



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

Park Advisory Commission

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Tuesday, October 19, 2021

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Morrison called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

2 ROLL CALL

Others Present:

Scott Spooner, Parks and Recreation Deputy Manager

Josh Landefeld, Parks and Recreation Deputy Manager

Adam Fercho, City of Ann Arbor Park Planner & Landscape Architect

Councilmember Jeff Hayner

Dave Borneman, Parks and Recreation Deputy Manager

Kristen Vander Lugt, City Staff

Present: 8 - Paige Morrison, Stephen Borgsdorf, Julie Grand, Praveena Ramaswami, Lauren London, Ruth L. Kraut, Rachel Skyllis, and Anne Marsan

Absent: 1 - Patti Smith

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4 FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minutes per Speaker)

Name unknown, expressed support for the Food Forest.

Vishnu (last name unknown), expressed support for the Leslie Park Food Forest.

Councilmember Hayner explained that he is permitted to participate in the Zoom meeting as an attendee.

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4-A [21-1849](#) Minutes of the September 21, 2021 PAC Meeting

Attachments: 9-21-2021 PAC Minutes.pdf

Moved by Borgsdorf, seconded by Kraut, approved unanimously as presented and forwarded to the City Council.

6 PRESENTATIONS

6-A [21-1864](#) West Park Bandshell

Attachments: WestBandShell_20210331_PP.pdf

Adam Fercho introduced the project.

James Burton and Richard Macey, with Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., further explained the project.

6-B [21-1842](#) M-14 & BUS 23 over Huron River Bridge Rehabilitation

Attachments: M-14 BUS 23 over Huron River Bridge.pdf

Dave Borneman introduced the project.

Jeff Triezenberg (MDOT) presented the project.

7 REPORTS

7-A REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

Josh Landefeld provided an update on park operations.

7-B REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

No report.

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

No report.

9 REGULAR BUSINESS

21-1843 Resolution to Recommend the Food Forest Continue at Leslie Park and to Renew the Agreement Between the True Earth Org and the City of Ann Arbor

Attachments: NFF Resolution 2021 (PAC)v2.pdf, NFF Resolution 2021 (PAC)v2.pdf, Leslie Park Food Forest Agreement.PDF, PAC packet.pdf, Emails regarding the Food Forest at Leslie Park2.pdf, Emails regarding the Food Forest at Leslie Park 3.pdf

Scott Spooner explained the proposed resolution.

ShuNahSii Rose, Robin Greenwood, Tooya Ritchey ,and Ile' Karoly presented an update and provided information on the Food Forest at Leslie Park.

Moved by Marsan, seconded by London, to approve the Resolution to Recommend the Food Forest Continue at Leslie Park and to Renew the Agreement Between the True Earth Org at the City of Ann Arbor.

On a roll call vote the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the resolution approved.

Approved resolution reads as follows:

**Resolution to Recommend the Food Forest continue at Leslie Park and to renew the agreement between the True Earth Org and the City of Ann Arbor
October 19, 2021**

Whereas, in April 2021, PAC approved a pilot project in the southern section of Leslie Park, on a site less than one acre in size;

Whereas, The City and True Earth entered into an agreement for a Pilot Northside Food Forest (NFF) Project at Leslie Park in April of 2021;

Whereas, this agreement outlines the goals and purpose of the NFF,

the organizational structure of the NFF, maintenance responsibilities, community outreach, signage, insurance requirements, and level of City support;

Whereas, the NFF sought and received prior approval for additional plantings and landscaping:

Whereas, no permanent or semi-permanent structures were erected in the NFF site in Leslie Park;

Whereas, the NFF conducted more than 3 free outreach and educational classes, with support from City Staff, on Food Forests to neighborhoods near Leslie Park;

Whereas, the NFF reported back to the Park Advisory Commission at their October 19, 2021 meeting on the success of the 2021 season;

Whereas, the NFF aims to achieve goals in line with City sustainability goals;

Whereas, staff recommend removing the pilot provision from the NFF project;

RESOLVED, that the Park Advisory Commission recommend approval of the continuation of the NFF, removing the pilot program designation, following these steps:

- 1. Prior to April 1, 2022 The City and NFF renew the working agreement that outlines the goals and purpose of the NFF, the organizational structure of the NFF, maintenance responsibilities, community outreach, signage, insurance requirements, and level of City support.**
- 2. This agreement will be eligible for annual renewal, provided all parties agree to the renewal.**
- 3. Any additional plantings and landscaping must be approved prior to implementation.**
- 4. During each season the NFF conduct at least 3 free outreach and educational classes, with support from City Staff, on Food Forests to neighborhoods near Leslie Park.**
- 5. That the NFF report back to the Park Advisory Commission at a Fall 2022 meeting on how the prior season went.**

Yeas: 6 - Morrison, Ramaswami, London, RAC Rep. Kraut, Skylis, and Marsan

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Borgsdorf, and RAC Rep. Smith

9-B [21-1844](#) Resolution to Recommend that Winchell Park be Renamed Dr. Harold J. Lockett Park

Attachments: JewettChairs.jpg, JewettChairs2.jpg, PAC - WINCHELL RENAMING RESOLUTION DR. HAROLD J LOCKETT PARK.pdf, WINCHELL_AD-HOC_RES.pdf, Winchell_Communications_2021.pdf, Final_Winchell_Results_2021.pdf, Jewett_response.pdf

Josh Landefeld explained the proposed resolution.

