

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

4:00 PM

Conference Room I

Committee on Parks

Nick Futules, Chair; Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Jim Ellenbogen, Mike Finnerty, Bob Macey, and Jan Rea - Members

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Andy Baechle, Director, Parks or Designee

Christine Fulton, Executive Director, Allegheny County Parks Foundation

Summary: *Invited Guests Present: Jim Flynn, County Manager; Andy Baechle, Director, Parks Department; Christine Fulton, Executive Director, Parks Foundation*

Council Staff Present: Jared Barker; Jennifer Liptak; Stephanie Buka

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Matt Drozd, Michael Finnerty, Bob Macey, Jan Rea, Nick Futules, Vince Gastgeb, Rich Fitzgerald, and Chuck Martoni
Absent: Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, and Jim Ellenbogen

III. Approval of Minutes

5279-09 Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 22, 2009 Parks Committee Meeting.

Action: **A motion was made by Rea, seconded by Chair Futules, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Agenda Items**Ordinances**

5238-09 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance No. 07-06, the current schedule of facility and recreational rates and fees for the use of County recreational and park facilities.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Mr. Baechle was invited to the table and explained the amendment to the current schedule of facility and recreational rates and fees.*

Mr. Flynn will provide a new version prior to the December 15, 2009 Regular Meeting of Council which will include language regarding state sales tax on ski equipment rentals.

Action: **A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Drozd, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

Enactment No: 44-09-OR

5264-09

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance No. 07-06, the existing schedule of facility and recreational rates and fees for the use of County recreational and park facilities.

Sponsors: Nick Futules, Bob Macey, Matt Drozd and Michael Finnerty

Summary: *Ms. Liptak explained that the Fiscal Note is under development and will be provided to members.*

Mr. Baechle described the financial impact of this legislation.

Action: **A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

Enactment No: 45-09-OR

Discussion Topic:**Welcoming Christine Fulton as the new Executive Director of Allegheny County Parks Foundation.**

Summary: *Ms. Fulton described her role as the new Executive Director of the Parks Foundation.*

In response to a question from Councilman Gastgeb, Ms. Fulton explained that there is an increased interest in giving monies to benefit the Parks since the Parks Foundation was created.

Ms. Fulton described the need to gain consensus on prioritizing projects in response to a question from Councilman Gastgeb.

Councilman Drozd inquired about goals, and Ms. Fulton responded that they will be developing goals over the next few months.

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.*