



AGENDA
Committee on Public Services
Friday, May 19, 2017 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, City Hall 10th Floor

Councilmember Kathie Dunbar, Chair
Councilmember Carol Wood, Vice Chair
Councilmember Tina Houghton, Member

- 1) Call to Order**
- 2) Public Comment on Agenda Items**
- 3) Minutes**
 - May 15, 2017
- 4) Discussion/Action:**
 - A.) RESOLUTION – Dedication of Multipurpose Athletic Complex to Honor Willard Walker**
 - B.) RESOLUTION – Renaming of Westside Park to Rudy and Dorothy Wilson Park**
- 5) Adjourn**



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CALL TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL

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OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Kimberly Whitfield
Billie O'Berry, Assistant City Attorney

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 24, 2017 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No comments.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Appointment of Kimberly Whitfield as the First Ward Member of the Park Board for a term to expire June 30, 2021

Ms. Whitfield confirmed her application was accurate, and provided a brief history of her experience, with her current career as a health and fitness coach. Council Member Dunbar confirmed the position will be vacant after June 30 2017 by Rita O'Brien. Ms. O'Brien was made aware she was not being reappointed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF KIMBERLY WHITFIELD AS THE FIRST WARD MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD FROM A TERM TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2017 AND TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2021. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Submitted by, Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary Lansing City Council

Approved: _____

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Willard K. Walker has been a resident of Lansing, Michigan for forty-five (45) years; and

WHEREAS, Willard served in the United States Army from August 1953 to September 1956, receiving an honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, Willard served on the Lansing Board of Police Commissioners for seventeen (17) years from 1986 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Willard received two (2) Masters Degrees from Michigan State University in Labor and Industrial Relations and Urban Counseling; and

WHEREAS, Willard served as a Director of the City of Lansing Human Relations and Community Services Department for four (4) years, and as a Commissioner on Race and Diversity for four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, in 1974 Willard was voted Outstanding Board Member by the Greater Lansing Urban League; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 Willard co-lead work for the creation of the Kappa Youth Football Team; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 Willard received the Key to the City from Mayor Terry J. McKane; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 Willard also received the Distinguished Service Award from the United Negro College Fund's Greater Lansing Black Greek Alumni Council; and he successfully labored to get Dr. Martin Luther King Day a formal holiday in Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 Willard received the Directors Leadership Award from Doug Ross; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 Willard received the Frederick Douglas Award from the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, in 1993 Willard was responsible for the partnership with the Lansing School District, Michigan State University, and the State of Michigan's creation of The Young Spartans Program; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 Willard received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Michigan Department of Commerce for his services and contributions to Forest View Elementary students; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 Willard received the Monty Award from the Lansing School District Parent Support Network; and

WHEREAS, in 1996 Willard joined the Lansing School District Mentoring Program; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 Willard had served 27 years with the State of Michigan's Michigan Jobs Commission Office of Workplace Development; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 Willard chaired and formed the original committee to promote Race and Diversity, not only in the City of Lansing, but in the entire Tri-County and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 Willard received the President's Award from the American Society for Public Administration-Michigan Capital Area Chapter, for outstanding commitment to the People of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 Willard received an Appreciation for Commitment to Social Justice Award from the Greater Lansing Area Commission on Race and Diversity; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 Willard received The Mover and Shaker Award from the Ingham County Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Willard's lifetime of excellence, service, dedication and generosity to the residents and youth of the City of Lansing is limitless; and

WHEREAS, the Memorial Review Board agreed to defer the decision to the Park Board; and

WHEREAS, at the regular January 11, 2017 Park Board meeting the board members approved with a 7 to 0 vote to recognize Willard Walker's contribution to the Lansing community by naming the sports complex at Risdale Park the Willard K. Walker Stadium; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lansing City Council hereby approves naming the newly constructed sports complex at Risdale Park the Willard K. Walker Stadium.

Paulette Carter-Scott stated she plays golf at Groesbeck and is shocked by the amount of wages and the course seems to be overstaffed. She stated the golf carts are older and the bathrooms are not in the best condition.

