-04 PAC Update.pdf

Received and Filed

13-B [21-0744](#) PAC Council Update

Attachments: PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 4_2021.pdf

Received and Filed

13-C [21-0745](#) Park Project Status Table

Attachments: Parks_Project_Status_Table-FY2021.pdf

Received and Filed

14 **CLOSED SESSION**

15 **ADJOURNMENT**

Unanimously adjourned at 5:41 p.m.