



City of Ann Arbor
Formal Minutes
Park Advisory Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Tuesday, November 16, 2021

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paige Morrison called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM

2 ROLL CALL

Others Present

Colin Smith, City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Manager

Hillary Hanzel, City of Ann Arbor Park Planner & Landscape Architect

Jeff Hayner, City of Ann Arbor City Council Member

Kristen Vander Lugt, City of Ann Arbor Staff

All PAC members attended the meeting electronically in Ann Arbor, MI with the exception of Ruth Kraut and Lauren London who attended the meeting from Ypsilanti, MI.

Present: 8 - Paige Morrison, Stephen Borgsdorf, Julie Grand, Lauren London, Ruth L. Kraut, Rachel Skylis, Anne Marsan, and Patti Smith

Absent: 1 - Praveena Ramaswami

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Unanimously approved as presented.

4 FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minutes per Speaker)

Peter Sanderson, commented that there are Washtenaw County efforts regarding updating signage on the Boarder to Boarder Trail, and is interested in collaborating where appropriate.

Steven Miller, 2412 Georgetown Blvd, Ann Arbor, discussed the Sugarbush Park survey.

Seeing no further callers, Chair Morrison closed the first Public Comment.

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-2054](#) Minutes of the October 19, 2021 PAC Meeting

Attachments: 10-19-2021 PAC Minutes.pdf

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council due back on 1/3/2022

6 PRESENTATIONS

6-A [21-2000](#) Bike Recreation within Ann Arbor Parks

Attachments: FINAL bandemer bikesurvey.pdf, A2 Bicycle Recreation Proposal Presentation.pdf

Presented by Garret Potter and Mitch Bray

6-B Update on Solar at the Recreation Facilities

Presented by Simi Barr, City of Ann Arbor Sustainability and Innovations Energy Coordinator

7 REPORTS

Colin Smith reported that PAC will continue to meet remotely via Zoom, that the PROS Plan process begins soon, and that the process for finding a replacement Parks and Recreation Manager has started.

7-A REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

Colin Smith reported

7-B REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

No report.

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

No report.

8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9 NEW BUSINESS

21-2006 Resolution Recommending City Council Include the Gallup Park Vehicle Bridge Replacement and Park Road and Trail Renovation project for Consideration in the Award of ARP Funding

Attachments: PAC - GALLUP BRIDGE_HHCS.pdf,
211001_ARP_Funding_Recommendation.pdf,
211104_Followup_Memo_ARP_Funding_Recommendati
on.pdf, Gallup Bridge Road Trail Phasing Plan 2.pdf

Moved by Borgsdorf, seconded by Kraut, to approve the Resolution Recommending City Council Include the Gallup Park Vehicle Bridge Replacement and Park Road and Trail Renovation project for Consideration in the Award of ARP Funding

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

Approved resolution reads as follows.

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL INCLUDE THE GALLUP PARK VEHICLE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND PARK ROAD AND TRAIL RENOVATION PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE AWARD OF ARP FUNDING

WHEREAS, Parks are an essential component of public infrastructure that plays a vital role in the health and wellbeing of communities;

WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor will receive \$24,182,630 from the federal government related to the American Rescue Plan;

WHEREAS, City Council directed the City Administrator to carry out a public engagement strategy to aid in the prioritization of the ARP funds;

WHEREAS, An initial list of potential projects to receive funding was shared with City Council on October 1, 2021 for consideration on how the funds should be prioritized and allocated;

WHEREAS, The Gallup Park vehicle bridge replacement and park road and trail renovation project appears to be eligible for ARP funding;

WHEREAS, This project would support the Council policy priority of providing well maintained and sustainable transportation infrastructure across the city;

WHEREAS, This project would enhance a key corridor of the non-motorized transportation network of both the park and city;

WHEREAS, A schematic design for replacing the vehicle bridge was developed with significant community engagement in 2020 and is ready to move into design engineering;

WHEREAS, A schematic plan for the adjacent park road and trail was developed concurrently to improve circulation, access and safety within Gallup Park and is also ready to move into design engineering;

WHEREAS, Construction of the entire project could be completed as early as 2023, well before the 2026 spending deadline;

WHEREAS, This project is scalable and could be funded and constructed in phases, or concurrently as a single project;

WHEREAS, Using ARP funds for this project would free up capital improvement funds for other important park infrastructure needs;

RESOLVED, That PAC recommends that City Council include the Gallup Bridge Park Vehicle Bridge Replacement and Park Road and Trail Renovation project for consideration in the award of ARP funding.

Yeas: 7 - Morrison, Borgsdorf, London, RAC Rep. Kraut, Skylis, Marsan, and RAC Rep. Smith

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Ramaswami

10 LAND ACQUISITION MATTERS

Moved by Marsan, seconded by Kraut, to enter a closed session to discuss land acquisition at 6:12 PM

Approved unanimously.

LAND ACQUISITION MATTERS

Moved by Kraut, seconded by Marsan, to exit the closed session at 6:39 PM

Unanimously approved.

11 SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minutes per Speaker)

12 COMMUNICATIONS

[21-2007](#) PAC Council Update

Attachments: PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 11_2021.pdf

Received and Filed

[21-2008](#) Park Planning Capital Project Update

Attachments: 2021-11 PAC Update.pdf

Received and Filed

[21-2009](#) Park Project Status Table

Attachments: Parks_Project_Status_Table-FY2022.pdf

Received and Filed

13 CLOSED SESSION

14 ADJOURNMENT

Unanimously adjourned at 6:42 PM

Paige Morrison, Chairperson

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