



discussions. Two relatively new grants have come in to us. We did receive \$20,000 from Ascension for our OAS Transportation program and there will be a memo coming on that. And just earlier this week we did receive another grant from the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association for \$2,000 for soccer goals. That'll go a long ways toward helping us stock up for Bosco Fields.

Director Muck said he's also been trying to keep the Grants Committee and whole Parks Commission updated on the Rec Passport grant. It was discussed in Transportation Committee yesterday and was pulled off for discussion on concerns of how that would impact changes to go to the "opt out" would affect the Secretary of State office in promoting that. There has been some editorials back and forth in the Detroit News basically coming out against it, but there have been some rebuttals from the State Trails and Greenways Alliance that are in favor. Right now, they're educating the public on both sides of the matter. Expect that to go through more discussion with the Transportation Subcommittee and he'll keep everyone posted.

D. Parks Updates

Commissioner Dooley gave an overview of how the parks updates are conducted.

1. Power Park – Commissioner Staab

Commissioner Staab said he was out there this past Sunday on a sunny, windy day. He showed photos of the play structures, the gateway to the playground that serves physically-challenged kids and that the Foundation helped out with. He showed photos of sandbags blocking drainage from going onto walkways. Staab noted how well-manicured and weed-free the grass was in the outfields. He showed where the restrooms and lost-and-found were, as well as the fall softball schedule and sponsor logos. The outfield looks very nice and pristine. All four fields have canopies over their dugouts and spectator benches for sun and foul ball protection.

Commissioner Joshi asked if one of the playgrounds is scheduled for replacement soon? Director Muck said the south playground is scheduled for replacement soon. Commissioner Pratt asked if it would be donated or is it just done? Muck indicated it is done.

2. ITC Community Sports Park – Commissioner Dooley

Commissioner Dooley said he wanted to present this in a little different way than he has in the past. He showed a drone photo of the Tim Pope Play Structure and nearby shelter. When you first enter the park, you see info kiosks with upcoming events, as well as signage about the playground construction. The library exchange is a great location. He went out on a Saturday and soccer was in full swing. With all the rain we had the day before, the fields were in great condition, so compliments to the City. As you go to the back side of the park, heading north, is an area he hasn't really touched in the past. There's the Tikes soccer program and nice little program. There's a lot of participation from our young leaders of 4-5 years old. If you go to ITC Community Sports Park, there are a number of plaques out there memorializing loved ones. Someone was actually sitting on one of the park benches while watching their son or daughter playing soccer. It's amazing to see some of the folks remembered in our city and he applauds the families who remember a loved one at a place like ITC. The concession stand is not being used, but it does serve a purpose. There's a First Aid kit in case they need to use it, there is a filtration system. We use that to serve our hot dogs and fill water bottles. The bathrooms are able to be used. Dooley

showed four more drone-captured photos of baseball and soccer fields. It's a tribute to the Parks Department for keeping those fields up to par this fall. Commissioner Dooley said Sunday will be the last day to use the current Tim Pope Play Structure. The new build will take place in November. Director Muck said it'll take about a month to build and we'll have a grand opening in the spring.

Commissioner Pratt said we talk about the park a lot, but should we be tacking on the trail connected to it, too? Commissioner Dooley said he was hoping to see some walkers on that trail, but didn't that day. The trail is very neat and workable. There's actually a light system at 10 Mile to let people to know to slow down as people will be crossing.

Director Muck said Commissioner Dooley's report is a prime example of the worth of your reports. Those benches are something we probably walk by a lot. He also said we could add ITC Corridor Trail as an item to report on.

~~3. Wildlife Woods Park (Sept.) – Commissioner Pratt~~

4. Village Wood Lake Park (Aug.) – Commissioner Pratt

Commissioner Pratt said past reports on this park have not been lost in the shuffle. You cleaned it up, added picnic tables out there, more families are out there eating at those picnic tables. Thank you for listening to what we present, because it gets instituted. The sign and grass both looked really well and the contractors who do the grass did a tremendous job. He said he was out there with his family and they went around and did another area and were very conscious of where people are at. The trail, the rocks, was very, very well groomed and impacted, very walkable or with a wheelchair. ADA-wise, it was very well maintained. This is a very beautiful pocket park. Tons of kids come there to fish. Pratt said he would like to see some interpretive signage stating what kind of fish are in there because a lot of people do ask that question. He said he could assist with having a Fisheries person out there to identify fish. You guys have access points to get to the lake between the bushes, so he wanted to make sure that doesn't overgrow. The lake association was out there adding chemicals to make sure there's not growth from the invasives around the edges. It's a beautiful entrance for the residents to come to and to fish. We only had one picnic table in the past and now we have two. It's great that the DNR sign is marked. It was great to walk out to the park and to enjoy what was said and then instituted by you guys.

