



**CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 15, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the Washtenaw County Administration Building in the County Board of Commission Public Meeting Room, 220 N. Main St., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair S. Rosencrans.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: (9) S. Rosencrans, J. Lawter, S. Offen  
T. Berla, D. Barrett, J. Grand,  
G. Nystuen (arrived @ 4:05 p.m.), D. Chapman,  
K. Levin

Ex-Officio Members Present: (2) M. Anglin, C. Taylor

Ex- Officio Members Absent: (0) None

Members Absent: (0) None

Staff Present: (7) J. Miller, C. Smith, M. Warba, J. Black, D. Borneman,  
A. Kuras, L. Bowen

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Commissioner Rosencrans** asked for a motion to approve the agenda. **Commissioner Chapman** moved, supported by **Commissioner Offen** to approve the agenda as written. The Commission approved the agenda unanimously.

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

**J. Satarino** spoke on the proposed Fuller Road Transit project.

**N. Leff** spoke on the issue of the Resolution to Approve Parking of Vehicles for a Fee at Allmendinger and Frisinger Parks during University of Michigan home football games and expressed several concerns.

**H. Corey** spoke on the issue of the Resolution to Approve Parking of Vehicles for a Fee at Allmendinger and Frisinger Parks during University of Michigan home football games and expressed several concerns regarding returning the parks to a usable status.

**C. Hamilton** explained the WIT program in depth to the Commission regarding the proposed Art on the Huron River project.

**H. Blatnik** spoke in support of the Art on the Huron river project.

**D. Walsh** spoke on a specific property in the city where a fire took place and asked for direction to request this property becoming a City park in the future. D.Walsch also thanked Wendy Rampson for her assistance regarding this situation.

53 **A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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55 **Commissioner Grand** moved supported by **Commissioner Offen** to approve the  
56 minutes of the November 17, 2009 meeting as written. The minutes of November 17,  
57 2009 were approved unanimously.

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59 **SPECIALPRESENTATIONS**

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61 Jayne Miller – Update on City Budget

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63 **J. Miller** provided PAC with an update on the City budget and the recent Council retreat  
64 regarding the budget. The City needs to cut an additional 11% for FY10 and FY11 and  
65 anticipates a further 8% reduction in FY12. Such cuts will result in service reductions across  
66 the City.

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68 **C. Taylor** stated there will be cuts that will be made across the organization.

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70 **M. Anglin** stated there will be cuts made and this will be difficult.

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72 **C. Taylor** stated the Park Advisory Commission can be a great service to assist in  
73 advisement to City Council.

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75 **D. Barrett** asked if there is a possibility to repurpose the land acquisition millage.

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77 **J. Miller** stated that is one of many ideas Council has asked staff to explore.

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79 **T. Berla** asked that an explanation be given regarding the funding of on going maintenance  
80 at Argo Dam.

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82 **J. Miller** stated the maintenance of the Dams are currently paid from the water fund. As part  
83 of the budget process, Council has directed staff to explore where the maintenance costs  
84 for the recreational dams should be funded from.

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86 **D. Barrett** asked if the City was open to a public/private relationship regarding athletic  
87 fields.

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89 **J. Miller** stated yes.

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91 **J. Miller** stated the mowing cycle for Parks is currently on a 14-day cycle, beginning spring  
92 of 2010 this will change to a 19-day mowing cycle; there will be an impact regarding the  
93 hand trimming that is done as well.

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95 **G. Nystuen** asked if the public will be made aware of the proposed changes and  
96 reductions.

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98 **J. Miller** stated yes.

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100 **D. Barrett** asked if Recreation & Education will be made aware of the changes in the  
101 mowing schedules.

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103 **J. Miller** stated yes.

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107 **B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

109 **B-1** Proposed Amendment to PAC by-Laws

111 **S. Rosencrans** stated the Commission would discuss any and all  
112 amendments to the by-laws.

114 **D. Chapman** asked for an explanation on certain language included in the by-  
115 laws regarding the decision of an individual(s) being appointed to committees  
116 on the Park Advisory Commission.

