



PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION CALENDAR MAY - JUNE

May 15	PAC Meeting 4:00 PM City Hall Council Chambers
May 28	Memorial Day Observed City Offices Closed
June 5	LAC Meeting 4:00 PM City Hall, 6 th Floor Conference Room
May 19	PAC Meeting 4:00 PM City Hall Council Chambers

PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007
4:00 P.M. – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes per Speaker)

A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 Minutes of the April 17, 2007 Regular Meeting

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING

B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B-1 Park Security

B-2 FY 2007/2008 and FY 2008/2009 Financial Plan

B-3 Swift Run Dog Park Agreement

B-4 Bandemer Park Master Plan

C - NEW BUSINESS

C-1 PAC Liaison to Environmental Commission

D - COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

E - REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

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)

J - CLOSED SESSION TO DEAL WITH LAND ACQUISITION ISSUES (If Applicable)

K - TRANSMITTALS

K-1 City Council Items Update

K-2 Park Project Update

K-3 Park and Recreation Events for May – June 2007

K-4 February PAC Work session

TELEVISED ON ANN ARBOR COMMUNITY TELEVISION NETWORK CHANNEL 16

LIVE: TUESDAY May 15, 2007 4:00 P.M.

REPLAYS: FRIDAY MAY 18, 2007 10:00 A.M. AND MONDAY, MAY 21, 2007, 4:00 P.M.

****Persons with disabilities are encouraged to participate. Accommodations, including sign language interpreters, may be arranged by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 994-2700 (V/TDD) at least 24 hours in advance.****

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T. Berla moved, supported by **J. Satarino** to approve the fee schedule.

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

(Friendly Amendment) Resolve staff will investigate a new system to identify resident status.

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

Resolution to approve changes to various fees for Parks and Recreation services

Whereas, Parks and Recreation Fees for FY 2006/2007 were approved on February 21, 2006;

Whereas, Parks & Recreation Services has reviewed park shelter rentals; swimming pool daily admissions; Cobblestone Farm rentals; canoe livery boat rentals, bicycle rentals, meeting room rentals, and trips; Senior Center newsletter subscriptions; and golf course championships, instruction and season passes;

Whereas, Approved fees were found to be low considering benchmark data; and

Whereas, PAC recommends approval of these revised fees for FY 2007/2008 and FY 2008/2009 and maintaining resident fees and non-resident fees for daily admission for recreational swimming, river trips, boat rentals and bicycle rentals and;

RESOLVED, to recommend that fees in Parks & Recreation Services be adjusted according to the attached schedule and become effective as noted herein.

Submitted by: Parks and Recreation Services

Date: April 17, 2007

On a voice vote:

The Commission voted:

**Ayes: (7) B. Macomber, S. Offen, C. Riseng,
T. Berla, J. Satarino, D. Barrett, J. Lawter**

Nays: (0) None.

Absent: (2) L. Berauer, G. Nystuen

C. Smith stated that Tom Crawford was in attendance at the meeting to discuss the service unit targets for the FY 2007/2008 and FY 2008/2009 budget.

T. Crawford explained the calculations used to determine service unit budget targets.

C. Riseng asked for clarification about park revenues and how revenues impact the service unit targets.

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R. Johnson expressed concern regarding implementation of the Resolution of Intent on the Administration of Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage that was approved by City Council.

J. Satarino expressed concern regarding Commissioner’s Berauer and Nystuen not being present at this meeting to discuss these issues and would like to defer further discussions of the budget until they are in attendance.

B. Macomber suggested the Commission finish the budget discussion and vote at the May 15, 2007 meeting.

K. Henderson reviewed the proposed mowing schedule and cost to the general fund.

After a lengthy discussion;

R. Johnson expressed concerns regarding the proposed plan to provide park security through Safety Services.

B-3 Draft Off Leash Ordinance Changes

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

T. Berla moved, supported by **C. Riseng** to recommend to amend Section 9:45 and 9:47(Animals) of Chapter 107 of Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor and provide for off-leash dog play areas

*On a voice vote – **Motion Passed** – (6) Ayes; (1) Nay – S. Offen*

C - NEW BUSINESS

D - COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

E - REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

F - REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS – None.

G - REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION – None.

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

H-1 Greenway Task Force

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

Dan Pugh expressed frustration that Ann Arbor does not provide a Dog Park facility.

J - CLOSED SESSION TO DEAL WITH LAND ACQUISITION ISSUES (If Applicable)

The Commission voted by Roll Call vote to go into a closed session at 6:50 pm

Ayes: (8) L. Berauer, B. Macomber, C. Riseng, G. Nystuen, T. Berla, J. Satarino, J. Lawter, S. Offen

Absent: (1) D. Barrett

The commission discussed a property.

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K - TRANSMITTALS

- K-1** City Council Items Update – (Information in Packet)
- K-2** Parks Project Update (Information in Packet)
- K-3** Parks and Recreation Events for April 2007 – (Information in Packet)
- K-4** McKinley Sculpture Update – (Information in Packet)
- K-5** Resident Comment – (Information in Packet)
- K-6** February PAC Work Session – (Information in Packet)

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Riseng** moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Bowen
Lynn Bowen
Administrative Support Specialist V

Resolution to Recommend to Adopt Ann Arbor Parks Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008
and the Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

WHEREAS, Parks Advisory Commission has reviewed the Park and Recreation Services and Field Operations Services Managers' proposed budgets to support the Ann Arbor parks system for FY 2007-2008 and financial plan to support Ann Arbor park system for FY 2008-2009, and

WHEREAS, A work session and public hearing have been held to obtain citizen input on the proposed budget and financial plan;

RESOLVED, That the Parks Advisory Commission recommends approval of the proposed FY 2007-2008 budget and FY 2008-2009 financial plan to support the City of Ann Arbor park system.

Submitted by: Christen Smith, Parks and Recreation Services Manager
Karla Henderson, Field Operation Services Manager

Date: May 15, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Park Advisory Commission

FROM: Christen Smith

DATE: May 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Swift Run Dog Park Partnership Agreement

The City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Services and the Washtenaw County Park and Recreation Commission will partner to provide a dog park facility at Swift Run Park. The 11-acre site is located at the northeast corner of the Swift Run landfill. It is bounded on the north by Ellsworth Road and on the east by Platt Road. The City/County partnership enables the City development resources and the County maintenance resources to provide the facility that will serve both City and County residents.

A draft partnership agreement is under review. The four-year agreement addresses both development and operations for the dog park.

- The City will provide approximately 10.7 acres +/- of land at the Swift Run Park site for the facility that shall be credited to the City's contribution to the project.
- The City will be responsible for the development cost associated with the facility that will also be credited to the City's contribution to the project.
- Operation costs will be divided between the City and the County on an equal basis. The City's portion of operation costs will be drawn against the credited value of the land and development costs previously contributed by City. Thus, County will fund annual operation costs until the City's credit is expended to zero.
- Development at the site will include fencing, parking and pathway improvements, site furniture (e.g. dog waste stations, benches, and trash containers), landscaping (trees, shrubs), and signage.
- A separate small dog only area will be provided at the site.
- The hours of facility operation will be 6:00 am to 10:00 pm daily, which is consistent with all City parks.
- Users of the facility will be required to pay an annual fee that will be collected by the City and the County. The fees will provide for administration of waivers of liability, dog tag, license/vaccination documentation verification, and similar monitoring.
- Site maintenance will managed by the County and the City and the County will negotiate and enter into a separate Operation/ Maintenance Memorandum of Understanding for the facility.

- There will not be assigned staffing at the site.
- The County will manage facility upkeep and repairs.
- Dogs will be required to be on-leash outside of fenced dog park area.
- Dogs must be attended and supervised by owners
- Development costs are estimated at \$153,000.
- Maintenance and operation are expected to cost \$33,000 annually.