Keith stated if you want to host outings, a driving range and golf carts are essential.

Keith stated the leagues are doing well; golf play is down overall everywhere. They have seen an increase in international college students playing.

O'Brien inquired what has been done to advertise the course as an event space and for golf.

Keith stated there currently is a gathering space but no event space. They currently advertise through print media, TV, radio and social media.

Gracia-Wing inquired what international marketing has been done.

Gracia-Wing reiterated the new options include looking at a new entrance location, deck, driving/practice range and clubhouse improvements. She would like to see a feasibility report on cost involved and revenue.

O'Brien would like to see an increase in the marketing budget.

Kaschinske stated he has assigned Joe Wright to cost out decking and the cost of the entrance has not changed.

Gracia-Wing stated it may be time to explore a management agreement. The last issue is the employee budget and can an analysis on the need of staff (ie: two golf cart attendants) be done.

Carter-Scott inquired if there is a way to have an automated system to check out carts.

Kaschinske stated there is currently a sign out system which has a waiver and it would also need to go through an insurance review.

Jim McClurken stated he has concerns about taking money from other parks for the course and would it ever break even.

Keith stated he does not believe so

O'Brien inquired when the last time a survey was done.

Kaschinske stated he would need to check with the golf manager.

O'Brien asked if the board could review the questions prior to the survey being distributed.

OLD BUSINESS

Willard Walker Stadium

Brett Kaschinske referred to the resolution in the packet. The board originally voted on the application to re-name St. Joe Park, since that time discussion has taken place to name the new sports stadium at Risdale Park the Willard Walker Stadium.

Bryan Beverly moved to accept naming the sports stadium at Risdale Park as the Willard Walker Stadium; seconded by Rick Kibbey. 7 yeas; 0 nays



Motion carried.

Bancroft

Brett Kaschinske stated he met with Eastside Neighborhood Organization and Friends of Bancroft to review the project. The lower loop will still be paved to allow parking and the playground equipment will be moved to the lower area. Connecting the trail will not allow vehicle traffic.

Kaschinske referred to Donna Timm's comments from the December meeting and the Friends did not oppose or approve this project.

Jim McClurken and Rita O'Brien both referred to Facebook posts stating the Friends are neither for nor against this.

Rick Kibbey inquired if maintenance vehicles are allowed.

Kaschinske stated yes that the bollards are removable to allow access for maintenance vehicles.

O'Brien stated other feedback was the letter sent to the board members about a continuous loop.

Veronica Gracia-Wing stated this does not have to be decided on by the Board and could be deferred to administration.

Gib King inquired if a vote helps.

Kaschinske stated yes.

Gib King moved to approve moving the playground; seconded by Jim McClurken. 7 yeas; 0 nays

Motion carried.

UPDATES

CWD

Jim McClurken found a person (Steve Braille Vrla) who specializes in surveys and has been involved with Ann Arbor and East Lansing. He is a PhD candidate at MSU has a degree in sociology, animal science and a teaching degree. He was recommended as a survey producer.

McClurken stated the Ann Arbor and United States Humane Societies damned the surveys because they were biased. The surveys were sent to Steve who saw the bias immediately.

There is a public perception problem. Steve could do the survey this summer for a stipend.

Brett Kaschinske inquired how much would the stipend be. McClurken did not know at this time.

Kaschinske reviewed the report on the number of deer tested in the area from June 1, 2016 through November 2016.



MINUTES
Committee on Public Service
Friday, April 7, 2017 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Hall, Conference Room, 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 3:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Kathie Dunbar, Chair
Councilmember Carol Wood, Vice Chair
Councilmember Tina Houghton, Member-arrived at 3:40 p.m.
Dean Johnson, Public Service

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Dean Johnson, Public Service
Mary Ann Prince
Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director
Brandon Wadell, Assistant City Attorney

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 17, 2017 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment

No comments.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION –Decertification of Vacated Street Segments, Removal of Act 51 Street System

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE DECERTIFICATION OF THE VACATED STREET SEGMENTS AND REMOVAL FROM THE ACT 51 STREET SYSTEM. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council staff was asked to place the location maps of the streets in the Council packets for the meeting.

