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9 **CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION**
10 **MEETING MINUTES - TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006**

11 **A - CALL TO ORDER**

12 Meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. by J. Satarino (Chair)

13 **B - ROLL CALL**

14 Commissioners Present: Satarino, Reneaud, Berla, Cohen, Rodgers, Macomber, Offen, Berauer (4:13 p.m.) and
15 Riseng (4:17 p.m.) (9)

16 Commissioners Absent: None.

17 Ex-Officio Members Present: Johnson (arrived at 4:15 p.m.) (2)

18 Ex-Officio Members Absent: Woods and Aeschbach (2)

19 Staff Present: Miller, Kuras, Bemish, Borneman, Dehring, Leikam, Smith and Acquaviva

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21 **C - SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

22 C-1 Introduction of New Parks and Recreation Manager, Christen Smith. Ms. Smith versed the Commission
23 on her experience in Parks and Recreation.

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25 **D - PUBLIC COMMENTARY OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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31 1. Glen Thompson, 100 Longman Lane, Ann Arbor, MI - Mr. Thompson is a member of a group called
32 "The Friends of the Market," and he spoke about the Ann Arbor Farmer's Market and the Master Plan
33 to change and expand it.
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35 2. Karen Sidney, 100 Longman Lane, Ann Arbor, MI – Spoke about costs for Park operations. She
36 provided a chart from the past four years showing expenses in the Parks Department. She asked
37 PAC to compose a resolution to City Council asking that they include tree replacement (for the
38 diseased and removed ash trees) in the upcoming Parks budget.
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40 3. Skate Park Group – Two citizens spoke regarding Bandemer Park and using the facility for an official
41 "Skate Park." The group offered to help the City to build the facilities that they could use to do their
42 bmx or mountain bike stunt riding. The group has a meeting scheduled with Park Planner Jeff Dehring
43 to further the idea. The group did apologize for previously using the park trails for their stunt riding
44 without first receiving permission from the Parks Department.

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46 Riseng – Is this an organized group? (No – Looking into membership in the M.M.B.A. – Michigan Mountain Biking
47 Association).

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49 Berla – Explain the difference between BMX bikes and Mountain Bikes and how what you want differs from what
50 is available now at Olson Park and where in the city could a facility be placed that would meet your needs (i.e.,
51 how much space is needed, etc?).

52 (At Olson Park – you basically keep both wheels on the ground – ours are 'dirt style' jumps and stunts. As to
53 where and what is needed, we prefer flat land that can be transformed for our jumps and ramps – clay based soil
54 and a water source for constructing the ramps, etc. A tool shed with a lock would be helpful. Some facility near
55 the North end of Ann Arbor would be our preference for location as most of the riders appear to reside at that side
56 of town).

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58 **AMEND AGENDA**

59 **MOVE** – "G-3" PRIOR TO "E" - G-3 (Moved by Riseng, Seconded by Berla to amend agenda) (Discussion)

60 G-3 Discussion on Changes to Various Fees within the Parks and Recreation Service Unit - Matthew Horning,
61 City Treasurer provided information regarding the changes for the upcoming 2006 budget year.
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63 M. Horning – Has been interim manager of Parks and Recreation services prior to the hiring of Christen Smith,
64 and due to this has spoken with many Parks facility supervisors regarding some of the fees that were adopted at
65 last years' budget process.
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67 This was a two-year budget plan, and just prior to its implementation, put forth a resolution to adopt revised fees
68 for both fiscal years (05/06 and 06/07). After putting these fees into effect, some facility supervisors were
69 concerned that our rates were too high, and might discourage participation by the citizens of Ann Arbor.
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71 (The fees were discussed by PAC. Questions were: where is the documentation that substantiates that our prices
72 are too high and have caused too much of a disparity with our competition, profitability, difference between
73 resident and non-resident fees, the Golf Fund and non-millage supported issues, etc.)
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75 Moved by Riseng, Seconded by Berla, "that the resolution presented by Parks and Recreation staff which lowers
76 and/or adjusts some Park fees previously approved by the Ann Arbor City Council as a part of the budget process
77 from 2005 be approved by PAC as a recommendation to City Council."
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79 On a Roll Call Vote – **MOTION PASSES** – 5 Yeas, (Satarino, Berla, Reneaud, Riseng, Macomber) 4 Nays
80 (Cohen, Offen, Rodgers and Berauer). (Note: Commissioner Berauer asked to Abstain).
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82 **E - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

83 E-1 November 15 and December 20, 2005 Regular Sessions
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85 E-1a – November 15th Changes: NONE E-1b – December 20th Changes: NONE
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87 Moved by Berla, Seconded by Offen, "that the minutes of November and December 2005 be accepted as
88 presented."
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90 On a Voice Vote – **MOTION PASSED** - UNANIMOUS
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92 **F – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

