



**CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located in City Hall, 100 N. Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:	(6)	J. Satarino, L. Berauer, C. Riseng (arrived at 4:15 p.m.), G. Nystuen, J. Cohen (arrived at 4:23 p.m., departed meeting at 6:17 p.m.), S. Offen (arrived at 4:35 p.m.)
Ex-Officio Members Present	(0)	None
Ex- Officio Members Absent	(3)	R. Johnson, W. Woods
Members Absent:	(3)	B. Macomber, T. Berla, D. Barrett
Staff Present:	(7)	J. Miller, C. Smith, A. Kuras, J. Dehring, L. Bowen, B. Aquaviva, M. Fales

Commissioner Satarino stated that a quorum was not present to hold business.

Commissioner Satarino stated the Commission would go into a working session.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Council for Art in Public Places - Sculpture Placement – Margaret Parker and Jim Curtis were present to speak.

Margaret Parker spoke on the Public Art and stated that one of the most requested places for public art is in the Parks.

Jim Curtis spoke on the issue of a sculpture that has been offered to the City, passed information to the Board to review and spoke on locations on where the sculpture would be placed.

Commissioner Satarino asked A. Kuras to speak on the issue of the sculpture placement.

A. Kuras spoke on this issue.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – No Action

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION ISSUES – No Action

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes per Speaker)

Karen Sidney (100 Longman Lane) spoke on the financial information being incomplete in the packet. K. Sidney expressed the general fund spending for Operations and Forestry is not included, and this is the area that Ms. Sidney felt are getting most of the complaints.

A member of the audience expressed concern regarding the Park Millage.

Andrew Comey (a member of the audience) spoke on the Greenview Park issue.

63 Allen Creek Greenway Task Force update – P. Pollack, Chair, Allen Creek Greenway Task Force

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65 **Peter Pollack** spoke on the Allen Creek Greenway Task Force issue and also explained a diagram
66 to the Board.

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68 **Commissioner Satarino** stated that a quorum was now present to hold business and opened the
69 business meeting.

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71 **A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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73 **A-1 L. Berauer moved, supported by S. Offen to approve the minutes of July 18, 2006 with**
74 **corrections. The minutes were approved unanimously.**

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76 **B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No Action**

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78 **C - NEW BUSINESS**

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80 **C-1 Council for Art in Public Places – Sculpture**

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82 PAC requested further information about costs for installation of the sculpture at Liberty Plaza
83 and responsibility for installation costs. PAC also requested information regarding responsibilities
84 for on-going maintenance costs of the sculpture.

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86 **Project Updates**

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88 *Swift Run Park – Status of City – County Partnership – Jeff Dehring provided an update on the project.

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90 *Brookside Park – A. Kuras provided an update on the project.

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92 *Greenview Park - Jeff Dehring provided an update on the project.

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94 *Farmer’s Market Master Plan Implementation Update - Jeff Dehring provided an update on the
95 project.

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97 **D- COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

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99 **D-1** Discussion of proposed City Council Resolution for a ballot proposal to amend the Ann
100 Arbor City Charter governing the sale of parkland.

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102 **Mary Fales** from the City Attorney office spoke on this issue. M. Fales also explained to
103 the Commission the streamlining of the wording of the resolution that will be required for
104 presentation to the public on a ballot.

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106 **L. Berauer** suggested what wording should be used in the recommendation presented to
107 the City Council.

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109 **J. Cohen** expressed concern regarding the wording of the resolution as well as the urgency
110 of getting this issue on the ballot in November 2006.

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112 **S. Offen** also expressed concern regarding the urgency of this issue going on the
113 November 2006 ballot.