Tentative Schedule

May 2007

Finalize the partnership agreement for development and operation of the Swift Run dog park

May and June 2007

Review of the partnership agreement by the Park Advisory Commission and City Council and the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, with formal adoption required by City Council and the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

May and June 2007

Adoption of city ordinance changes by City Council to the City Code to provide for off-leash areas

Mid - May 2007

Finalize project construction contract documents for bidding. County Parks review. Release for bid mid-to-late May

Late June 2007

Review project bids, select contractor and City Council awards construction contract after Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission approval

July – August 2007

Construction work underway

September 2007

Construction complete late summer 2007

City Council Items Update List

MAY 2007					
	Cost	Staff	Council Date	Council Action	Source of Funding
Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Contract with Beckett & Raeder, Inc. for Contract ocument Preparation and Construction Administration for Implementation of the Farmer's Market Master Plan	\$99,440.00	JD	5/7/2007		Fund 18, Market Funds, DDA Funds
Approve A Caretaker Contract Renewal For Maintenance Of Leslie Science Center Property	NA	KL	4/3/2007	approved	General Fund
Resolution to approve a Transition Plan for the Management and Operation of the Leslie Science Center to a 501 c 3 Non-Profit and to Authorize the City Administrator and City Attorney to Act as Negotiators for the City	NA	JM	3/5/07	approved	NA
Resolution to approve a Raptor Specialist Contract for Leslie Science Center	\$24,000.00	KL	12/18/06	approved	GF
Resolution to approve a construction contract for the Kempf House Window Restoration Project,	\$29,000.00	AK	11/9/06	approved	Fund 18 & Kempf House Museum Board
Resolution to approve a construction contract for improvements at Brookside Park.	\$50,000.00	AK	10/16/06	approved	Fund 18
Resolution to approve a contract to provide engineering services for the design of a pedestrian underpass to connect Bandemer Park to Barton Park.	\$203,424	AK	Deferred	NA	NA
Resolution to approve a construction contract to complete playground improvements at Gallup Park	\$103,538	AK	9/5/2006	approved	Fund 18
Resolution to Approve a New Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage Proposal for Submission to the Voters at the November 2006 Election	NA	JM	8/21/2006	approved	NA
Resolution of Intent on the Administration of Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage	NA	JM	8/21/2006	approved	NA
Approve a construction contract for improvements at Wellington Park	\$45,400.00	AK	8/10/2006	approved	Fund 18
Paving project at five neighborhood park locations.	\$137,000.00	JD	8/17/2006	approved	Fund 18
Approve A Caretaker Contract For Maintenance Of Leslie Science Center P	NA	KL	7/3/2006	approved	General Fund
Approve A Construction Contract for Improvements At Evergreen Park	\$61,429.00	JD	6/5/2006	approved	Fund 18
Replacement of Ice Rink Compressor Units at Buhr Park and Veterans Memorial Ice Arenas	\$136,400	JD	7/19/2006	approved	Fund 18
Approval of Revised Market Master Plan	NA	JD	1/23/2006	approved	Fund 18
Approval of the Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan, 2006-2011	NA	AK	1/23/2006	approved	Fund 18

**Park Rehabilitation and Development Millage
Project Update
May, 2007**

Bandemer Park

- Work is complete on design of the parking layout, plantings and park amenities.
- The environmental mitigation company has abandoned monitoring wells on site.
- Detroit Edison has removed all electrical poles and overhead wiring in the park.

Bluffs Park

- NAP will address trail signage, trail modifications, and removal of debris on site.

Brookside Park

- New playground equipment has been installed. The finish grading, seeding, fencing, and the sidewalk work will be completed this spring.

Cobblestone Farm Barn

- Bids were received for replacement of all the windows in the barn. Award of the project should occur in May. The replacement work is scheduled for the month of May.

Mary Beth Doyle Park (Brown Park)

- The park remains closed.
- Construction work is scheduled to resume early May.
- Minor changes to some of the pathway alignment may occur, the basketball court will be reconstructed, and the disc golf course will be upgraded.

Dog Park – Swift Run

- MDEQ has approved proposed plans for a dog park at the site.
- Preparation of Contract Documents continues. A meeting with Canine Club and other interested individuals should occur in the upcoming weeks.
- On-going meetings continue between City and County Park Planning staff to finalize the design details.

Dog Park - Other parks

- A public meeting was held on April 26, 2007 to propose Ward Park for an off leash dog run area. The majority of people at the meeting were in favor of the location. A second meeting will be held on May 29th at the Ann Arbor Church of Christ at 7:00 P.M. to discuss details and obtain further input.