RESOLUTION – Dedication of Multipurpose Athletic Complex to Honor Willard Walker



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The Committee held discussions with Mr. Kaschinske on the overall layout and plan of the complex project.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 15, 2017. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Renaming of Westside Park to Rudy and Dorothy Wilson Park

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 15, 2017 WITH THE CORRECTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council staff confirmed the hearings will be held on May 15, 2017, back to Committee on May 19 and final adoption on May 22, 2017. The Committee asked Mr. Kaschinske to inform the families of the final adoption date.

Ms. Prince asked what the cost of the sports complex in Risdale would be and where the funds would be coming from. Mr. Kaschinske did not have the exact amount but stated the funds would be from the Community Development Block Grant through HUD and the design was done with funds from the City millage.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by, Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved: April 24, 2017

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chamber, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of approving or opposing the:

Naming the sports complex at Risdale Park the "Willard K. Walker Stadium"

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Rudolph Valentino “Rudy” and Dorothy Jean “Dot” Wilson have been long time tireless leaders, mentors and servants as residents of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, Rudy and Dot were strong community pillars both active in many affiliations receiving awards and recognition of their dedication for the betterment of Lansing residents; and

WHEREAS, Rudy and Dot were involved with the Youth Development Corporation, Black Child and Family Institute, Greater Lansing Chapter of the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Tri-County Office on Aging to promote the health and well-being of the elderly, and worked diligently to make positive changes in their community; and

WHEREAS, Rudy and Dot contributed to the beautification and development of the neighborhood as active members of the Westside Neighborhood Association, which played a significant role in the safety and quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, Rudy, earlier in life, worked with Boy Scouts of America; was a trailblazer as the first African American salaried employee of General Motors Oldsmobile Chemistry Lab; the first African American on the Ingham Intermediate School District Board, Community Mental Health Board, and served on the Lansing Fire Commission. Rudy was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Upsilon Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Dot made a profound impact through her work and community service with YWCA’s Girls Reserve and Girls Scouts of America. She worked for Lincoln Community Center (now known as Letts Community Center), United Way, March of Dimes, and Mothers’ March on Infantile Paralysis, Parent Teacher Association Council, Voter Registration, Links, Inc., and a volunteer at Sparrow Hospital. Dot was a bookkeeper for UAW Local 652; and

WHEREAS, Dot was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Links, Inc. and a Founding member of Les Meres et Debutantes.

WHEREAS, Rudy and Dot both worked as relentless crusaders for the less fortunate and youth in their community. Their concerns for the human condition and social justice lead them to fight for fair housing prices, equal opportunity in employment and accommodations. They consistently were actively involved in the NAACP Lansing Charter advocating for equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, the Memorial Review Board and the Planning Board approved the request of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, at the regular January 13, 2016 Park Board meeting the board members approved with a 7 to 0 vote to support the Mayor's request to rename Westside Park to the Rudolph and Dorothy Wilson Park; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lansing City Council hereby approves renaming Westside Park to the Rudolph and Dorothy Wilson Park.

Approved for Placement on
City Council Agenda:

City Attorney

PARK BOARD MEETING
Foster Community Center
January 13, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Kibbey, Veronica Gracia-Wing, Bryan Beverly, Rosalinda Hernandez, Paul Holland, Rita O'Brien, James McClurken

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gib King

OTHERS PRESENT: Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Kellie Brown, Board Secretary; Joe Duris, Old Oakland Neighborhood Association (OONA); Caryn Coyle, Westside Neighborhood Association (WNA), OONA, Saginaw Oakland Commercial Association (SOCA); Andi Crawford, Brittany Gordon, Love Your Block Grants; Bruce Winters, Lansing Soccer Club; Jeff Potter, Lois Knight, John Flaherty, Friends of Bancroft Park; Dennis Louney, Spicer Group; Jeff Lazaros

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:06 p.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Rick Kibbey added Bancroft Park under Old Business.

STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

None

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Veronica Gracia-Wing moved to approve the November 18, 2015 minutes as submitted; seconded by Bryan Beverly.
7 yeas; 0 nays

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Re-Naming Westside Park

Kibbey stated this has been before the Board a couple of times. The Board asked the Old Oakland Neighborhood Association to talk with neighbors of Westside Park to see if there were any issues with re-naming this park.

Joe Duris sent out a survey to the neighbors and composed a summary.

Kibbey stated one question that was asked was should the park to be renamed be St. Joe Park instead of Westside. What the neighbors were not aware of was there was a request submitted several months ago to rename St. Joe Park, which the Board has already acted on.

Paul Holland moved to recommend this request to the Memorial Review Board. Bryan Beverly seconded the motion

Veronica Gracia-Wing inquired if there are any concerns with the proposed development of the park. Joe Duris stated no there is not.

Brett Kaschinske mentioned the new guidelines passed at the November meeting regarding groups having funds for plaques and there would be a plaque outlining details of the Wilson's.



Paul Holland amended his motion to include the new guidelines pertaining to plaques. Bryan Beverly seconded the motion. 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Motion carried.

Love Your Block Parks Projects

Andi Crawford, Neighborhood Resource Coordinator, stated Love Your Block is a high-impact service strategy that seeks to connect the Mayor's office with community members in revitalizing their neighborhoods. The City of Lansing received \$30,000 from Cities of Service to implement Love Your Block. Three grantees have chosen to work in parks within their neighborhoods which are Everett Park, Westside/Dunnebacke Parks and Edmore Parks.

Bruce Winters, Lansing Soccer Club, stated through Love Your Block funding Everett Park will have turf restoration and fencing to prevent individuals from driving on the field, installation of Doggy Waste Station and Welcome Sign and installation of security lighting on the shed. Activities requiring additional funding would include installation of 6 new soccer nets and demolition of the the small parking lot to create more green space.

Joe Duris, Old Oakland Neighborhood Association (OONA) and Caryn Coyle, Westside Neighborhood Association (WNA), and Saginaw Oakland Commercial Association (SOCA) presented their plan which would mark the trail and preliminary building of trail, publish literature to the neighbors informing them and looking for support of this project, installation of a bench and cement pad and installation of an 2,400 sq ft native wildflower garden adjacent to 1st trail section. Activities requiring additional funding would be part of a larger project named the Point West Art and Trail Project, install a trail around these two parks, install exercise equipment and benches around the trail and install an art piece at Saginaw Point. They have raised \$50,000 since September to start this project.

The final project is Edmore Park: Eaglevision Ministries/International Dreamcenter of Lansing. Love Your Block funded activities include installation of a memorial pavilion, bbq, picnic tables, and two benches. Open park up to river with fencing for the safety of children, remove tetherball pole, install one basketball hoop, Install additional lighting around the park and fill the potholes in the parking lot. Activities needing additional support include installation of a floating dock and complete re-pavement of the parking lot.

CONCEPT BASEBALL

Brett Kaschinske stated Jeff Lazaros saw Beacon Field and approached him about a baseball field with the same open play concept.

Jeff Lazaros stated he loved playing baseball and likes the idea of open play without having to have a team.

He has met with Brett and spoken with Scott Dane from Beacon Field. Lazaros provided conceptual drawings from Hobbs and Black.

The idea would be for individuals to free play with no fly balls or base running. Ferris Park would be a location to consider north of Beacon Field.

Rick Kibbey inquired if Lazaros has spoken to the Lugnuts. He stated not yet.

Paul Holland inquired if this is for profit. Lazaros stated it is not.

Veronica Gracia-Wing inquired if it is automated or does it require someone to be on site. Lazaros stated not at this time, there is nothing mechanical that would require staff.



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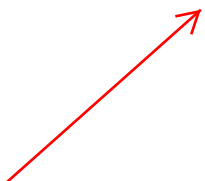
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