



CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2011

The regular meeting of the Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ann Arbor Municipal Center, 2nd Floor Council Chambers (Larcom City Hall Building), 301 E. Huron, Ann Arbor MI

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. by Chair J. Grand.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: (8) J. Grand, T. Berla, D. Barrett, T. Doyle, K. Levin, G. Nystuen D. Chapman, S. Offen

Ex-Officio Members Present: (2) M. Anglin, C. Taylor

Ex- Officio Members Absent: (0) None.

Members Absent: (1) J. Lawter

Staff Present: (6) C. Smith, J. Straw, D. McGuire, P. Simmons, A. Kuras, L. Bowen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Commissioner Grand asked for a motion to approve the agenda, **Commissioner Chapman** moved, supported by **Commissioner Levin** to approve the agenda as written. The agenda was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes per Speaker)

A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Berla moved; supported by **Commissioner Barrett** to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2011. The minutes of May 17, 2011 were approved unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

South University Park Gift

C. Smith introduced **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Morris** to the Commission.

L. Morris and **M. Morris** spoke and provided history of this park. The Morris's gifted \$50,000.00 for the redevelopment of the South University Park.

C. Smith and the Commission thanked the Morris's for their gift to the park.

Senior Center Update

53 **J. Straw** gave an overview pertaining to the strategies implemented at the Senior Center
54 over the last year.
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56 **P. Simmons** gave an overview to the Commission on the task force recommendations and
57 strategies implemented at the Senior Center through a power point presentation. P. Simons
58 discussed the various programs at the senior center, gifts, renovations that are being made,
59 grants received, as well as the financial performance of the center.
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61 Mack Pool Update
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63 **J. Straw** introduced D. McGuire who is the facility supervisor for both Mack and Fuller
64 Pools.
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66 **D. McGuire** gave an overview to the Commission regarding Mack pool.. D. McGuire shared
67 programs and ideas that had been implemented over the last year as a result of work by the
68 Mack Pool Task Force.
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70 **B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
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72 **C - NEW BUSINESS**
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74 **C-1** Capital Projects Update
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76 **A. Kuras** gave a quarterly update of repairs and renovations both completed
77 and upcoming at various facilities to the Commission.
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79 **G. Nystuen** asked whether porous materials are being used for the capital
80 projects.
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82 **A. Kuras** explained that the use of porous pavers is evaluated on a project by
83 project basis.
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85 **D. Barrett** asked for an update on the swirl concentrators at West Park, which
86 had collapsed earlier this year.
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88 **A. Kuras** stated the city retained an engineering firm to evaluate the situation
89 and determine the solution for the repair. This process is still in progress.
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91 **C-2** Resolution to recommend approval of a contract with Construction Solutions,
92 Inc. to renovate locker rooms at Veterans Memorial Park Pool and Ice Arena.
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94 **C. Smith** read the Resolution to the Commission.
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96 CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS, INC. TO RENOVATE LOCKER ROOMS AT
97 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK POOL AND ICE ARENA (\$131,670.00)
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99 Whereas, The locker rooms that serve both pool and ice arena patrons at Veterans
100 Memorial Park are in need of repair and renovations due to heavy use and age,
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102 Whereas, Construction Solutions, Inc. submitted the lowest responsible bid;
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105 Whereas, Construction Solutions, Inc. received Human Rights approval on May 24, 2011;
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108 Whereas, Funding for the project is available in the approved FY 2011 Park Maintenance
109 and Capital Improvements Millage budget;

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111 RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend approval of a contract with
112 Construction Solutions, Inc. to renovate locker rooms for \$119,700.00 and a construction
113 contingency of \$11,970.00 (10%) to cover potential contract change orders for a total
114 project budget of \$131,670.00 for the life of the project without regard to fiscal year.

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116 **G. Nystuen** moved, supported by **D. Barrett** to recommend approval of a
117 contract with Construction Solutions, Inc. to renovate locker rooms at Veterans
118 Memorial Park Pool and Ice Arena.

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120 **Ayes: (8) J. Grand, G. Nystuen, T. Berla, S. Offen, D. Barrett,**
121 **K. Levin, D. Chapman, T. Doyle**

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123 **Nays: (0) None.**

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125 **Absent: (1) J. Lawter**

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127 *On a voice vote and a show of hands – **Motion Passed** to recommend*
128 *approval of a contract with Construction Solutions, Inc. to renovate locker*
129 *rooms at Veterans Memorial Park Pool and Ice Arena*

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131 **C-3** Resolution to recommend approval of a contract with ABC Paving Company to
132 renovate the tennis courts at West Park.

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134 **C. Smith** read the Resolution to the Commission.

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136 **S. Offen** moved, supported by **K. Levin** to recommend approval of a contract
137 with ABC Paving Company to renovate the tennis courts at West Park.

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140 RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH ABC PAVING
141 COMPANY TO RENOVATE THE TENNIS COURTS AT WEST PARK (\$182,964.65)

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143 Whereas, The tennis courts at West Park are heavily used and in need of repair,

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145 Whereas, ABC Paving Company submitted the lowest responsive bid;

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147 Whereas, ABC Paving Company received Human Rights approval on May 31, 2011; and

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149 Whereas, Funding for the project is available in the approved FY2011 Park Maintenance
150 and Capital Improvements Millage;

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152 RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend approval of a contract with
153 ABC Paving Company to renovate the tennis courts at West Park for \$166,331.50 and a
154 construction contingency of \$16,633.00 (10%) to cover potential contract change orders.

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Ayes: (8) J. Grand, G. Nystuen, T. Berla, S. Offen, D. Barrett,
K. Levin, D. Chapman, T. Doyle

Nays: (0) None.

Absent: (1) J. Lawter

*On a voice vote and a show of hands – **Motion Passed** with the approved amendments to recommend approval of a contract with ABC Paving Company to renovate the tennis courts at West Park.*

D - COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

E - REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

C. Smith gave an overview pertaining to the grand opening of West Park.

G. Nystuen asked for updates on the pathways being built along Washtenaw Avenue and on work at Argo Dam.

C. Smith stated the Washtenaw Avenue work is not a city parks project.

C. Smith explained the City has submitted a permit application to the state and is awaiting a response pertaining to the Argo Dam project; it's a very lengthy review process, and is in the final stage.

C. Taylor gave an overview pertaining to City Council passing the FY 2012 budget at the end of May, and that it had reinstated the \$90,000 recommended by PAC for additional mowing in high-use areas.

M. Anglin asked if parks staff was involved in conversations regarding the hydro feasibility study that the Veterans Administration hospital recently conducted.

C. Smith stated conversations are ongoing and if any agreement is reached, there would likely be a cost-sharing arrangement for maintenance.

F - REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS

G - REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

H - REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASK FORCES

I - PUBLIC COMMENTARY – GENERAL (3 Minutes per Speaker)

S. Thorp spoke on the West Park renovations and complimented staff on the festivities in celebration of the grand opening of the park.

S. Thorp stated that he and Bob Dascola would like to offer the name "Central Park West" as the new name for the park.

S. Thorp also suggested having a more centrally located dog park and suggested putting it in West Park.

J - CLOSED SESSION TO DEAL WITH PRIVELEDGED CLIENT ATTORNEY INFORMATION

K - TRANSMITTALS

K-1 City Council Items Update

K-2 Park Project Update

K-3 City of Ann Arbor 2008 – 2013 Park Maintenance and Capital
Improvements Millage Status

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Barrett moved supported by Commissioner Doyle** that the open meeting be adjourned at 6:13 p.m. The Commission unanimously agreed.