Farmers Market

- A recommendation to award a contract with Beckett & Raeder, Inc. to prepare contract documents and oversee construction has been submitted for Council action. It is anticipated that Council will act on this contract at the May 7th meeting.

Game Court and Pathway Paving Projects

- asphalt work will be completed when the asphalt plant restores operation.
- Signs have been posted at each site explaining the project status and project delays.
- Replacements of several segments of deteriorated pathways are planned for summer. Pathways to be renovated include paths at Allmendinger Park, Scheffler Park and Garden Homes Park.

Garden Homes Park

- A public meeting was conducted on October 5th at Abbott Elementary School to discuss improvements to Garden Homes Park. Letters were sent to the neighborhood with proposed design. Improvements will include a new play area, park furniture, bird/bat houses, and replacement of existing asphalt pathway. Construction documents have been received.

Gallup Park Improvements

- Redevelopment of the play area at Gallup Park will be completed in May. A grand opening celebration is planned for Sunday, June 3 from 2-4 p.m.
- Park signage in Gallup Park will be replaced to provide uniformity in signage.
- Repairs to the asphalt trails are planned for this summer

Greenview Park

- Conversations with Ann Arbor Public School staff continue regarding use of a portion of the Greenview school site for a play area.

Kempf House

- Window replacement is completed at the Kempf House in May. The Kempf House Museum Board of Directors has agreed to contribute up to \$3,000 for the project.

Lansdowne Park

- The playground improvements at the site are complete.
- Replacement of the pathway and basketball court is being completed under a separate contract. Work will resume as the spring weather permits.

Leslie Science Center

- Bids have been received for improvements to the Critter House.

Olson Park

- Work at Olsen Park will continue in the fall.
- NAP staff are preparing specifications to install additional plantings on-site during the spring.

Project Grow Community Garden Proposal

- Soil tests were completed for the Utilities site on Crest and Bemidji, and the Project Grow board met to discuss the feasibility of using the site for a community garden. The board approved the use of the site, and a public meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Slauson Middle School.

Redwood Park

- Proposed improvements will include benches, landscaping and a walkway through the park.

South Maple Park

- A public meeting was conducted on October 24th to review improvements to South Maple Park. Improvements will include replacement of the playground equipment and renovation of the existing walkway. Bids for equipment and construction bids have been received.

Sculpture Plaza

- The proposed design for repairs at the Sculpture Plaza were posted on the City and DDA website for final comments from the community.
- Development of construction documentation is in process. CAPP will over-see repair work on the sculpture structure.
- Renovations are planned for Summer 2007.
- The DDA and Developer Contributions will fund the project.
- The project is out for bid.

Sylvan Park

- Park renovation activities will include a new play structure, asphalt path, picnic tables and benches. Repairs to the existing tennis court and fence will also be included in the park renovation project.
- Bids for the playground equipment have been received and are pending issuance of a purchase order.

Wellington Park

- Installation of a new play structure, swings, barrier free access pathway, park furniture and landscaping is complete. A climbing-net structure will also be installed as soon as site conditions permit.



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ANN ARBOR PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS FOR MAY 2007

Find complete details at www.a2gov.org/parks or by calling the individual facility.
Advance registration is required, unless otherwise noted.

Ann Arbor Farmers' Market. Now through April open Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday's, (beginning May 2) and Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring locally grown produce, flowers, baked goods, eggs. 315 Detroit St., 734.994.3276.

Master Gardner Presentations. Saturdays in May. Gain valuable knowledge about all the beautiful plants and flowers available at market this time of the year! Check the market website or stop in the office for more information.

Flower Day at the Market. Sunday, May 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy food, entertainment and shopping at a special Sunday market where the best deals on flowers, plants and many other items for your garden can be found.

Whole Foods Market Tasting Events. Wednesday, May 2, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Looking for a new way to prepare your favorite veggies? Whole Foods Market will feature locally grown produce from vendors at the farmers market. Look for samples and recipes at this free event!

