



**City of Ann Arbor**  
**Formal Minutes**  
**Park Advisory Commission**

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Tuesday, September 18, 2018

4:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second  
Floor, City Council chambers

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**A CALL TO ORDER**

*Meeting called to order at 4:08 p.m.*

**B ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 8 - Robert Galardi, David Santacroce, Paige Morrison,  
Stephen Borgsdorf, Julie Grand, Praveena Ramaswami,  
Lauren London, and Mike Appel

**Absent:** 2 - Ruth L. Kraut, and Graydon Krapohl

**C APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Approved unanimously as presented.**

**D APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**D-1**     [18-1601](#)     Minutes of the July 17, 2018 PAC Meeting

**Attachments:**     7-17-2018 PAC Minutes .pdf

**Moved by Galardi, seconded by Morrison, approved unanimously as presented and forwarded to the City Council.**

**E PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

*Ethel Potts, 1014 Elder Boulevard, Ann Arbor, expressed concern with the proposed parking lot lease item on the agenda. She expressed concern with the future of other parks within the City. She requested that proposals like these be reviewed on an annual basis. She inquired about the lack of Public Hearing for the item.*

*Joe Hood, (address unknown) spoke against the proposed parking lot lease, and encouraged the Commission to deny the request.*

*Rita Mitchell, 621 5th Street, Ann Arbor, spoke against the proposed parking lot lease. She expressed concern with the future of other parks within the City. She requested that proposals like these be reviewed on an annual basis.*

**F SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**F-1 [18-1602](#) Skatepark Annual Update**

**Attachments:** FOTAAS\_PAC\_Report\_2018.pdf

*Trevor Staples, representing the Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark, presented an update on the Skatepark, highlighting the following items:*

- Board of Directors changes*
- History of the Skatepark*
- Skatepark Funding*
- Skatepark Programs
  - All Girl Skate*
  - A2 Skatepark Scholarship*
  - Pick Up and Skate*
  - Bake Sales*
  - Contests/ Other events*
  - Give365 Involvement**
- Annual Event
  - 2018 Light Up the Park**
- Ways to get involved, website: [a2skatepark.org](http://a2skatepark.org), email: [info@a2skatepark.org](mailto:info@a2skatepark.org), ID: [a2skatepark](#), and Facebook*

*Commissioner Galardi inquired about maintenance at the skatepark.*

*C. Smith explained that the costs range from a few thousand to around ten thousand each year.*

*Commissioner Ramaswami inquired about the open season of the skatepark.*

*Staples answered that the City does not maintain it in the winter, but members of the community do clear out the snow to use it all year long.*

*Commissioner Morrison expressed that the community at the skatepark is accepting and a great place to be.*

*Commissioner Appel discussed Dark Sky lighting as it relates to lighting at the skatepark.*

**Received and Filed**

**G NEW BUSINESS**

**G-1**      [18-1603](#)      Resolution to recommend approving a Connecting Communities Grant Application to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission for \$100,000 for Upcoming Repairs to the Boardwalk in Riverside Park

**Attachments:**      Resolution Supporting a Grant Application to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Connecting Communities Program.pdf, Project Location Map-01.pdf

*C. Smith explained the condition of the boardwalk, the estimated construction cost of \$200,000.00, and the Connecting Communities Grant as a way to off set the cost.*

**A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Appel, that the resolution be approved by the Commission.**

*RESOLUTION READS AS FOLLOWS:*

*RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION CONNECTING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RIVERSIDE BOARDWALK SECTION OF THE BORDER-TO-BORDER TRAIL*

*Whereas, The boardwalk portion of the Border-to-Border trail in Riverside Park is in need of replacement;*

*Whereas, Bid documents have been released with the aim of construction taking place in the winter in an effort to minimize the impact of construction on B2B users;*

*Whereas, WCPARC administers the Connecting Communities grant program to help fund trail construction;*

*RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends supporting a grant application in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Connecting Communities Program for improvements to the Riverside boardwalk section of the Border-to-Border Trail*

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION:**

*Appel expressed that the discussed area of the trail has been in need of repair for some time, and he expressed that he is glad it's being repaired.*

**On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion passed.**

**Yeas:** 7 - Galardi, Santacroce, Morrison, Borgsdorf, Ramaswami, London, and Appel

**Nays:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - RAC Rep. Kraut, and Liaison Krapohl

**G-2**      **18-1604**      Resolution to Recommend Approval of the Fuller Park Parking Lot Land Lease with the University of Michigan

**Attachments:**      Resolution to Recommend Approval of the Fuller Park Parking Lot Land Lease with the University of Michigan.pdf, Fuller Park Lot Land Lease Sept2018.pdf, Exhibit\_A-1[1].pdf