Deputy Director Ringle asked if Commissioner Pratt could send interpretive signage for the fish identification. Pratt said he could and also asked if the school buildings are going into Wildlife Woods? Director Muck said they're not. Muck also suggested Pratt test out the Wixom Road entrance when he goes to do that report.

## **MATTERS FOR COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

### A. Pet Waste Bags/Stations

Director Muck said he wanted to have a conversation with the Commission and get discussion going. With the full opening of the ITC Trail – along with the increased usage especially at Pavilion Shore Park with the playground and pavilion – we've received several comments about why don't we put waste bags and stations out at our parks. We do have six stations out at our dog park and that is a membership-based facility, so the memberships do pay for those at that park. We had a joint team meeting last week with our Parks Maintenance

team and our PRCS team, and we wanted to explain our reasoning to you as to why we haven't put those out in the parks, and get your feedback. It's a customer service issue for us. We take the stance where we want people to take responsibility for their dogs. Responsible dog owners know to carry waste bags with them when they take their dogs for a walk. If you put the waste stations out, a lot of times it can be very, very hard for our Parks Maintenance team to keep those filled. People will also take more than one and just reel them off one at a time. The prime example we had of that was when Muck was out at Pavilion Shore Park last week with Parks Maintenance Superintendent Matt Turco and a woman asked us this question. We were explaining to her and told her people take more than one. She said she agrees and she's a member of her condo association, and the bags she had with her are from there. If you put those out, it becomes an expectation that those would be there, so they don't bring them from home and what happens when they get to the park and they're out? It's left there. The other part of it is we've personally seen that, on trails that do offer these, that people use them and don't want to carry them to the next waste station, so they just leave them their packets of joy along the trail with the expectation that someone else will come along to clean them up. So there's still waste along the trail, it's just packaged up. And thirdly, responsible dog owners are going to patrol them and do what they're going to do. Irresponsible dog owners are most likely going to use the bags whether you have them out there or not. Lastly, there is a significant cost. At the dog park, we have six stations and go through about 25 cases per year. There's 800 bags in each case, meaning we're going through almost 20,000 individual Mutt Mitts per year just at the dog park for almost 400 members at a cost of \$4,000 per year. We can't even begin to estimate what it would cost if expanded to all our parks. That's our feelings and what other professionals have told us in our profession. We're on the recommendation from our Parks Maintenance team, but we're dedicated to getting your input.

Commissioner Joshi said, if you look at that cost and adding how many parks to that, it's going to be a lot. What you said is true about responsible dog owners. If you add a station and expect to refill it, you're never going to be able to keep up with it. She said she did notice one at Ella Mae Power Park and asked if it was new? Director Muck said there's one down there, but it's not typically stocked. Commissioner Staab asked if we ventured into naming rights for the stations at the dog park in the past? Director Muck said we had approached one company about paying for the yearly cost and that didn't pan out.

Commissioner Joshi asked if it would be an option to be a pay station and you get what you want? Commissioner Pratt said he was thinking the same thing. Could there be a vending machine style? Director Muck said they could look into it and research it. Student Rep. Kamalesh said a hand sanitizer station that dispenses one little squirt could also be factored into the machine.

Commissioner Pratt said, in his current profession where they're managing multiple trails and properties, they do not offer dog bags or any of those things. Some state parks are building dog parks and within those dog parks they are offering it within those closed in locations. People are coming to because they are driving to specifically and might have forgotten. Looking at it with the close proximity to Walled Lake, Pratt said he wonders if people are getting off their boats and coming in (to Pavilion Shore Park). Director Muck said Pratt brings up a good point that you put those where they're needed. Similar conversations have

come up regarding trash stations along the ITC Trail. Should we have those at Nine Mile and 10 Mile and 11 Mile? Similar to what you're saying, we maintain that those should be at destination end points where you have a facility that people can offload their trash. Going from Community Sports Park to Nine Mile, you should be able to carry something back from Nine Mile to Community Sports Park to drop it in a trash can instead of leaving it at Nine Mile. You also deal with critters, the maintenance issue and all sorts of items like that.