For Buhr/Fuller/Veterans: Outdoor pools open for the season on May 26. Admission for adults is \$5/\$4, kids and seniors \$4.50/\$3.50, 3 & under are free. Pre-season rates on Summer Season Passes for the pools - purchase before May 28 and save 15 percent. Enrolling now for American Red Cross Swim Lessons at all city pools.

For Buhr and Fuller: Enrolling for summer day camp. Weekly sessions available, along with extended care. For Fuller, call 734.994.2898 and for Buhr call 734.971.3228.

For Buhr: Join the SHARKS swim team. Informational and registration session at Buhr Park, Tuesday, May 29 at 7:30pm. Call 734.971.3228 for more information.

For Veterans Pool: An information and registration session will be held for the Dolphins Swim Team on Thursday May 31, at 7:30 p.m. Please call, 734.761.7240 for details.

Mondays 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Knitting/Crochet Women's Group. Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free of charge. Bring your knitting/crocheting supplies and join us.

Lunch at the Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Join us **every Monday, Wednesday and Friday** at 11:30 a.m. for a nutritious lunch. A donation of \$2.50 per person for ages 60 and over is suggested. Please call 769-5911 two workdays before to make your lunch reservation.

Each Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. Investment/Financial Planning at the Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Various free seminars are held on financial planning and investment opportunities. Please call for details 734.769.5911.

Each Thursday 9:30 a.m. Men's Club, Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free of charge. Current events, sports talk, trivia and camaraderie with refreshments.

Tyke Program at the Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Road. Frog and Toad. Thurs. May 3,10,17,24 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. \$43, \$36 resident discount, ages 4-5 years. Come explore the Frog and Toad stories by Arnold Lobel. Hop on over to discover more about our amphibian friends and their adventures with hikes, games, stories and crafts. Call 734.997.1553 for more information or to register.

Pre-school programs at Gallup. Pre-registration is required. For further information call the Facility Supervisor at Gallup Park 734.662.9319.

River Tot Stroll. Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. \$50/\$40 resident discount per child/month, ages 0-2 yrs w/caregiver. Little ones climb in your stroller and off we go! Together we'll take a brisk stroll for exercise on Gallup Park's paved trails. After our walk we will investigate a part of the river world with art, stories and discovery. Free coffee and conversation for the caregivers will all be part of the fun.

River Rapsallions. Wednesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. \$50/\$40 resident discount per child/month, ages 2-4 yrs w/caregiver. Come on down to the river for the water has warmed and the fish are in the shallows. We will explore the river world paddling kayaks, canoes and paddleboats and catching fish off the docks. Discover special features of the river with turtles, birds, fish, butterflies and lily pads as our fun weekly themes.

River Rapsallions. Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. \$50/\$40 resident discount. per child/month, ages 2-4 yrs w/caregiver. Come on down to the river for the water has warmed and the fish are in the shallows. We will explore the river world paddling kayaks, canoes and paddleboats and catching fish off the docks.

Gallup Canoe Livery is open for the season! The Gallup Canoe Livery is open in May from 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. seven days a week. Gallup Canoe Livery features canoe, kayak, paddleboat, rowboat and bicycle rentals on the Huron River. Call 734.662.9319 or visit our website a2gov.org/canoe for further information. **May 26 to Sept. 3, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

Argo Canoe Livery is open for the season! The Argo Canoe Livery is open in May on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (may close due to bad weather). The Argo Canoe Livery provides canoe, kayak and rowboat rentals in a quiet natural setting on the Huron River. Call the Argo Canoe Livery at 734.668.7411 or the Gallup Canoe Livery at 734.662.9319 or visit our website a2gov.org/canoe for further information. **May 26 to Sept. 3 Argo Canoe Livery is open seven days a week, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

Special activities at Gallup:

May 1, Gallup Gatherings...Especially for Seniors from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Meet up with friends and renew your energy. Shake off those winter blues, baby! Nature walks and activities all with a curious naturalist. Yummy coffee and baked goods provided. Dress appropriately to step outside. \$5 per person, pre-registration is not required.

