



**CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 4:10 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 4:10 p.m. by Chair L. Berauer.

II. Roll Call:

- Members Present: (8) L. Berauer, B. Macomber, J. Satarino, S. Offen, C. Riseng, G. Nystuen, T. Berla, J. Lawter
- Ex-Officio Members Present (1) R. Johnson
- Ex- Officio Members Absent (1) S. Kunselman
- Members Absent: (1) D. Barrett
- Staff Present: (4) C. Smith, K. Henderson, K.C. Bemish, A. Kuras, Chief Jones, Deputy Chief Baszik, Deputy Chief Odell, L. Bowen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – L. Berauer stated the agenda is approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes per Speaker)

A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 Commissioner Satarino moved, supported by Commissioner Macomber to approve the minutes of February 20, 2007 as written. The minutes were approved unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS –

K. Henderson spoke on the subject of the Park Ranger also explaining the duties of the Park Ranger.

There was a power point presentation explaining the cost regarding this issue. Also stating the public comments on increased security in the Parks.

There is a consideration of using Safety Services (Police Department) to patrol the City Parks.

Safety Services and Parks will hold a regular meeting to discuss any problems/changes in the Parks.

Performances will be monitored by the citizens, including going out in the Parks and asking the citizens how this new idea is going.

B. Macomber expressed concern regarding the Police patrolling the Parks.

Chief Jones stated there will be an extra layer of security along with Police Officer's wearing proper attire and offering friendly customer service.

S. Offen asked how any officer's will be on duty patrolling the Parks.

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64 **Chief Jones** stated the particular number of Officer's available has not been decided as of yet.

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66 **K. Henderson** stated there had to be an approximate calculation budgeted for this position but the
67 details have not been decided.

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69 **S. Offen** stated how can it be said what can be done if we do not know how many officer's will be
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72 **L. Berauer** stated the plan would be to increase the hours of duty for the Police.

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74 **Deputy Chief Baszik** stated this is the first time discussing contracting the Police services and
75 this endeavor is being broken down precisely.

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77 **J. Lawter** expressed support of this proposal.

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79 **T. Berla** stated this proposal could be an expensive resource depending on the needs of the Parks.

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81 **G. Nystuen** asked what the current experience is regarding the calls being received for help
82 needed in the Parks.

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84 **Deputy Chief Baszik** stated there has been over 500 calls for service in the Parks, more common
85 being, trouble with subject, trespassing and drinking in the Parks.

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87 **G. Nystuen** asked if theses calls can be narrowed down to the hour of the day, evening and by the
88 day of the week.

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90 **J. Satarino** stated he would endorse this proposal.

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92 **G. Nystuen** asked if the Commission could see a report that could reflect how many calls have
93 come in from the Parks, the type of calls and what time of the day these calls have come in.

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95 **K. Henderson** explained the budget portion of the power point presentation in detail to the
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98 **R. Johnson** asked if the Parks budget could be provided.

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100 **K. Henderson** stated her and Christen Smith would email the requested information.

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102 **B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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104 **C - NEW BUSINESS**

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106 **C-1** FY 2007/2008 & FY 2008/2009 Budget Work Session

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108 **Christen Smith** discussed and explained the power point presentation regarding Parks &
109 Recreation Services in detail.

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111 **J. Satarino** asked how many people currently are involved with receiving the scholarships.

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113 **Colin Smith** stated there are approximately 700 people registered.

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115 **C. Riseng** asked where the possible Project Grow sites are located.

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117 **Christen Smith** stated a Park site and also a Utility site as an additional program site.

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119 **C. Riseng** stated she could not tell from the presentation where Parks revenue have decreased.

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C. Smith stated the summary sheet included in the information passed at the meeting will explain the increases and decreases in revenue

S. Offen asked if there was still a demand for the ice skate rinks

Colin Smith stated yes.

B. Macomber stated she would like to see an itemized summary of items that seem to be moved from the millage funds.

L. Berauer asked for the Land Acquisition meeting to set aside time to discuss....

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 – None.

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 – (Information in Packet)

K-2 Parks Project Update (Information in Packet)

K-3 Parks and Recreation Events for March 2007 – (Information in Packet)

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Riseng moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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