*C. Smith presented the resolution, explaining that it is to allow the two paved parking lots as well as the unpaved portion of the parking lot at the Fuller Park parking lots to be leased by the University of Michigan at times where parking is not needed by the park. He explained that during the busy season for the park, there is a need for parking at the site for the park.*

*S. Borgsdorf inquired about whether or not the resolution is a renewal or a new lease.*

*C. Smith explained that the lease is a new lease, the conditions are slightly different than those in the past. The University payment would be increased by 3%.*

*D. Santacroce explained that he is supportive of resolution.*

*Galardi inquired about the need for parking at the site.*

*C. Smith explained that there is a greater need for the park parking during the park's busy season, while in the off season park use is less so there are spaces available to lease to the University of Michigan.*

*The Commission further discussed the conditions of the lease, the future process of the lease renewal, concern from residents, and the need for parking at the parks.*

**MAIN MOTION:**

**Moved by Morrison, seconded by Appel, that the resolution be approved by the Commission.**

*RESOLUTION READS AS FOLLOWS:*

*RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE FULLER PARK PARKING LOT LAND LEASE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN*

*Whereas, On September 29, 1993, an agreement was entered into between the City of Ann Arbor and University of Michigan for the establishment and operation of a parking lot on City-owned property at Fuller Park, located south of Fuller Road;*

*Whereas, The parking lots north of Fuller Road have been leased to the University since 2009;*

*Whereas, The lease generates significant revenue for the Parks & Recreation General Fund;*

*Whereas, It is the desire of the City and the University to continue the lease arrangement;*

*Whereas, The term of the agreement shall be one year, with an option to administratively renew the lease for two additional one-year terms;*

*RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends that City Council approve the Fuller Parking Lot Lease with the University of Michigan.*

**AMENDMENT I:**

**Moved by Borgsdorf, seconded by Galardi, to removed "with an option to administratively renew the lease for two additional one-year terms;" from the proposed resolution.**

*COMMISSION DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENT I:*

*P. Morrison, expressed concern with the time spent reviewing the resolution each year.*

*P. Ramaswami and L. London discussed needing discussion on the resolution each year if the conditions change.*

*Borgsdorf discussed future uses of the park, supporting lease review by the PAC.*

**VOTE ON AMENDMENT I:**

**On a voice vote, the vote was as follows with the chair declaring the motion failed.**

**Yeas:** 2 - Galardi, and Borgsdorf

**Nays:** 5 - Santacroce, Morrison, Ramaswami, London, and Appel

**Absent:** 1 - RAC Rep. Kraut, and Liaison Krapohl

*COMMISSION DISCUSSION ON MAIN MOTION:*

*The Commission discussed the revenue generated by the lease, the need for the parking in the area, and different park uses in Ann Arbor.*

**VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:**

**On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the Main Motion passed.**

**Yeas:** 7 - Galardi, Santacroce, Morrison, Borgsdorf, Ramaswami, London, and Appel

**Nays:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - RAC Rep. Kraut, and Liaison Krapohl

**H COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

*None.*

**I REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**

*C. Smith explained that the Fuller Park pool extended its season by two weeks this year, and that the ice rink has opened at Veteran's Park. He provided an update on the feasibility study with the Bandemer Park and*

*the Barton Nature Area tunnel, explaining that a bid was accepted by the county and that more information will be available closer to the spring. He also discussed the Park Maintenance Capital Improvements Millage communications.*

**J REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

*No report.*

**K REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASKFORCES**

*No report.*

**L PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

*P. Ramaswami explained that the upcoming Saturday is National Public Lands day, and more information can be found at the neefusa.org to learn about opportunities to get involved.*

**M CLOSED SESSION**

*None.*

**N TRANSMITTALS**

**N-1**     [18-1605](#)   Park Planning Capital Project Update

**Attachments:**   2018-09 PAC Update.pdf

**Received and Filed**

**N-2**     [18-1606](#)   PAC Council Update

**Attachments:**   PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 9\_2018.pdf

**Received and Filed**

**N-3**     [18-1607](#)   Parks Project Status Table

**Attachments:**   Parks\_Project\_Status\_Table-FY2018-19.pdf

**Received and Filed**

**N-4**      **18-1608**      Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage

**Attachments:**      park\_maintenance\_millage\_sheet.indd2018.pdf,  
capital\_millage\_2018.pdf,  
millage\_ad\_halfpage\_observer\_2018.pdf,  
millage\_FAQ\_2018.pdf,  
millage\_socialmedia\_banners\_2018.pdf,  
nap\_millage\_sheet\_2018v2.pdf

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**O**      **ADJOURNMENT**