



**CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 21, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 4:13 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 4:13 p.m. by Chair, L. Berauer.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:	(6)	L. Berauer, D. Barrett T. Berla, J. Lawter, G. Nystuen, S. Rosencrans
Ex-Officio Members Present:	(1)	S. Kunselman (arrived at 4:17 p.m.)
Ex- Officio Members Absent:	(1)	R. Johnson
Members Absent:	(2)	B. Macomber, S. Offen
Staff Present:	(6)	C. Smith, A. Kuras, K.C. Bemish, D. Borneman, J. Dehring, C. Saam, L. Bowen
Guests:	(2)	Trevor Staples, Doug Song

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Commissioner Berauer asked if there were any changes to the agenda, being none stated the Commission agreed.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY - AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

**A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A-1 L. Berauer** requested, and the Commission agreed that discussion of the minutes of May 15, 2007 would be deferred to a later meeting.

**A-2 T. Berla** moved, supported by **S. Rosencrans** to approve the minutes of July 17, 2007 as written. The minutes of July 17, 2007 were approved unanimously.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Skate Park**

**Trevor Staples** and **Doug Song** spoke on their interest in developing a skate park in Ann Arbor. The discussion included a brief power point presentation of skate parks in other Michigan communities.

**D. Barrett** asked if any legal considerations had been addressed.

**Doug Song** stated that legal concerns had not been discussed.

**S. Rosencrans** inquired about the number of skaters who are involved in this group that is interested in the skate park.

**Trevor Staples** stated that there are approximately 100 people involved in their skate park group.

**T. Berla** inquired about the maintenance costs for a skate park.

62 **Trevor Staples** stated the cost of maintenance is estimated at \$5,000 annually.

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64 **T. Berla** asked whether a plan for financing the construction of the skate park has been developed.

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66 **Trevor Staples** reviewed several different methods of financing skate parks. He suggested that the  
67 group may raise funding to construct the facility.

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69 **G. Nystuen** asked whether the skate park could be built in phases.

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71 **Trevor Staples** stated that the facility could be constructed in phases.

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73 **S. Kunselman** expressed appreciation to Staples and Song for bringing the project to PAC.

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75 **B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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77 **C - NEW BUSINESS**

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79 **C-1** Allen Creek Greenway Task Force Report

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81 **L. Berauer** opened the discussion for the Allen Creek Greenway report and indicated that the focus at  
82 this time is on proposed uses for the three City-owned parcels in the downtown area.

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84 **G. Nystuen** stated the City should retain a portion of the sites for development of a greenway.

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86 **T. Berla** stated there is housing being built downtown and suggested development of a small  
87 playground for children.

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89 **S. Kunselman** stated that there are additional City groups that are discussing possible uses of the  
90 three land parcels.

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92 **L. Berauer** stated that the Park Advisory Commission should take a position on recommending uses  
93 of the properties for parks.

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95 **C-2** Natural Areas Task force Report

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97 **G. Nystuen** briefly summarized discussions by the task force group that is reviewing natural areas.  
98 Further discussion will be presented when **B. Johnson** is in attendance at the meeting.

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100 **D - COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

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102 **D-1** Procedure for Meeting Notices

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104 **C. Smith** referred commissions to meeting notice procedures that were provided as handout  
105 materials.

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

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109 **E-1** Swift Run Dog Park & Off Leash Areas Update

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111 **C. Smith** provided a brief update on off-leash areas.

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113 **E-2** Park Facility Business Plan – Canoe Liveries

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115 **Cheryl Saam** provided a brief overview of the canoe livery operations.

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117 **J. Lawter** provided a brief update on the golf course operations study. He indicated that the  
118 consultant will be meeting with the neighbors of the golf courses and golfers in September.

123 **C. Smith** indicated that the City is considering submitting an application for a liquor license for the  
124 Golf Course and asked the Commission for comment. The consensus of the group was to support  
125 submission of the liquor application. **T. Berla** expressed that he was more comfortable with the liquor  
126 being allowed specifically in the building, rather than on the course.

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

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130 **F-1 Park Security Update**

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132 **G. Nystuen** reviewed the discussion at a recent staff park security meeting that she attended. The  
133 police would like to have No Alcohol signs posted in some of the Parks.

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135 **C. Smith** invited commissioners to join the staff for park security meetings that are held every other  
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138 **G - REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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

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142 **H-1 Athletic Fields Task Force Report**

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144 **D. Barrett** provided a brief update of the athletic fields task force activities.

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146 **L. Berauer** reminded the Commission that the By-Laws call for election of a Chair and a Vice-Chair  
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149 **I - PUBLIC COMMENTARY – GENERAL (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

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

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153 **K - TRANSMITTALS**

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155 **K-1 City Council Items Update – (Information in Packet)**

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157 **K-2 Parks Project Update – (Information in Packet)**

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159 **K-3 Parks and Recreation Events for August - September 2007 – (Information in Packet)**

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161 **K-4 PAC Work Session Summary– (Information in Packet)**

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164 There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Nystuen** moved  
165 that the meeting be adjourned at 6: 21p.m.

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168 Respectfully submitted,

169 *Lynn Bowen*

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171 Administrative Support Specialist V