

Commentary –

Michael, Woodcreek Subdivision, speaking for other present. Consider acquisition of property by South Pond for park use, northern for natural features, southern part for active recreation. This are north of Washtenaw, E. of Huron Pkwy has no active recreation area. There is one parcel left In a brief poll, people reacted very positively toward making a financial donation, either equipment or other. Donna Welch and son David. Wants them to acquire the land 455 units there and no land set aside for active recreation there. Need place for children to play, with possibility of sports field, soccer, etc. Congestion in the area makes development of the parcel unfeasible. Sarah, 1755 Ryan Court. Would like playground and nature preserve, lots of wildlife and a place to play. Jane Heinken, Sarah's mom used to live in an area where there were these amenities. Tried going to Pittsfield Township playgrounds and Scheffler, Gallup, but is dangerous. Gary Gobb, 2050 Palmer, showed map, park of Huron Hills area, and are the least served in Ann Arbor. Has been progressive development but no parks. Have a deficit of 5.5 acres (population vs. park land) Is a 1.5 mile walk to get to Gallup. Busy street all around, don't want to go through the woods and cross busy streets to get there. Would like PAC to give serious consideration to acquiring the area, 16 acres. Would also like acquired as a regional recreation facility. Tim Buloff, serves on RAC, wanted to do short presentation on the soccer field lottery. Joined RAC last year, for a long time played soccer with AASA, now play ultimate Frisbee, fields haven't been available. Fuller fields are a resource for the entire city and should be divided up in a fair way. Started meetings in July, which led to the procedure of the lottery. Some people from the Soccer Association contacted their councilperson, so it was postponed. Need to come up with a fair way to divvy these up.

Matt Naud – Environmental Coordinator - was a status hearing yesterday with Judge Shelton. City doesn't have any standing in this case. Gelman talked about what the company is doing. Our position is there aren't enough wells to get a sense of what is really going on. The outcome was the Judge wants a timeline from Pall Gelman when things are going to proceed. Water has to go somewhere. No capacity in the sewer, unless under perfectly dry conditions. If any precipitation event would have to stop immediately. Don't know the flow to Montgomery. Vets Park was talked about for using, but has cost implications. Closer to the pump the cheaper it would be. Why not use the K-Mark parking lot for the treatment facility. Steve, Vets' Park has not been excluded? No, but not the focus. July is the next status hearing, but Pall wants to give a new interim plan mid-March to DEQ. There are permit issues also. Bob, do you get results from monitoring wells? Matt, get quarterly. Some purging in the E aquifer. He argues with DEQ why wells should be located where. Is a hurry-up attitude to get this done before the hearing date. Bob, did Congressman Dingle get ? to come in. Matt, yes, hopefully within the next week or so.

Welcome to Leslie Science Center – Kirsten Levinsohn

Bulk of programming is during when school is out. In Nature House, built in 2000, highlights many green features. Bulk of programming in this building. Use solar power

ties is recycled auto glass. Toilets do not use any water, odor-free. Wastewater goes down into a planting bed, excess goes out into a drainfield. Janet, thought about a greenhouse? Kirsten, yes but cost enters into this. Minutes, Catherine, 2nd Owen. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution proposed by James D-Amour added – OK by members.

James D'Amour, walk through the property, along with John Satarino last Saturday. Resolution moved by James, supported by John Satarino. James read the resolution. James told residents present today that the commission is extremely sympathetic to their point of view. Beautiful vista, saw deer and fox and the hawk Sarah referred to. He is chair of the RAC, now talking about field use and its demand. Steve, advocating acquisition of 5 parcels. James, yes, but make clear it is a message of intent. Amy, developer is proposing to dedicate a play area from the slopes downward, small play area. Steve, on the table, this parcel is rated highly because of the wetland (natural area), remaining parcels have much lower ranking, but are still reviewing. Resolution is for the VanCurler property, but doesn't include parcel #108. Bob, friendly amendment to include actual parcel numbers. Amy, develop suggested play ground would only be for the residents. Amy, a lot of traffic so would have to be parking facilities. Ron, there needed to be some active recreation improvements in this area, but not necessarily a sports complex, just more than a wetland preserve. Linda, what is acreage of portion that could be dedicated to active recreation? Steve, Lot 50. Amy, they propose the area between the two lines of buildings would be park space. Catherine, not clear if this is requirements why there is no park land there now. Amy, is not an ordinance, but a guideline not legally binding. Steve asked Amy what the likely status of the site plan review? Amy, don't know. Ron, commission could recommend that it be postponed on decision to Planning Department. John, from working at the property and others in the area, the northern sloping section, would like to avoid in the past, developers building right up to a natural area, there are financial constraints and have two other neighborhoods talking to PAC wanting a neighborhood park. Supports to the extent that it is practical to do. Owen, resolution is good reflection of what he sees as needs. Ron's suggestion is good. Suggest deal with this in the process we have started in LAC meeting. Wendy, agrees with Ron. Resolved #5 is very good. Agrees that should stick with the LAC process. James asked Ron if PAC has asked Planning Commission to postpone action to give us more time to consider. Ron, yes and they have honored it both times. They will ask for how long. Phil, echoed what Owen and Wendy said, he agrees striking reference to "VanCurler" property. Easiest solution is for the Planning Commission and Council to go head-to-head to get more out of him/her. Bob, supports Paragraph 5, too bad that PROS Plan wasn't considered more in the NEAP, should follow process, but have to take into account there are immediate needs. Is quite appropriate for this group to recommend at this time. Linda, would be good to have resolution and incorporate a lot of James' thoughts, but not include the exact VanCurler property. Steve, could do resolution or memo to Planning Commission to give us up to a month to consider this and be diligent. James, wanted this out to talk about today and strongly recommends asking for at least two weeks so we can do some due diligence, Paragraph 5 and 6 are different tactics. Catherine, would like to keep reference to VanCurler

