



Commission Agenda Report

City of Kalamazoo

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SUBJECT: 2008 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Annual Report

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), submits the following 2008 Annual Report for your information.

2008 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Board Members

Gary Wager Chair	1/01/11	Larry Ross	1/01/10
Lance Ferraro, Vice Chair	1/01/09	Michael Dombos	1/01/10
Gina Antoniotti	1/01/09	Natalie Patchell	1/01/12
Garrylee McCormick	1/01/11		

In 2008, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) met on 12 occasions and recommended approval of 35 art fairs, health fairs, and special events including New Year's Fest, Milham Park Art Fair, and the One/One Run at Spring Valley Park.

Major Board discussions and recommendations included:

- Reviewed and recommended approval of the Parks and Recreation 2009 Proposed Fees and Charges for exclusive Park rentals and various Recreation activities.
- Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair
- Unanimously approved to support the Milham/Blanche Hull Master Plan fundraising effort.
- Recommended that 925 Grant St. be removed from the potential sale of surplus properties list, thus rescinding PRAB's 2005 recommendation.
- Recommended appointment of Mr. Garrylee McCormick and Ms. Natalie Patchell to PRAB. .
- Unanimously supported the concept of installing the public art sculptures along the River West area by the Jack Coombs Trailway.
- Unanimously approved a recommendation of support for the College Park lease agreement between the City of Kalamazoo and K-College.
- Formal Acceptance of Board resignations of Brian Fricke, Griffin Williams, and Zach Greening. All are in college outside of Kalamazoo.

- Unanimously supported the replacement of the plaque in Bronson Park's reflecting pool
- Participated in the update to the 5-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

PRAB remains committed to Parks and Recreation's operations and programs and to providing appropriate recommendations to the City Commission in its capacity as an advisory board.

2009 PRAB Meeting Schedule

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month (except where noted below *) at 5:15 pm in Mayors' Riverfront Park Community Room.

Meetings are held at 5:15 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month with two exceptions that are noted.

January 6	July 7
February 3	*August 5 – Wednesday
March 3	September 1
April 7	October 6
May 5	*November 4 - Wednesday
June 2	December 1

Parks and Recreation Department Mission Statement

The Vision of the City of Kalamazoo Parks and Recreation Department is to create a community of neighborhoods where people live, work, and play. We do this by being good stewards of the environment, providing dynamic parks, trails, and recreation programs for all citizens, and by promoting youth development initiatives in support of healthy families.

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