

DEARBORN RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

Jeff Stassen, Chair
Margaret Green, Vice Chair
Greg Orner, Director of Dearborn Recreation and Parks

Commissioners:

Rami Abousaleh; Jamal Aljahmi; Carolyn Blackmore; Mark Bruce, Greg Gomolak;
Warren Hartley; Kevin Kreger; Joseph Kubinski; Michael Macpherson;
John Ruselowski; John Sczomak; Johanna Seidel; Lynn Sherman;
Joe Siciliano; Eugene Smith; EmmaJean Woodyard

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

PRESENT: Aljahmi, Blackmore, Kreger, Ruselowski, Sczomak, Sherman, Siciliano, Stassen, Woodyard

EXCUSED: Abousaleh, Bruce, Gomolak, Green, Hartley, Kubinski, Macpherson, Seidel, Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Greg Orner, Director of Dearborn Recreation & Parks Department
Mary Jo Durivage (resident)
Michael Baush (resident)
Mary Ann Denyer (resident)
John Denyer (resident)
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The meeting was called to order by Chair Stassen at 7:02 p.m.

As there was not a quorum, approval of the July minutes was postponed.

Director's Report

A feasibility study Request for Proposal (RFP) for an indoor soccer/football facility was issued to look for financial and market analyses. Tours have been taken at Detroit Country Day's soccer/football field, the Ultimate Soccer facility in Pontiac, and the facility in Wixom.

The City Council has approved \$466,000 for upgrades to Dunworth Pool. The wading pool (phase 1) has been completed. The diving pool upgrades are currently on hold due to drain problems. Construction will start in September.

There is a project agreement with Wayne County for the millage allocation in the amount of \$250,000 for the development of a splash pad and comfort station at Whitmore-Bolles.

Asbestos abatement at Crowley Pool. Demolition is scheduled for this fall or winter.

The Ford Community & Performing Arts Center (FCPAC) will be closed during the last week of August for annual maintenance week.

Rouge River Gateway Trail – Anticipate beginning work after Labor Day.



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A project meeting regarding the surveillance cameras is forthcoming.

The Penn-Vassar Neighborhood Association has requested that the basketball hoops continue to be kept down.

New Business

A proposed ordinance to ban smoking in City parks is before City Council. City Council has recommended that the Recreation & Parks Commission make a recommendation.

- Concerns were voiced by Commissioners regarding who made the proposal for the ordinance and the rationale. Information on the extent of the problem was requested as well as a request to Councilperson Tafelski to attend a Commission meeting for discussion.
- The residents in attendance made comments for and against the ban.
- Commissioners Siciliano and Aljahmi offered to consider being on a Park Smoking Ban Review subcommittee.

Mary Jo Durivage (resident) made a request for reduced rates on meeting rooms at the FCPAC and to consider having bus service to Stratford.

Commissioners Woodyard and Sczomak discussed the Fine Arts subcommittee tour of the Arts Space project.

There have been concerns noted to Commissioners regarding citizen access to the West Dearborn Downtown Development Association (WDDDA) pocket park. It was noted that pocket park concerns have not been a part of Commission discussion. There have, however, been discussions about increasing the entertainment venues in that space.

Commissioner Kubinski sent a letter which reviewed the proposed smoking ban in the parks ordinance.

Commissioner Ruselowski reported that Adam Dawdy was the recipient of the 2015 American Legion Baseball Scholarship in the amount of \$500. He will be attending Hope College.

Commissioner Kreger reported that seven Dearborn residents on his rugby team won the premier division of the CanAm tournament in Lake Placid on July 29-30: Ishmail Bazzi, Eric Jenks, Adam Saad, Ryan Koenig, Yousef Harajli, Pat Khalaf, and Kevin Kreger.

Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Stassen. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**The next meeting of the
Dearborn Recreation & Parks Commission
will be WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 at 7 pm
in CLUB ROOM 1.**

**(This meeting will also be a public hearing regarding the
Dearborn Recreation & Parks Five-Year Master Plan.)**