Canoe and Kayak Auction. Saturday, May 5 at noon. Public auction of used and damaged boats. Featured this year are double and single kayaks along with our aluminum canoes. Single kayak bids start at \$200, double kayak bids start at \$250 and aluminum canoes start at \$150. Call Gallup Park at 734.662.9319 or visit our website a2gov.org/canoe for photos and more information on our boats.

Volkssport Walk. Sunday, May 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Washtenaw Wanderers, an American Volkssport Club, share the spirit of walking in a fun family-oriented, social environment. Meet friends, walk our scenic river walk and improve your physical and mental health. Walk our 10 km trail, beginning between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and ending by 4 p.m. to receive an award and celebrate with pea soup and bratwurst. For more information visit washtenaw-wanderers.blogspot.com or call Stefan Szumko 734.649.5024.

Canoeing/Kayaking for Seniors. Thursdays, May 10, 17, 24, 31 from 1 to 3 p.m. \$9/person each day. Come enjoy springtime on the water paddling a canoe, double kayak or single kayak with fellow seniors and a guide. Bring a partner or come by yourself, either way we will have the boat for you. We will be paddling and exploring the river and wetlands in the still water of 2.5 miles of Gallup Pond. Boats, paddles, lifejackets, instruction and a hot cup of coffee will all be provided for your enjoyment.

Wetlands by Canoe. Saturday, May 12 from 10 am – 12 pm. \$20/boat non Ann Arbor residents, \$16/boat Ann Arbor residents. Paddle by canoe or kayak with a naturalist guide to discover the wonderful wetland areas of the Huron River in beautiful Gallup Pond. No pre-registration necessary. Call Gallup Park at 734.662.9319 or visit our website a2gov.org/canoe for more information.

Evening Bird Walk. Friday, May 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. Free, all ages. Join City Ornithologist Dea Armstrong as she leads a walk to look for birds as the sun sets in the Gallup Park and Furstenberg Nature Area. Meet at the Gallup Canoe Livery, 3000 Fuller Road.

Special activities at Argo:

Pre-registration is not required for programs unless noted otherwise. For further information call Gallup Park 734.662.9319 Argo Park 668-7411 or visit our website www.a2gov.org/canoe.

Bonfire IN the River. Saturday, May 19 from 7 to 10 p.m. \$20 per boat/\$16 resident discount. Paddle a canoe or kayak up to a blazing fire floating in the middle of Argo Pond! Marshmallows and roasting sticks will be given to all in boats who venture out on the water in the dark night with only firelight to guide you. No pre-registration necessary. Call the Argo Canoe Livery at 734.668.7411 or the Gallup Canoe Livery at 734.662.9319 or visit our website a2gov.org/canoe for further information.

Kayak Instruction - Beginner Quickstart. Sunday, May 20 from 3 to 6 p.m. \$75/\$60 resident discount ages 14 and older. Meet at Argo Quiet World Sports brings to us a three-hour on water session that will take total novices through the basic paddling techniques plus all the kayak gear and design. All gear is provided. Instructor is American Canoe Association Certified. Pre-registration required. Call the Argo Canoe Livery at 734.668.7411 or the Gallup Canoe Livery at 734.662.9319 or visit our website a2gov.org/canoe for further information.

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Note: It is the intent of the city of Ann Arbor to provide equal opportunities and access to all programs and facilities. For special assistance or accommodation, call the individual facility.

**PAC Work session Notes
February 5, 2007**

***** *****	Financial information that is user-friendly' transparency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Intelligence; “Dash boards” • Understanding of different resources for the parks system (millage, General Fund; enterprise funds, acquisition millage) • Include financial data on website, millage financial information on website • Transparency in financial information 	Sam Britt John L
*****	Athletic Field conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure quality of fields • user input for perceived quality • Checklists/assessment of fields 	John L Tim David
*****	Allen Creek Greenway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linkages 	Linda Catherine
****	Planning Commission Interface <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developer-initiated projects • Getting early information from Planning • Staff-initiated projects 	Linda Gwen Sam
***	Resolution for No Sale of Parkland August Ballot)	John S Britt Bob Linda
***	Clear definition of Natural Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of appropriate activities in Natural Area • Guidelines for Natural Areas • Lower quality Natural areas 	Gwen Bob
**	Regional Park System	

