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TO: Leah Gunn, Chair
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THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Robert L. Tetens, Director
Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE: January 21, 2004

SUBJECT: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission 5 Year Master
Plan 2004 – 2008.

Board Action Requested:

It is requested that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners adopt the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission 5 Year Master Plan 2004 - 2008.

Background:

The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission 5 Year Master Plan sets forth the vision, goals and capital improvement schedule for the five year period 2004 – 2008. The Plan development process examined the changing human geography, natural features and current and projected recreational needs of Washtenaw County. The Plan document provides recommended action steps, with prioritized recommendations for the entire parks systems as well as existing Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission facilities.

Parks and recreation agencies applying for grant funding from the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources are required to submit a Parks and Recreation Master Plan every five years. Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC) last submitted a plan for the five year period 1999 – 2003. The new Master Plan fulfills the requirements of the MDNR, but more importantly maps a course for the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission through 2008.

Discussion

Public input formed the foundation of the 2004 – 2008 Master Plan. Input was obtained from local officials, recreation providers and WCPARC staff, along with the general public. One of the primary means of input was a Core Advisory Group visioning meeting, held June 20, 2003. This meeting gathered representatives from local

governmental and recreational agencies, public and private recreation providers, interest and users groups and WCPARC staff. This input was augmented with information gathered in a random telephone survey conducted in the Spring of 2003, which in turn complemented prior survey work done by the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA). Both surveys were conducted by a consultant, MORPACE International, Inc.

Using the goals and vision established during the Core Advisory Group meeting, along with the needs and priorities identified by the public survey and WCOARC staff, recommendations were developed for the 5 Year Master Plan. With the assistance of a consultant, The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio, the goals and needs expressed by the public were refined, while additional recommendations, based upon field observations and analysis of demographic trends and recreational standards, were added. These combined recommendations comprise the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission 2004 – 2008 5 Year Master Plan.

On January 12th the Parks & Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing on the 5 Year Master Plan.

Impact on Human Resources:

The requested action will have no impact on Human Resources.

Impact on Budget:

Costs associated with this action will not have any impact on the County General Fund.

Impact on Indirect Costs:

The requested action will have no impact on indirect costs.

Impact on other County Departments or Outside Agencies:

The requested action will have no impact on other County departments or outside agencies.

Conformity to County Policies:

The requested action is in conformance with all applicable County Policies.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 5 YEAR MASTER PLAN 2004 – 2008

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 21, 2004

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission has prepared a 5 Year Master Plan to serve as the guideline for the Commission from 2004 through 2008; and

WHEREAS, in the process of developing the new 5 Year Master Plan the Commission sought public input through a number of meetings with local officials, public and private recreation providers, staff of the Commission and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, with the assistance of a professional consultant, conducted a random telephone survey of a sample of Washtenaw County residents to identify parks and recreation needs and priorities as expressed by the public; and

WHEREAS, the survey conducted by the Commission was augmented by a previous survey conducted by the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority which included residents of Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, the input gained through these input sources was utilized in developing the recommendations which comprise the new Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission 5 Year Master Plan; and

WHEREAS; the State of Michigan requires all parks and recreation agencies applying for grant funding from the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources to submit a Parks and Recreation Master Plan every five years; and

WHEREAS, the most recent Master Plan prepared by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission covered the years 1999 – 2003; and

WHEREAS, State of Michigan guidelines require the Master Plan to be adopted by the highest level governing body for the community, that being the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Commission held a public hearing on January 12, 2004; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission 5 Year Master Plan 2004 – 2008, as on file with the County Clerk.