



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

Park Advisory Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Tuesday, September 21, 2021

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Morrison called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

2 ROLL CALL

City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Manager Colin Smith called the roll.

Others present:

Kristen Vander Lugt, City Staff

All members of the Commission attended electronically from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Present: 6 - Paige Morrison, Stephen Borgsdorf, Lauren London, Ruth L. Kraut, Anne Marsan, and Patti Smith

Absent: 3 - Julie Grand, Praveena Ramaswami, and Rachel Skylis

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Unanimously approved as presented

4 FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minutes per Speaker)

Seeing no callers, Chair Morrison closed Public Comment.

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5-A [21-1667](#) Minutes of the July 20, 2021 PAC Meeting

Unanimously approved.

- 8-B [21-1672](#) Resolution Recommending Approval of an Agreement Between the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County, by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Regarding Responsibilities and Cost Allocation for Design and Engineering Services for the Bandemer - Barton Trail Connection Project

Attachments: PAC - BARTONBANDEMER_CAA2021 tsw_cs edits.pdf,
 Executed_LOI_B2Btrail_City-County-Connection.pdf, B2B
 Design Engineering - Bergmann
 PriceProposal_20210604.pdf, B2B City County
 WCPARC Cost Share Agreement - Design Phase - city
 clean 9-17-21.pdf

Moved by Borgsdorf, seconded by Kraut, to approve the Resolution to recommend entering into an agreement between the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County, by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission regarding responsibilities and cost allocation for design and engineering services for the Bandemer-Barton trail connection project

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

Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND SIGNING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR AND WASHTENAW COUNTY, BY THE WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITIES AND COST ALLOCATION FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE BANDEMERE-BARTON TRAIL CONNECTION PROJECT

Whereas, in 2005, the City of Ann Arbor commissioned and received a feasibility study for the Bandemer-Barton Pedestrian Tunnel;
Whereas, this non-motorized connection has been desired for more than two decades, but due to insufficient funding and the difficulty of obtaining approvals from the railroad, progress on the tunnel has been delayed;
Whereas, since the 2005 study, the railroad has changed from private ownership to being publicly owned by MDOT;
Whereas, the County, Huron Waterloo Pathway Initiative, and City previously signed a Letter of Intent dated May 2, 2018 to collaborate

on an update to the Bandemer-Barton Pedestrian Tunnel 2005 Feasibility Study, which update was completed in 2020 (Bandemer-Barton Trail & Underpass Study dated November 13, 2020 prepared by Bergmann and OHM Advisors) and set forth preferred design options for use in the Design Phase for the project; Whereas, the LOI also contemplated County and City would enter into further agreements as necessary to advance the project; Whereas, County and City expressed interest in working cooperatively to complete the Design Phase of the Bandemer-Barton Trail Connection Project and share the costs thereof;

Whereas, County has solicited, received and evaluated proposals for the Design Phase, and having shared and discussed the proposals with the City, the parties agree County should award a contract to Bergmann, hereinafter referred to as "Consultant," to perform the services and work needed to complete the Design Phase;

Whereas, County will enter into a contract with Consultant and administer the completion of the Design Phase work in accordance with this Agreement and its exhibits and attachments;

Whereas, County and City will each be responsible for funding and paying for a portion of the Design Phase as established in Exhibit B (County 55% / City 45%);

Whereas, the City of Ann Arbor portion of funding needed for this design phase is estimated to be \$199,702.08 and funds are available in the approved FY2020 Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage budget; and

Whereas, County and City have reached an understanding regarding the performance of and payment for the Design Phase and desire to enter into this Agreement to memorialize that understanding;

RESOLVED, that the Parks Advisory Commission recommend City Council enter an agreement between the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County, by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission regarding responsibilities and cost allocation for design and engineering services for the Bandemer-Barton trail connection and tunnel project.

Yeas: 6 - Morrison, Borgsdorf, London, RAC Rep. Kraut, Marsan, and RAC Rep. Smith

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Grand, Ramaswami, and Skylis

8-C [21-1673](#) Discussion - Park Naming Policy

9 **LAND ACQUISITION MATTERS**

None.

10 **SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minutes Per Speaker)**

Caller ending in 149 (name inaudible in recording) expressed concern regarding litter and waste removal on the Huron River and proposed several potential solutions.

Seeing no further callers, Chair Morrison closed Public Comment.

11 **COMMUNICATIONS**

[21-1675](#) PAC Council Update

Attachments: PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 9_2021.pdf

Received and Filed

[21-1674](#) Park Planning Capital Project Update

Attachments: 2021-09 PAC Update.pdf

Received and Filed

[21-1676](#) Park Project Status Table

Attachments: Parks_Project_Status_Table-FY2022.pdf

Received and Filed

[21-1677](#) Dog Park Feedback

Attachments: Letter 2.pdf, Letter 1 .pdf

Received and Filed

12 **CLOSED SESSION**

13 ADJOURNMENT**Unanimously adjourned at 6:00 PM**

Paige Morrison, Chairperson
/kvl

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