**	<p>Notice of Public Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC members in attendance • Notice in PAC packet • Notice by email 	Staff
**	<p>Acquisition of a large parcel to provide for development of a regional park</p> <p>Partnerships with other agencies, Washtenaw County, Townships</p>	
**	User fees/revenue policy and sponsorships	
*	Adopt – A – Park	Staff
*	<p>Develop Process for park development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flowcharts and timelines • How are project identified • Document the process for park projects development/redevelopment 	Brigit Sam, John S.
*	<p>Records of customer concerns</p> <p>Gather input, comment cards, follow-up</p>	Staff
*	Clarify roles of Dean Fund, Cobblestone, Kempf House	Staff
	Staff overview – Who does what	Staff
	<p>Signage on-site to designated Millage-funded projects</p> <p>Develop a special logo for Millage Projects</p>	Staff
	Parking space lease agreement	Staff

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Subject: community garden montgomery/bemidji

Dear Project Grow staff,

Imagine my surprise when a neighbor brought me the notice of your meeting next Monday at Slauson Middle School about a proposed community garden at the corner of Crest and Bemidji. I am the only owner-occupied property on Montgomery abutting this space and I did not receive notice of this meeting.

The proposal to place a community garden on this property is completely unacceptable. The contention that the garden should be placed in this neighborhood due to local demand is specious given this neighborhood's refusal to have it sited at Virginia Park. Moreover, a waitlist of people for garden spaces who happen to live in this neighborhood is absolutely no indication that residents of this neighborhood wish to have it located here.

While it may be easy for Project Grow to define the impacts on this community as negligible since the property only adjoins one house and backs up to rental property, let me assure you that many residents are concerned about having a community garden in this location for the following reasons, many of which were raised when the garden was proposed for Virginia Park:

1. Aesthetics

I have photodocumented the preceding 12 months of the current community garden in its current location and have substantial evidence that while gardeners are initially enthusiastic, they quickly lose interest and the gardens become overrun with weeds, garden waste, and trash. In fact, the gardens only look tidy and visually kept for about three weeks of the year. These photos are being made available to all neighborhood residents.

2. Parking and Child Safety

This street is already a shortcut between Liberty and Huron and receives significant weekday traffic. Increasing the number of people who come to this neighborhood will not only exceed the five legal on-street parking spaces, but will also increase

the number of cars school children will have to dodge on weekdays. The current garden has a parking lot, so the legality and availability of on-street parking must be considered.

3. Vagrancy

Any survey and traffic data that may have been compiled do not reveal the late night activity in this neighborhood. I daily remove liquor bottles, food wrappers, and dog feces from this property. Increasing camouflage for these perpetrators will only exacerbate the problem and increase the risk of trespassing and thievery in the adjoining properties.

4. Privacy and Community Well-Being

Slauson is already used for sledding in the winter which significantly adds to the traffic and litter in this area. Also, parents of children who participate in sports that occur in Slauson's field illegally, leave trash on the easements, and generate noise and other activity that disrupts this area. Increasing the amount of traffic will increase these problems as well as the number of people trespassing into my backyard and the yards of the nearby properties.

5. Property Value

This garden is an eyesore for much of the year. It will bring illegally parked cars and traffic to the neighborhood. This combination of transient activity coupled with aesthetic ruin will decrease the resale value of properties in an already depressed market. It is unfair and unconscionable to place another burden on the residents of a neighborhood hard hit by the changes to the local economy.

Should Project Grow be intent upon pursuing the development of this property for this purpose, please be advised that I have consulted established local legal counsel and have been assured that an injunction to this effort can be successfully secured. I am dedicated to applying any and all financial and legal resources to the satisfactory conclusion to this matter.

Community gardens should exist in mutually agreed-upon areas that maximize everyone's opportunity to enjoy the effort. Disenfranchising the residents of this neighborhood is counterproductive to your organization's goals, its ability to provide its members with a safe and reasonable space in which to pursue their hobbies, and its reputation of serving the best interests of all residents.

I sincerely hope this matter can be resolved peacefully. Should that not be possible, do know that I will secure protection for my lifestyle,

neighborhood, and significant local investment.

Sincerely,

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