118 **S. Offen** stated he did not see a conflict between Article 9, Section 2 and  
119 Article 9, Section 1 of the by-laws.

121 **S. Rosencrans** asked if there should be an additional amendment to the by-  
122 laws that speaks specifically to the appointments on committees.

124 **D. Barrett** asked for clarity of the last sentence specifying a need for a  
125 unanimous vote versus the two-third vote.

127 **S. Rosencrans** stated there would be a higher standard if there is a  
128 unanimous vote versus a two-third vote.

130 **S. Rosencrans** moved supported by J. Lawter to postpone further discussion  
131 on the by-law resolution until the January 19, 2010 meeting.

133 **Ayes: (7) S. Rosencrans, J. Lawter, G. Nystuen, T. Berla,**  
134 **D. Chapman, J. Grand, K. Levin**

136 **Nays: (2) S. Offen, D. Barrett**

138 **Absent: (0) None**

140 *On a voice vote in addition to a show of hands – **Motion Passed** to postpone*  
141 *further discussion pertaining to the by-laws until the January 19, 2010*  
142 *meeting.*

144 **B-2** Public Art on the Huron River

146 **A. Kuras** provided a staff review on the proposal; there were concerns  
147 brought to the City’s attention including questions pertaining to the  
148 maintenance, vandalism and general upkeep of the art work.

150 **T. Berla** asked if staff was confident that rowers would not be affected due to  
151 the art work being in the water.

153 **C. Smith** stated C. Saam is in agreement to the art being placed in the water.  
154 The proposed placement in Argo Pond will have to be modified as it will  
155 interfere with rowing patterns.

157 **S. Offen** asked if any cost would be incurred to the City.

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159 **A. Kuras** stated no.

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161 **S. Offen** asked if the Park Advisory Commission has the authorization to  
162 approve this project.

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164 **C. Hamilton** from the University explained the recommendation of the Park  
165 Advisory Commission will provide the opportunity to proceed with the  
166 application process to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

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168 **S. Rosencrans** asked if the University of Michigan would provide insurance  
169 for the art on the river.

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171 **C. Hamilton** stated this information would need to be confirmed.

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173 **S. Rosencrans** read a draft Resolution reading the public art installation on  
174 the Huron River.

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176 **The Commission discussed modifying the resolution.**

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178 **S. Rosencrans** read the revised resolution to the Commission:

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180 **Resolution Regarding the Public Art Installation Proposed by William Dennisuk**  
181 **December 15, 2009**  
182 **Ann Arbor Park Advisory Commission**

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184 Whereas, William Dennisuk , a visiting artist to the Ann Arbor area who is sponsored  
185 by the University of Michigan, Penny W. Stamps and Roman J. Witt Visiting Artists  
186 and Lecture Series proposes to install four works of art in the Huron River adjacent to  
187 city park land,

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189 Be it Resolved that the Ann Arbor Park Advisory Commission endorses the making of  
190 an application to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the approval  
191 of the project.

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193 **Ayes: (9) S. Rosencrans, J. Lawter, G. Nystuen, T. Berla,**  
194 **S. Offen, D. Barrett, D. Chapman, J. Grand, K. Levin**

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196 **Nays: (0) None**

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198 **Absent: (0) None**

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200 *On a voice vote in addition to a show of hands – **Motion Passed** to approve*  
201 *the Resolution regarding the Public Art Installation Proposed by William*  
202 *Dennisuk.*

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204 **C - New Business**

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206 **C-1** Resolution to Approve Agreement between the City and Ann Arbor Public  
207 Schools for Field and Park Space Use  
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209 **C. Smith** explained the Resolution in depth. C. Smith reviewed the old  
210 agreement, which only included baseball, softball and kickball. The new  
211 agreement includes all sports.

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213 **T. Berla** complimented staff on a job well done pertaining to the agreement  
214 with Recreation and Education.

