



## Recreation Commission

### MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2003

#### I. CALL TO ORDER 6:08 PM

#### II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: J. Weiss, J. Lucchetti, L. Zuber and B. Filipiak

Members Absent: K. Winkelseth, P. Horne-McGee

Staff Present: Shannon Stumbo-Bellers, Assistant City Manager

#### III. Approval of Minutes – August 7, 2003

Motion to approve as submitted B. Filipiak (J. Lucchetti Support) carried 4-0

#### IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

#### V. AGENDA APPROVAL

- L Zuber requested the addition of a new item under VI(E) to include "Financial update for what we really need and where are we now"

Motion to approve as amended L Zuber, (J Lucchetti Support) – carried 4-0

#### VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### A. Recreation Millage Potential (Guest Vic Chiasson, EMU) –

Mr. Chiasson and the Commission discussed some of the benefits and challenges associated with various funding sources including grants, partnerships and dedicated recreation millages. Further discussion took place regarding the millage issue regarding necessary funding level, millage levy amounts, service levels, and time frames.

Mr. Chiasson provided two sample resident surveys to the Commission from other communities for review. The Commission discussed the process for conducting a statistically relevant resident survey, schedule for surveys and focus groups sessions around the community, and formulating a recommendation to City Council.

Mr. Chiasson will provide assistance in writing and distributing the resident surveys through his fall Recreation Administration class. The potential timeline for the project indicated that surveys would go out in September, compilation and summary would be completed by mid-October, mid-October and November the Commission would conduct the focus groups sessions and a recommendation would go to City Council by January 2004. If a ballot issue was recommended, Council would need to authorize a ballot and language would need to be approved. The campaign would take place February through May for a possible June school election.

J. Weiss requested that Stumbo-Bellers research the school election schedule for 2004, whether the City can use a school election for a city ballot issue (as school boundaries include certain portions of Ypsilanti Township) and how much funding could be raised by a millage levy through the school district.

**B. Letter to Residents –**

- L Zuber reported a self-addressed envelope should be included with resident letters. The letters should be sent to neighborhood associations and volunteer list. They should be brought back to the September 4 meeting. Support should be requested for Chamber sponsored mailing to Chamber mailings?

**C. Commission Member Updates –**

- J Weiss reported that he could not connect with Wendy Gouine.
- J Lucchetti reported that she has not met with WCC honors group.
- L Zuber reported that Margaret Ann Kildau spent money elsewhere and she spoke with Keith Peters and is in the process of setting up a meeting.

**D. Staff Update –** Stumbo-Bellers discussed critical needs and a meeting with Mrs. Eaglin and herself regarding fundraising efforts by Mrs. Eaglin.

**E. Next Steps –** Commission members discussed the budget impact associated with mailing surveys to either 10% or 20% of registered voters who voted in the last City mayoral election; provide information to Vic (Lisa to email reminder) and sign letter; Lisa will revise the letter; millage funding schools, election schedule, and legislation, Vic will attend the September 4 meeting; an invitation will be given to the Senior Advisory Committee for September 18 meeting.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT –**

With no further business before the Commission, meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. Motion by J Lucchetti / Supported by J Weiss– Motion Carried 4-0