



City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Park Advisory Commission

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

4:00 PM

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

A CALL TO ORDER

B ROLL CALL

Staff Present: 2 - C. Smith, B. Ruthven

Present: 7 - Karen Levin, Alan Jackson, Bob Galardi, David Santacroce, Paige Morrison, Mary Jo Gray, and Julie Grand

Absent: 4 - Mike Anglin, Melissa Stults, Stephen Borgsdorf, and Praveena Ramaswami

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)

Brian Matrico acknowledged the great work in Parks and offered his assistance in the PROS program.

E APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E1 [15-1274](#) Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2015

Attachments: PAC Meeting Minutes September 15, 2015.pdf

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to City Council.

F SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

F1 [15-1275](#) Community Action Network - Annual Presentation on Bryant and Northside Community Centers

Attachments: CAN Presentation- NCC and BCC 2015.pdf

C. Smith introduced Derrick Miller, Deputy Director of the Community Action Network (CAN). His overview included highlights on the food distribution program, afterschool and meal programs, and community events that happen in recognition of major holidays.

Received and Filed

F2 [15-1276](#) Report from City Environmental Coordinator Regarding a Pilot Bioremediation Test in Southeast Area Park

Attachments: Pilot Test Summary for PAC.pdf, Figure 1_Proposed Pilot Test_PAC.pdf

M. Naud gave an overview on the landfill near SE Area Park. The unlined part of the landfill has some contamination but there are no exposure issues. Testing of the area will include the installation of two observation wells. One existing well will be used for monitoring. Installation and set-up of injection materials will take place in November and should take about 2-3 days. Results will be shared with PAC when available.

Received and Filed

G NEW BUSINESS

G1 [15-1277](#) Resolution to Recommend Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Golf Cart Lease with Pifer Inc. (\$57,618.00)

Attachments: PAC - PIFER GOLF CARTS 2016 (1 year)_cs.pdf, AMEND 2 Pifer Golf Carts (2).pdf, Pifer 2014.pdf, ANN ARBOR 2016 LEASE AGREEMENT.pdf

C. Smith gave details on the existing lease with Pifer. The amendment is necessary because the transition to electric golf carts is behind schedule and a storage facility is being designed now, adding to the delay.

The Resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, Golf carts are an important aspect of the golf operations and are available at both Huron Hills and Leslie Park Golf Courses;

Whereas, In the interest of providing City customers with a quality and reliable vehicle for rental the City desires to amend their existing lease agreement with Pifer Inc. to extend the term of the lease for one additional year to end December 31, 2016;

Whereas, Pifer Inc. has agreed to honor terms and conditions of the existing lease agreement and those conditions clearly offered the lowest lease price per cart;

Whereas, Funding is available for FY2016 in the approved Parks & Recreation Services General Fund and in the approved budget plan for FY2017; and

Whereas, Pifer Inc. complies with the requirements of the City Non-discrimination and Living Wage ordinances;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend amending a lease contract with Pifer Inc. for the lease of 99 golf carts for the 2016 calendar year for an amount not to exceed \$57,618.00.

Approved unanimously.

H UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H1 [15-1278](#) Resolution Recommending to the City Administrator that Additional Parks be Declared Smoke Free

Attachments: PAC NO SMOKE RESOLUTION 10 2015 .pdf, Ord#64.pdf, Exhibit_A_Smoking_Ban.pdf, Smoking_Ban_Exceptions.pdf,

Smoking_Ban_No_Exceptions.pdf

C. Smith and Commission members discussed the current ordinance and the rationale for adding more Parks based in part on complete and near complete bans in other municipalities.

The Resolution as amended reads as follows:

Whereas on April 21, 2014 the Ann Arbor City Council passed ordinance 14-03 to add a New Chapter 64 to Title VI (Food and Health) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor to limit smoking in outdoor public places (the "Ordinance");

Whereas the Ordinance provides that, among other things, the City Administrator may designate any City park or portion thereof as a smokefree outdoor public place in consultation with the Parks Advisory Commission ("PAC");

Whereas in the summer of 2014, PAC, through a sub-committee and in consultation with City staff, examined the implementation of similar bans in other municipalities, consulted with a public health expert, and reviewed various methods of signage prohibiting smoking;

Whereas based on that work, PAC determined that City Parks with playgrounds and those within the Downtown Development Authority District should, in the first instance, be those where smoking is prohibited, and recommended the same to the City Administrator by resolution dated September 16, 2014;

Whereas on February 1, 2015, the City Administrator prohibited smoking in certain parks in accordance with PAC's September 16, 2014 resolution; and

Whereas pursuant to that September 16, 2014 resolution, PAC has now considered extending the ban to additional parks based on, among other things, similar complete and near complete bans in other municipalities and the City's experience with the partial ban implemented by the City Administrator on February 1, 2015;

Now, therefore be it resolved that PAC recommends to the City Administrator that all City parks except those listed on the attached Exhibit A be designated as "smokefree outdoor public places" under the Ordinance to be implemented no later than February 1, 2016.

Approved unanimously.

I COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**J REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**

C. Smith suggested all go see the POP-X exhibit in Liberty Plaza. A new program at the Senior Center called Community Sing starting November 1. Trick-or-Treat Paddle was featured by M-Live as one of the top activities to do in the entire state. The program won an award at the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association for best community special event. 225 boats were rented and 100 volunteers for this event. Resolution passed directing the City Administrator to look at what it would take to relocate Arthur Miller's house to Liberty Plaza. PROS Plan Survey is online through October 25. Also on October 25, Leslie will have the Longest, Hardest Day of Golf. On October 26 Olson Park is having the Dog Park Halloween Party. October 31 Buhr

Park outdoor ice arena opens for the season. Two meetings regarding the Library Lot on October 22. Deer Management Program cull will take place on public (parks) land sometime in the winter of 2016.

K REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

RAC met on October 6 and had presentations about Rec and Ed's inclusion services and adaptive programming. Rick's Run to be held at Gallup Park on October 24 to support Rec and Ed's scholarship program. New scholarship application process will be coming soon.

L REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASKFORCES

K. Levin stated that the Dog Park Subcommittee met and is currently looking at Parks and city owned spaces within a certain radius of downtown and scoring them according to the developed guidelines for creating new dog parks. A. Jackson reported that LSNC Board has been happy with the progress made with facility improvements and gave kudos. D. Santacroce thanked K. Levin for being a PAC member as her term ends.

M PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL (3 Minutes per Speaker)

N CLOSED SESSION

O TRANSMITTALS

O1 [15-1279](#) Park Planning Capital Project Update

Attachments: PAC Update 10-15.pdf

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O2 [15-1280](#) PAC Council Update October 2015

Attachments: PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 10 2015.pdf

Received and Filed

O3 [15-1281](#) Parks Project Status Table FY 2015-2016

Attachments: Parks_Project_Status_Table-FY2015-16.pdf

Received and Filed

P ADJOURNMENT