

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Park Advisory Commission

DATE: April 17, 2012

RE: Park Advisory Commission Resolution for the FY 2013 Proposed Budget for Park Operations

Attached is the Park Advisory Commission (PAC) resolution with our recommendations for the FY 2013 Budget for Park Operations.

PAC commends Matt Warba, Craig Hupy and other city staff for their efforts in maintaining our parks system. They are consistently asked to do more with less, and have responded by developing more efficient methods to fulfill their grounds maintenance responsibilities.

PAC is pleased that Park Operations plans to improve the quality of maintenance and service without requiring additional funding. Using a budget comparable to the 2012 budget Park Operations intends to increase the mowing cycle from 19 days to 14 days; increase seasonal staffing to better maintain active recreation areas; establish three seasonal park steward/supervisor positions to improve park maintenance and enforcement; and increase seasonal staffing at the ice arenas to improve facility cleanliness.

PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION RESOLUTION FOR THE FY 2013 BUDGET FOR PARK OPERATIONS

Whereas, a vibrant, extensive, and healthy parks system is part of every great town and city;

Whereas, Ann Arbor residents value their parks, natural areas and recreational facilities and support these amenities through their taxes;

Whereas, PAC commends Park Operations staff for their efforts to improve the quality and efficiency of parks maintenance;

And whereas, Park Operations has demonstrated that it can increase its level of service through increased efficiencies and filling open, budgeted vacancies, without increasing 2013 budgeted expenditures;

RESOLVED, That Park Operations restore its 14-day mowing cycle from its current 19-day cycle;

RESOLVED, That Park Operations increase seasonal staffing levels between April 15 and October 15 so that active recreation areas will be better maintained;

RESOLVED, That Park Operations establish three seasonal park steward/supervisor positions to be filled annually between May and September to increase staff presence in the parks for the benefit of improved maintenance and enforcement;

RESOLVED, That Park Operations increase seasonal staffing at the ice arenas to improve facility cleanliness.