93 F-1 PAC By-Laws and Recommendation – Attached – (See changes and revisions).
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95 Moved by Berauer, Seconded by Riseng "to approve the changes and revisions and adopt these as the current
96 PAC By-Laws." On a Voice Vote – **MOTION PASSED** - Unanimous
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98 (PAC Requests they look over by laws again after Attorney is finished with them). After that time, they will go
99 before City Council for final approval.
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101 **G – NEW BUSINESS**

102 G-1 Land Acquisition Policy Discussion – Proposed Chapter 42 Changes. Changes are relative to
103 Greenbelt, CAFOS (section 3.71), Greenbelt boundaries, acceptance of donations in full or in part (section 3.63 &
104 3.75) (deletion in section 3.76), ability when appropriate to spend millage dollars on leased property and/or
105 demolition or remediation of sites (3.68 & 3.75). Working with the Attorney's office and the Conservation Fund, we
106 will change where some of this language belongs. Some of it belongs in Chapter 42, others in other parts of the
107 City Code.
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109 Satarino - Fair Market Value Issue – In certain situations where there is no grant money or where there might be
110 multiple agents wanting to do a purchase together, but if it's a simple City park purchase within the city, we want to
111 be able to let the influences of Fair Market Value take place.
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113 J. Miller – We're still in conversation with the Attorney's office regarding that, and we expect that we'll have
114 something from them giving us more flexibility. We can discuss this later when we have the updated information.
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G-2 Status Report on Farmers' Market Master Plan – Jeff Dehring gave a brief update on the Farmer's Market Master Plan. The revised plan is going to City Council for final approval on Monday (January 23rd). Jeff noted that the Market Commission did vote and pass support of this revised format. The Kerrytown District Association and the DDA has endorsed the plan, and the DDA is also helping with monetary means to implement the improvements.

Jeff made clarifications to the Commission regarding the opinion of the "Friends of the Market" group that believe that an enclosed structure would have many problems. Mr. Dehring versed the Commission on why that information was invalid. Also, the amount of additional vendor stalls gained will be 16 permanent vendor stalls under cover/under structure. Various questions from the Commission included:

1. What potential does the grant money have for the plan (create and pay for the construction and upgrades).
2. Budget – Parks and Rec contribution figures (most distribution of costs were split three ways).
3. Storm water Management on-site – More cost effective to take a cash benefit instead of us building a storm water retention facility? (Better to do the on-site, as well as DDA wanting to participate, along with stewardship and responsibility for the facility and an example for developers).
4. Phase I timelines interfere with Market Ops? (No, simple cleaning, painting, etc. that will not cause a problem. Later time lines will need to be adjusted to make certain that there is the least disruption to the Market as a whole).

J. Miller – Mentioned in reference to the improvement at the City Market, that if Council approves the plan, that the difference between moving forward on this as opposed to the Emerald Ash Borer issue, is that the Market is an Enterprise Fund and it's restricted; it does not allow any 'general fund dollars to be used. The Market Fund – which has a reserve, the DDA – because it uses the place as a parking lot during the week are appropriate sources as well at the Park Millage fund. Because of the restrictions on the millage fund dollars, we can't use much more of that funding on the Emerald Ash Borer issue anyway.

G-3 *(Was moved before "E" and Agenda Amended)*

H - COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

Satarino – Asked J. Dehring to get in touch with the Commission as to his contact with the BMX group and its progress. Amy will probably distribute information on what will be happening at Bandemer.

I – REPORT FROM INTERIM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

None.

J – REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Berla - RAC Minutes submitted and we're still working on the Athletic fields and the relationship between Parks and Rec and Rec and Ed.

K – REPORT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

None.

L – REPORT FROM GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMISSION

None.

M – REPORT FROM GREENWAY TASK FORCE

None.

178 **N – PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL (3 Minutes per Speaker)**
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180 A. Kuras – Updated the Commission on several issues: Monthly meetings at Bandemer Park (our third
181 upcoming), BMX people there, public meeting for Sculpture Plaza on February 16th at 5:30 at the Kerrytown
182 Concert House (will be sending out notice reminders), F.Y.I., the Bandemer structures are beginning to be taken
183 down, the asbestos people were out for that abatement.
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185 Satarino – Will they be removing the concrete decks there as well? (Concrete slabs are cracked and would not be
186 a good foundation or location - we 're looking more toward where the woods used to be.
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188 Riseng – Details on the meeting for Sculpture Plaza? (The DDA approached the City Parks Department and
189 asked if we wanted money to improve the Plaza. They are offering \$250,000.00 to look at improvements, and
190 we're starting the public meeting requirements NOW so that we don't have to do it later).
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193 **O. – TRANSMITTALS**
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195 None added.
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197 **“Motion to Adjourn by Berla, Seconded by Berauer.”**
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199 On a voice vote, - **Motion Passes - Unanimous**

200 Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.
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202 PAC Went to a Working Session Immediately following the above stated adjournment.
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204 Submitted by: Brenda Acquaviva
205 Administrative Support Specialist IV