Director Muck said he's not looking for an action, but if he heard a resemblance of one, it was for staff to look into a vending option where you pay as you go. Commissioners Dooley and Riggins said they thought that was a great idea. Commissioner Staab asked about considering a Foundation grant? Director Muck said staff would research and see what's feasible. Commissioner Pratt said he may have a contact from the national conference.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. Administration Division – Director Jeff Muck**

#### **1. Park Project Updates**

Director Muck said the ITC Trail did have its grand opening community walk on 9/28 with more than 100 people show up despite the cold and drizzly, rainy weather. It was Dooley Dog Day, as well. Everyone had smiles on their faces. It was great to see everyone come out that morning. We received lots of compliments and thanks for having that resource available in the City of Novi. Our Parks Maintenance team is hard at work getting winter prep going, shutting down the bathrooms, getting our irrigation lines blown out. On top of still maintaining our fields, they are gearing up for winter. Lakeshore Park sewer and water connections are the next step up there from South Lake Drive. They are also going to begin the building foundation. The playground will be going to Council on 11/28. The shoreline stabilization did have our pre-construction meeting with them two weeks ago and will be starting up at Pavilion Shore. Just to forewarn everyone, you are going to see what looks like some damage at Pavilion Shore as they have to get their machines to drop that rip rap. You are going to see some turf torn up and that'll take until the spring to see that seed come up. And then they'll move to Lakeshore and those will both be hopefully done by the end of November. As Commissioner Staab mentioned, Tim Pope Play Structure construction begins on 10/21 and we're greatly looking forward to that. We will be doing a re-dedication ceremony sometime in the spring. You'll be invited, the Foundation, the Pope family, everybody will be invited to that. And everyone who donated to the original construction will be invited, as well. The master plan draft we've done a first round of edits on that and are starting to get back the second round draft, so you will be getting that copy and we'll have significant discussion on that at the November meeting. You will have some homework with that. You will be getting a draft of that from Chris Jackett, so we ask you come prepared to talk about that, as that will then go to City Council in December for final approval so we can get that on file with the DNR. Our Northwest Park team has been working on their process and have rolled out a public survey as to what people want to see at Northwest Park and will hold a public input session 11/6 at 6 p.m. here. Anyone who's interested or who lives in that area of the City and is interested, please make sure you come out or at least take the survey. It's a very short survey online, but we'd like to get input on the future of that park. Muck showed an image of the final design for the north

playground at Lakeshore Park. He said there were a few modifications from the design Commission last saw, but this is the gist of what Commission voted on and recommended that will now go to Council will vote on. We have our swings, the impression swing where the toddler can sit face to face with the parent or other person, we have our under 5 playground separated from the 5-12 playground. Other features are the We Go Round merry-go-round that's wheelchair accessible. We have the Global Motion spinner, the Super NetPlex and the Crab Trap. This will go to Council for approval 10/28. Installation of this won't happen until the spring, as it needs to be coordinated with the Lakeshore Park contractor, but we wanted to make sure you were aware your recommendations are going to Council at the next meeting.

Commissioner Pratt asked if the Lakeshore playground would be poured in place surface? Director Muck said it would not be.

Commissioner Staab asked where at Lakeshore would the playground be located? Director Muck said close to the existing north playground was. As Commissioner Pratt mentioned, this is an engineered wood fiber surface. Going to a poured in place surface would increase the project budget an estimated \$150,000.

Commissioner Staab asked for a reminder on where Northwest Park would be? Director Muck said it's on 12 Mile Road, off what is currently a dirt stretch of road, located in between Catholic Central's practice fields and Andelina Ridge housing development. North side of the road is actually Wixom. It's about 10 acres and a wooded stretch of property which was acquired by Trust Fund grant.

