



**CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, September 19, 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 4:08: p.m. by Chair J. Satarino.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:	(7)	J. Satarino, C. Riseng, D. Barrett (arrived at the meeting at 4:32 p.m.), B. Macomber, S. Offen, G. Nystuen, T. Berla
Ex-Officio Members Present	(2)	R. Johnson, W. Woods
Ex- Officio Members Absent	(0)	None.
Members Absent:	(1)	L. Berauer
Staff Present:	(7)	C. Smith, D. Thompson A. Kuras, J. Dehring, K C Bemish, M. Kesterson, L. Bowen

A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 Commissioner Riseng moved, supported by Commissioner Berla to approve the minutes of August 17, 2006 as written. The minutes were approved unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Damon Thompson (Financial Manager for Community Services) presented the Income Statement for the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage.

T. Berla asked if the bond would be the same amount every year.

D. Thompson stated the bond could be approximately the same yearly.

B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B-1 Art in Public Places – Sculpture Placement Commission

Margaret Parker spoke on the sculpture that is being donated, and stated the sculpture will be placed at Liberty Plaza. The installation of this sculpture could be approximately \$5,000.00.

Jim Curtis spoke on this issue.

T. Berla asked who would be responsible for the maintenance?

Margaret Parker stated there is an endowment fund that has been set up for any maintenance.

A. Kuras spoke on the issue regarding where the funds would come regarding the maintenance of the sculpture.

Commissioner Offen moved, supported by, **Commissioner Berla** Whereas the Commission on Art in Public Places is authorized by the City of Ann Arbor, and positioned to function within Parks authorizes.

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64 Whereas a generous and Community oriented donation by the Mc Kinley Company of an existing
65 sculpture has been offered.
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67 Whereas as the Parks Advisory Commission finds that the planter location on Liberty Plaza is
68 suitable for placement of the David Lee Brown Sculpture.
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70 Whereas as donations from the Downtown Development Authority and private donors have been
71 offered to move and install the sculpture at the Liberty Plaza location.
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73 Whereas CAPP is also requesting some additional funds (approximately \$2,500.00) from the City to
74 enable the completion of the project.
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76 Whereas CAPP has proposed a method of providing funds for future maintenance of the sculpture.
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78 Whereas PAC through CAPP recognizes that art is an important addition to urban park settings.
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80 There by we resolve to recommend to Mayor and City Council to support and approve this project.
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83 **Ayes: (7) B. Macomber, S. Offen, C. Riseng, G. Nystuen, T. Berla, D. Barrett**
84 **J. Satarino**

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86 **Nays: (1) None.**

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88 **Absent: (1) L. Berauer**
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90 On a voice vote – **Motion Passed** – Unanimous
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92 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – No Action**
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94 **CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION ISSUES – No Action**
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96 **PUBLIC COMMENTARY - AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes per Speaker)**
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99 **C - NEW BUSINESS**

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101 **C-1 Project Grow**
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103 **Melissa Kesterson** (Executive Director for Project Grow Community Gardens) presented a slide
104 show to the Commission.
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106 **S. Offen** stated he thought the Parks already had gardens available.
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108 **Melissa Kesterson** stated there is an agreement with The Leslie Science Center to keep a garden for
109 the children's program.
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111 **J. Satarino** asked how many gardens would be needed.
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113 **Melissa Kesterson** stated approximately twenty plots.
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115 **J. Satarino** asked the Commission to share their thoughts on this project.
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117 **S. Offen** asked staff is a project like this can be added to their responsibility.
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119 **C. Smith** stated yes this could be added to the responsibility of staff at some point.
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121 **G. Nystuen** stated this is a very good idea and very positive.
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126 **Project Updates**

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128 *Swift Run Park – No updates presented.

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130 *Brookside Park – C. Smith provided an update on the project regarding a new play area.

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132 *Greenview Park – Jeff Dehring provided an update on the project.

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134 *Farmer’s Market Master Plan Implementation Update – No updates presented.

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136 *Bluff’s Park – Jason Frenzel provided an update on the project. Jeff Dehring also provided an
137 update on this project.

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140 **D - COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

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142 **D-1** Election of Officers for 2006 – 2007

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144 **J. Satarino** stated that he will not be available for the office of Chair and the Commission will need
145 to vote on a chair and a vice-chair

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147 **C. Riseng** made a motion to nominate **L. Berauer** for Chair and **B. Macomber** as vice –chair for the
148 Parks Advisory Commission. The Commission agreed with the nomination of both Commissioners.

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150 **S. Offen** moved, supported by **G. Nystuen** to nominate L. Berauer as Chair and B. Macomber as
151 Vice-Chair

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153 On a voice vote – **Motion Passed** – Unanimous

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

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

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

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163 **F - REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS**

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165 **C. Smith** reported the Recreation Facility Supervisors are in the process of working with the Michigan
166 Small Business and Technical Development Center learning business planning. The next four
167 months will be spent developing business plans for each of the facilities. This process will help as we
168 move into the development of the budget for the next two-year cycle.

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170 **C. Smith** also reported another on going project with the Michigan Recreation and Park Association to
171 research the value of the Park and Recreation to the community.

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174 **G - REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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176 **T. Berla** reported the use of the parks for the different sport events has not been resolved and asked
177 if the relevant people involved could attend a Park Advisory meeting to explain.

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

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

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

K - TRANSMITTALS

K- 1 Parks and Recreation Events for September 2006 – (Information in Packet)

There being no further business to come before the Commission, C. Riseng moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Bowen
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