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216 ***G. Nystuen moved to Approve Agreement between the City and Ann  
217 Arbor Public Schools for Field and Park Space Use.***

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219 *On a voice vote **Motion Passed** to Approve Agreement between the City and  
220 Ann Arbor Public Schools for Field and Park Space Use.*

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222 ***The Commission approved the Resolution unanimously.***

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224 **S. Offen** asked if any monies are exchanged between the City and Recreation  
225 and Education.

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227 **C. Smith** explained that Rec & Ed collects the fees for third party fees and  
228 then passes the revenue to the City. Rec & Ed also pays for their use of  
229 lighting on the fields.

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231 **C-2** Resolution to Approve Parking of Vehicles for a Fee at Allmendinger and  
232 Frisinger Parks during University of Michigan Home Football Games

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234 **C. Smith** explained the Resolution to the Commission in depth.

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236 **D. Barrett** asked who would make the decision regarding inclement weather.

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238 **C. Smith** stated it would be a joint decision between field operations and the  
239 city forester.

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241 **S. Offen** asked who would enforce the rule on alcohol use in the park.

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243 **C. Smith** stated additional staff will be on-site and additional signage would be  
244 installed.

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246 **S. Offen** asked if staff would receive overtime.

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248 **M. Warba** stated scheduling will be shifted accordingly to avoid overtime

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250 **S. Offen** asked if the configuration to accommodate the proposed parking  
251 would interrupt play equipment.

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253 **M. Warba** stated that play equipment would still be available for use.

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255 **T. Berla** asked if staff can provide the proper cleaning to the parks after the  
256 games.

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258 **M. Warba** explained staff will be able to clean the parks properly and the fact  
259 the event is scheduled will make it easier to manage.

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261 **T. Berla** suggested an outreach to the neighbors with a card that includes  
262 information that allows communicating any complaints.

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264 **D. Chapman** expressed concern that children would be unable to use the  
265 parks on football days.

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267 **C. Smith** acknowledged the inconvenience and explained that other parks in  
268 the nearby vicinity were available for use.

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270 **S. Rosencrans** asked if additional traffic will be addressed.

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272 **C. Smith** stated yes.

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274 **C. Smith** stated the net revenue possibly earned is approximately \$30,000.00.

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276 **D. Barrett** complimented staff for bringing forward the proposal.

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278 **Ayes: (7) J. Lawter, G. Nystuen, T. Berla,**  
279 **S. Offen, D. Barrett, J. Grand, K. Levin**

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281 **Nays: (2) S. Rosencrans, D. Chapman**

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283 **Absent: (0) None**

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285 *On a voice vote in addition to a show of hands – **Motion Passed** to approve*  
286 *the Resolution Parking of Vehicles for a Fee at Allmendinger and Frisinger*  
287 *Parks during University of Michigan Home Football Games*  
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289 **D - COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

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

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293 **C. Smith** explained the golf courses financial reports in depth to the Commission,  
294 stating the golf courses are ahead of schedule pertaining to the forecast.

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296 **G. Nystuen** asked for updated information regarding the Senior Center and Mack  
297 Pool.

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299 **C. Smith** provided an update regarding public meeting dates for both Task Forces.

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302 **G. Nystuen** asked when discussions would take place pertaining to park land.

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304 **C. Smith** stated there will be discussions on this issue on future agendas.

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

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

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310 Recreation & Education moving will be moving to Pioneer High School in January  
311 2010. This will be the new location for registration.  
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- 313 H - REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASK
- 314 FORCES
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- 316 C. Taylor explained a recent Resolution pertaining to HRIMP that City Council passed.
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- 318 I - PUBLIC COMMENTARY – GENERAL (3 Minutes per Speaker)
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- 320 J - CLOSED SESSION TO DEAL WITH PRIVELEDGED CLIENT ATTORNEY INFORMATION
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- 322 K - TRANSMITTALS
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- 324 K-1 City Council Items Update
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- 326 K-2 Park Project Update
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- 328 K-3 City of Ann Arbor 2008 – 2013 Park Maintenance and Capital
- 329 Improvements Millage Status
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- 331 There being no further business to come before the **Commissioner Offen** moved
- 332 supported by **Commissioner Lawter** that the open meeting be adjourned at 6:53 p.m.
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