Commissioner Torimoto said he wasn't about to make the ITC Corridor Trail grand opening, but they went the week after. Is it recommended to park at ITC Community Sports Park? Director Muck said either there or at Wildlife Woods next to the soccer fields. That's where we had everyone park for the grand opening. What's nice there is it's just a short walk to access the trail if you want to head north to Providence to Beck Rd or you can head south and go all the way down to Community Sports Park.

Commissioner Torimoto said we talked about waste bags and waste stations, but he's talked to some people and wondered if we were talking about mile markers or benches or anything else being discussed along the four miles? Something like where am I and where am I going to walk. Director Muck said the trail is evolving and mile markers is one request we had. Deputy Director Ringle is working on some maps for the trailhead at ITC Community Sports Park. We don't plan on putting any benches in along the trail because our license agreement with ITC don't allow that. We only have the easement for the trail itself and a small easement off of each side. One thing that is going to happen next year is at Nine Mile and Garfield, the Terra development Cambridge Homes will be building a comfort station. So you will have a rest area and also a bike repair station, tables and port-a-Johns there. Going back to Commissioner Pratt's idea, you do have central spots for those activities.

Commissioner Torimoto said the subdivision next to it used to have an access trail and asked if that would be Walkable Novi or part of the ITC Trail planning?

Director Muck said that's actually been on the radar. Now that the trail is complete, you have people who say they want better access. They say the trail is in their neighborhood and they want access to it through their neighborhood. There are some missing sidewalk segments on 10 Mile that are under design. That

was a priority of Walkable Novi to get those done so all of those subs along 10 Mile can connect. We are looking to do a connector from the trail to Wildlife Woods, because that was a potential project years ago that was tabled due to lack of funding. But we're trying to get that back on the table to get that connector. We're also going to potentially be looking for a connector at Bosco. It's amazing; you get the trail done and they want more, more, more. Similar to what happened at Pavilion Shore. You build the park and then you need bathrooms, more tables, etc.

Commissioner Pratt asked if there was any thought of connecting it to Maybury Park across the street? Director Muck said the parks director from Maybury and Muck saw each other Saturday during Cultivate Novi, and we talked about future connections and brainstorming and the farm at Maybury. So we'll get together and talk about that further. Pratt said that would benefit our parking and being in that location so people can park there and take off.

B. Recreation Division – Deputy Director Tracie Ringle

1. Program & Services

Deputy Director Ringle said we take a lot of stats in our department as far as recreation and percentages and numbers to ensure we're providing the right programs and meeting the needs of the community. We just wrapped up the first quarter of this fiscal year 9/30 and we look at everything on a quarterly and annual basis. It's valuable to share where we are quarterly with our program numbers and so on. Our youth classes and clinics – which are dance classes, art classes, music and so on – are up about 8 percent over last year, which is a good thing. Adult classes and clinics is up 14 percent. We're down in adult leagues, which is adult basketball, we didn't have a sand volleyball league this year, and then adult softball. Camp Lakeshore was good and up about 13 percent. Dog park registrations were up about 40 percent, which is a combination of new people and people renewing. Comparing apples to apples year to year, it's up from where we were last year. So people are renewing more or earlier. Our transportation rides are up about 20 percent and has been increasing continually since we offered the free rides. Sponsorship is up 74 percent over this time last year. That depends on when the money comes in, when the programs fall, were we able to get those contracts and get the money, but it's a great start to the year. We look forward to continuing that and we have an excellent sponsorship program here. One stat that's funny is Lakeshore picnic shelter rentals and attendance is down 100 percent there over last year because it was not available. It just takes you back for a minute when you see it on paper. We look forward to those numbers increasing significantly as the park comes online next summer. We're hitting what we're working on and we look at these numbers and our after action reports everyone does after their programs, which talks about the weather and the competition and the change for next year. We really use those year to year to make adjustments for their programs.