property, change recommend to “consider.” Janet would like more info about traffic and access situations. Motion passed unanimously as amended. Bob, send copy of letter and resolution to neighborhood group.

Field Use Policy – Ron, decided to postpone. Terry and he spoke with AASA last Friday. This doesn’t solve the need for more athletic fields. Steve asked for clarification, who did not participate in the discussions to the point that the lottery idea got so much attention. Terry, does not know that info got to where it should have, her fault. RAC appointed two members to work with Terry on this. Terry, will meet with everyone to see if they can make it work without a lottery. Ron, if that doesn’t work, then there is a reason to press forward with the lottery. Steve, in development of this policy, was consideration given, as in weighing, relative as to size of group and the need? Terry, draft designed that would enter bid for so many spots. Terry, was trying to be as fair and equitable as possible. Guy from RAC, had long discussion with Terry on how to do this fairly. This is something new, can possibly be the best the first time. Technically, if a soccer team steps forward and wants a field, they will have as much power as a large group. Meeting will be worthwhile. They want to start using the fields in April, maybe even March. James, is unclear as to where we go with this process. Ron, will have the sit down talk with groups. This does not affect the airport land. Larry Dishman, not enough attention has been given to active recreation. Would behouve us all to try and find recreation facilities in this community. Larry, try to have AASA slowly reduce their use of Fuller fields. A better change of this working that way. Bob Johnson supported what Larry says. Council got flooded with emails. Is fair policy but want everyone onboard, but can’t just cut them off after they have used the fields for years. Ron, balance in the parks system is very key. There are a tremendous amount of people, a lot of different sports. Must make sure that everyone is allowed the chance to play. Linda, holdup on the landfill? Ron, maint. Facility, but now the door is open. We have funds in the millage toward doing something at the landfill and in Rehab and Development. Wendy, as you look at dealing with the township, be sure to find out how they feel about putting a park there. Ron, they are concerned because there is a need for a neighborhood park there. They are building smaller fields for their recreational soccer programs SE of there. Bob asked if the townships have advisory groups. Ron, Pittsfield does (also Linda).

Resolution – Park Ordinance

#19 is the change. Motion is to adopt the changes to Chapter 39. Catherine, what is exactly is an activity? Does it include walking off the trail? James, is negative about the policy. Guy from NAP (Jason), has been working with the groups who have been placing these. They are very willing to cooperate. There is one in Birds Hills where there is a trail being forged to it and we don’t want them in places like that. Owen, the Chapter cover parks in general, not just natural areas. Linda, moved the resolution, 2nd by Catherine Riseng. Satarino, current nature areas are not good for this type of usage, a lot of unauthorized things going on, rearranging. John, we really don’t have strict enforcement in the parks. We shouldn’t encourage this activity. Jason, they were very apologetic, easily enforced. Go to the website, when new cache is put in, it notifies you

instantly. Janet, can people request a permit online? There have been issues with orienteering in parks. Linda, groups needs more education on where and where not to go. Motion passed, all except James and John.

Commission Proposed Business – Resolution in opposition of retaining wells at next meeting (Steve). Next LAC meeting 3/11, 6th floor conference room. Phil, his absence will go away by May. Will keep in contact with things.

Public, 3100 cars additional per day.