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115 **Mary Fales** made the necessary corrections (*indicated in red italic*) to the wording of the
116 resolution as follows:

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119 **RESOLUTION TO PLACE A PROPOSITION TO AMEND THE ANN ARBOR CITY**
120 **CHARTER SECTION 14.3 LIMITATION**
121 **ON THE CONTRACTUAL POWER TO SELL A PARK**
122 **ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**
123 **(7 Votes)**

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125 **Whereas, The Parks of the City of Ann Arbor form an essential element in the**
126 **quality of life of the residents of the City;**

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128 **Whereas, Most of the City’s parkland has been acquired with revenues**
129 **obtained from special land acquisition millages, rather than by general fund**
130 **revenues, which demonstrates that these lands have a special status to the**
131 **City’s residents;**

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133 **Whereas, Parkland has also been acquired by purchases using City taxes,**
134 **donations and bequests; and**

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136 **Whereas, Current City park and recreation plans do not favor the sale of**
137 **parkland donated to and accepted by the City as parkland or to use it for**
138 **non-park functions;**

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140 **RESOLVED, That City Council amend Section 14.3 of the City Charter, as**
141 **follows:**

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143 **Limitations on Contractual Power**

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145 **Section 14.3.**

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147 (a) **The City shall not purchase, sell, or lease any real estate or any interest**
148 **therein except by resolution concurred in by at least eight members of**
149 **the Council.**
150 (b) **The City shall not sell any park, cemetery, or any part thereof except in**
151 **accordance with restrictions imposed by law and with the approval of a**
152 **majority of the electors voting in a regular or special election. *No park,***
153 ***or any part thereof, identified in the official master plan of the City, or***
154 ***any subsequent acquisition to the park system, or any part thereof,***
155 ***identified as part of the official master plan of the City after January 23,***
156 ***2006, shall be severable from the City park system and the official***
157 ***master plan of the City.***

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159 **RESOLVED, That City Council designate November 7, 2006 as the day for**
160 **holding an election on the proposed Charter amendment;**

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162 **RESOLVED, That the City Clerk shall transmit a copy of the proposed**
163 **amendment to the Attorney General and the Governor of Michigan and shall**
164 **perform all other acts required by law for holding the election;**

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166 **RESOLVED, That the proposed Charter amendment shall appear on the ballot**
167 **in the following form:**

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169 **ANN ARBOR CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT**
170 **PLACING LIMITATIONS ON THE SALE OF A CITY PARK**

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172 **Shall the Charter be amended to prohibit the sale of any parkland**
173 **identified as part of the City Park System as of January 23, 2006 and**
174 **any after acquired land made a part of the park system without the**
175 **approving vote of a majority of the City’s electors voting on the**
176 **proposed sale.**

177 **Yes** **No**

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179 **RESOLVED, That the proposed Charter amendment and proposed ballot**
180 **question shall be published in The Ann Arbor News not less than seven days**
181 **before the election in substantially the form prescribed by MCL**
182 **§168.653(a)(1) and include a caption or brief description of the proposal**
183 **along with the location(s) where an elector can obtain the full text of the**
184 **proposal; and**

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186 **RESOLVED, That if the amendment is adopted, it shall take effect on January**
187 **1, 2007.**

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189 **Submitted By: Councilmember Johnson**
190 **Date: August 21, 2006**

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193 **L. Berauer moved, supported by, C. Riseng that the Commission accepts the**
194 **wording for the resolution to go to City Council.**

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196 On a voice vote the Commission granted the motion Unanimously.

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198 **E - REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**

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200 **E-1** City Council Items Update – (Information in Packet)

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202 **E-2** Park Project Update - (Information in Packet)

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204 **F - REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS – (No report)**

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206 **G - REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION – (No Report)**

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208 **H - REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASK**
209 **FORCES – (No report)**

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

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213 **Karen Sidney** spoke on financial issues that could affect the Greenway.

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215 **J - CLOSED SESSION TO DEAL WITH LAND ACQUISITION ISSUES (If Applicable) – No Action**

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217 **K - TRANSMITTALS**

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219 **K- 1** Financial Reports – FY '05 – '06 12th & 13th Month – (Information in Packet)

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221 **K-2** Update – Swift Run Dog Park – (Information in Packet)

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223 **K-3** Parks and Recreation Events for August 2006 – (Information in Packet)

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225 There being no further business to come before the Commission, S. Offen moved that the meeting be
226 adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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229 Respectfully submitted,
230 *Lynn Bowen*
231 Lynn Bowen
232 Administrative Support Specialist V
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