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Meeting Minutes Park Advisory Commission

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

4:00 PM City Hall, 301 E. Huron Street - 2nd Floor Council Workroom

This is a meeting of PAC and the Land Acquisition Committee (LAC)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by Chair, Julie Grand.

ROLL CALL

Ginny Trocchio called the roll.

Staff Present:

S. Bahl, C. Pulcifer, A. Kuras, D. Borneman, J. Straw and G. Trocchio; 6

Present: 10 - Timothy Berla, Chair Julie Berson Grand, John McCoy Lawter, Mike Anglin, Christopher Taylor, Karen Levin, Tim Doyle, Alan Jackson, Bob Galardi, and Melissa Stults

Absent: 1 - Ingrid Ault

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)

None

PRESENTATIONS

[12-1644](#)

Presentation on 721 N. Main Street

A special Presentation was made by S. Bahl, C. Pulcifer and Neal Billetdeaux from J. J. R. Group.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Stults, seconded by Jackson, that the Agenda be Approved with the addition of a special presentation from J.J.R Group and City staff. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

[12-1527](#)

Resolution to recommend submitting a grant application to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Connecting Communities program for improvements to the 721 N. Main site.

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND SUBMITTING a grant application to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Connecting Communities program FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 721 N. Main Site

Whereas, The North Main-Huron River Corridor Vision Taskforce has provided a recommendation for improvements to the 721 N. Main site, including non-motorized trails;

Whereas, Grants are available through the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Connecting Communities program for the construction of non-motorized trails;

Whereas, Any funds awarded as a result of this application could be used as matching funds in a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Environment Trust Fund grant application; and

Whereas, Successful grant applications would lead to site improvements and the first steps toward a greenway and greater connectivity to the Huron River;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends submitting an application to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Connecting Communities program for improvements to the 721 N. Main site.

A motion was made by RAC Rep. Berla, seconded by Lawter, that the Resolution/Public Hearing be Approved.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Discussion pursued regarding details of the proposed site plan for the 721 N. Main site, that was presented. Presenters clarified that the grants would cover only the floodway portion of the site, where nothing could be built, and may include pathway, stormwater management, plantings of native plants, and possible interpretive signage. The normal City public process would be followed to determine uses for the site outside of the floodway.

Discussion pursued regarding the Phase II environmental site assessment on the site. The results of the Phase II will determine the budget for the site.

Question was raised by Alan Jackson regarding the other costs for the city to apply for the grants. Staff answered that there would be staff time in order to submit the grants and the work of J. J. R that is currently under contract with the city.

Question was raised by C. Taylor if this would preclude the City from applying for other MDNR Trust Fund grants. Staff answered that currently the City does not have other Trust Fund grant projects at this time.

On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

Yeas: 8 - RAC Rep. Berla, Chair Berson Grand, Lawter, Levin, Doyle, Jackson, Galardi, and Stults

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Ault

[12-1528](#)

Resolution to recommend submitting a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Management to make improvements to the 721 N. Main site.

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GRANTS MANAGEMENT

TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 721 N. MAIN SITE

Whereas, The North Main-Huron River Corridor Vision Taskforce has provided a recommendation for park improvements to the 721 N. Main site;

Whereas, Grants are available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Management to make improvements to the 721 N. Main;

*Whereas, Matching funds are expected to be pursued by staff, including a grant application through the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Connecting Communities program for the construction of non-motorized trails; and
Whereas, A successful grant application would lead to site improvements and the first steps toward a greenway and greater connectivity to the Huron River;*

RESOLVED, That City Council approves an application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Management for improvements to the 721 N. Main site.

A motion was made by Galardi, seconded by Jackson, that the Resolution/Public Hearing be Approved.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Julie Grand commented that the Community Center's enthusiasm for the project opened her eyes to new opportunities for the site and that the City would not be building a pathway to nowhere.

On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

Yeas: 8 - RAC Rep. Berla, Chair Berson Grand, Lawter, Levin, Doyle, Jackson, Galardi, and Stults

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Ault

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Galardi, seconded by Lawter, that the Meeting be Adjourned at 5:05 p.m. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

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