

October 17, 2017

To:
Colin Smith, Unit Manager, Parks and Recreation Services
Members of Parks Advisory Commission

From: Rita Mitchell, Member, Protect A2 Parks

Subject: Request to Defer Action on PAC RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED ANN ARBOR STATION, PAC Meeting of October 17, 2017

Mr. Smith and members of the Parks Advisory Commission, your agenda for October 17, 2017 includes the above referenced resolution. I ask that you defer action on the above referenced resolution, pending confirmation of project costs, for the following reasons:

- 1) A calculation error with potential of \$5,000,000 understatement of costs for a Full Build by 2035 has been identified for costs for the Fuller Park location, designated as preferred location by the Ann Arbor Station Environmental Assessment.
- 2) The cost estimate was included among factors used to designate Fuller Park as the preferred alternative.
- 3) Full review of the cost estimates should be completed prior to your significant action to allow repurposing of public park land. We do not know whether the cost estimates related to other aspects of the project are correct as presented, without completion of the requested review.
- 4) A cost not mentioned in the Ann Arbor Station Environmental Assessment report is the value of Fuller Park land. There is no proposal to sell the park land for the project, yet the city will lose the recreational access to the property that cannot be replaced in comparable measure along the Huron River Valley. In other words, we could not buy property in the Huron River Valley that is equivalent to what we citizens of Ann Arbor already own. We do have the potential to return the current parking space in whole or in part to park recreation space.

For the above reasons, I request that PAC defer action on the resolution and that PAC request an audited explanation of project costs.

Thank you.