Moved by Skylis, seconded by Kraut, to approve the Resolution to Recommend that Winchell Park be Renamed Dr. Harold J. Lockett Park.

On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the resolution approved.

Approved resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND THAT WINCHELL PARK BE RENAMED DR. HAROLD J. LOCKETT PARK.

Whereas, Winchell Park may be named after Alexander Winchell, a U-M professor of physics, civil engineering, geology and paleontology; Whereas, The Park Advisory Commission strives to provide exceptional experiences for all Park visitors and residents, regardless of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, income level, ethnicity, or ability; Whereas, The Park Advisory Commission believes everyone should feel safe, welcome and respected in the City Parks and that renaming Winchell Park is consistent with this goal;

Whereas, The Park Advisory Commission established a special ad-hoc committee for the purpose of recommending a renaming of Winchell Park; Whereas, The special ad-hoc committee met multiple times, identified numerous candidates for renaming consideration, and developed a method to engage the broader public to vote on the renaming; Whereas, A renaming survey was released for a month, and residents within a ¼ mile of Winchell Park were notified

by postcard of the renaming survey and the park was signed with the same information; Whereas, The survey generated 321 votes; Whereas, Dr. Harold J. Lockett received the most votes by a significant margin; and Whereas, The special ad-hoc committee met on Friday, October 1st and passed a resolution recommending to the Park Advisory Commission that Winchell Park be renamed Dr. Harold J. Lockett Park; **RESOLVED**, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends that Ann Arbor’s Mayor and the Ann Arbor City Council officially rename and rededicate Winchell Park as Dr. Harold J. Lockett Park; and

RESOLVED, That, upon completion of the Park renaming, the City of Ann Arbor join with Park neighbors in convening an appropriate Park dedication ceremony.

Yeas: 6 - Morrison, Ramaswami, London, RAC Rep. Kraut, Skylis, and Marsan

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Borgsdorf, and RAC Rep. Smith

9-C [21-1845](#) Resolution to Establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to Develop a Park Naming Process

Attachments: PAC - PARK NAMING AD-HOCv2.pdf

Chair Morrison explained the proposed resolution.

Moved by Kraut, seconded by Skylis, to approve the Resolution to Establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to Develop a Park Naming Process

On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the resolution approved.

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RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A PARK NAMING PROCESS

10/19/2021

Whereas, Over the course of the last 18 months the Park Advisory Commission has renamed Rose White Park after Graydon Krapohl and is in the process of recommending a renaming of Winchell Park;

Whereas, There is an interest in potentially renaming additional existing parks; Whereas, As additional parkland is acquired, naming is a consideration; Whereas, Currently a standardized park naming process does not exist; and Whereas, Park Advisory Commission members and staff have expressed a desire to develop a process that is objective, considers certain criteria, and includes diversity, equity, and inclusion considerations as part of the naming process; **RESOLVED**, That the Park Advisory Commission establish an ad-hoc committee to develop a park naming process to be used for renaming of existing parks and naming of new acquisitions; **RESOLVED**, That the ad-hoc park naming committee shall advise the City Parks & Recreation Services Unit and the City Park Advisory Commission on the following: a. Developing criteria for identifying and/or scoring parks that could be considered for renaming b. Developing criteria for identifying who or what parks can be named after c. Developing criteria regarding how best to engage the general public in renaming/naming d. Preparing a consistent renaming process that considers these criteria and provides a consistent roadmap for naming or renaming Ann Arbor parks.

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission appoints the following individuals to the park naming ad-hoc for a term of six months, expiring April 30, 2022: • At least 2 members of the Park Advisory Commission • Staff person, Parks & Recreation Services and/or Office of Sustainability and Innovations • Brittany Ruthven, Recreation Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Services • Josh Landefeld, Deputy Manager, Parks and Recreation Services

Yeas: 6 - Morrison, Ramaswami, London, RAC Rep. Kraut, Skylis, and Marsan

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Borgsdorf, and RAC Rep. Smith

11 LAND ACQUISITION MATTERS

None.

12 SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minutes Per Speaker)

No callers.

13 COMMUNICATIONS

13-A [21-1846](#) PAC Council Update

Attachments: PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 10_2021.pdf

Received and Filed

13-B [21-1847](#) Park Planning Capital Project Update

Attachments: 2017-10 PAC Update.pdf

Received and Filed

13-C [21-1848](#) Park Project Status Table

Attachments: Parks_Project_Status_Table-FY2022.pdf

Received and Filed

14 **CLOSED SESSION**

15 **ADJOURNMENT**