Deputy Director Ringle said Novi Concert Band has a performance coming up Sunday at 2 p.m. here at the Civic Center. Our annual Day of the Dead program with our Mexico Lindo Folklorico Ballet program is offered. It's an extensive Mexican culture program here in the building 10/27 at 2 p.m. We are partnering with Town Center for their trick-or-treat program at 1 p.m. That's been a great draw for us. Halloween is one of those holiday celebrations where everyone likes to do it. Every Boy Scout troop has a trunk or treat, every church has something;

so it's really great for us to partner with someone that draws an audience and gets us exposure, as well. That was a great decision by Recreation Supervisor Cristin Spiller. The American Girl Slumber party takes place 11/8. Fall basketball and volleyball begin next week and coaches have been picking up their bags and getting uniforms ready. Fall soccer is winding down. Sponsorships are in great shape overall. Sponsorships for Light Up the Night are in really great shape thanks to recreation Supervisor Spiller. We have good food trucks lined up. "Mary Poppins Jr." with 125 actors have their performances 11/14-11/17 here at the Civic Center. They do a great job and they have two casts. They were rehearsing today and the songs are familiar and it's a great show. On 10/30 we are hosting an adult softball league visioning session. We invited all the managers of all the teams from spring, summer, fall and some of the umpires to come talk about the topics and provide insight on that program. It's a shifting demographic across the country. Adult softball is changing, how they want to play is changing, the competitiveness is changing, the equipment is changing and so on. We really want to drill down to see what's happening there. We're going to talk about four categories, which will be league rules, season dates and lengths, communication and awards. We'll look to get some insight there and see if we can implement what we learn to continue to meet the new needs of our program. Tomorrow, Muck and Ringle are going to Lansing to receive the Keep Michigan Beautiful award for Villa Barr. We have the opportunity to present on Villa Barr, as well.

Commissioner Pratt asked if there was anything about age in the adult softball questions? He said there may be a lot of juniors and seniors trying to come into that program that would probably play in that recreational league. He said he didn't know if that was impacted by City insurance or anything. Deputy Director Ringle said we hit college kids and recent graduates before they go off to college, but is not sure if we have any high schoolers right now. It is 18 and up, but maybe it is something we could look at offering one night a week to offer to the younger crowd.

Student Rep. Kamalesh said she used to know some guys who wanted to play in a rec basketball league and they had to play in Northville. She didn't know why. Commissioner Torimoto asked if softball was trying to use the fields more? Deputy Director Ringle said we've had a drop in teams. For our fall division, we had an evening or two where we were using three of four fields. On the flip side of that, we are able to take advantage of that through the Detroit Cricket Club.

Torimoto said, when he was younger, there were kickball leagues. Ringle said she's talked about some of those things with Supervisor Greg Morris. Director Muck said we've heard things like why are we starting games at 6:15 p.m. That's too early. Is it too early? Some people want to come play and get home early, but other people have a hard time getting home from work and being ready to play at 6:15. That's just one example of things we've heard and will discuss from this season. Torimoto said from what he's heard, our fields are some of the best in the area. Ringle said we continue to do well in the tournament realm. People want to play here and bring their teams here. It's our weeknight leagues.

Commissioner Dooley said it should translate from the weekdays to the weekend. Commissioner Pratt said we've traditionally lasted a long time with the number of teams we have in softball. The trend has been going down for a while. Director Muck said entire for-profit facilities have closed. Pratt said it's one of those sports that takes a lot out of people nowadays, with equipment and there are those

other recreational sports like kickball and whiffle ball. It's a tough one. He said he's glad we're having this meeting to learn what the people want. Commissioner Dooley asked if the coed leagues are also seeing a decrease. Deputy Director Ringle said she believes the fall leagues are short and the coed leagues are always the last to register and fill. Director Muck said competitiveness is a big part of this, as well. There are still teams who are still teams that are very, very competitive and are they driving away teams who just want to come out for a good time? We see that when Rec Supervisor Morris is working with teams on what division they're in. There have been lots of discussions about whether they should be in an upper and lower division. Dooley said that's a great point and hopefully that festers out at the meeting. Commissioner Pratt said it doesn't help when you're battling 21 days of rain in May. Once you lose a whole entire month and lose a season, people wonder whether they should put a team in. Commissioner Dooley said maybe the commissioners should put a team in.

C. Older Adults – Older Adult Services Manager Derek R. Stogner

1. Program & Services

OAS Manager Stogner said we just got our quarterly numbers together and it's his first quarter being here. We're doing well and seeing a 10-11 percent increase for ages 18+ group fitness class and 20 percent increase in transportation. We did 3,907 rides this quarter. Senior citizens served across all our programs was 18,379; about an 8 percent increase over the same quarter last year. Sponsorships are up, as well. There's a new property manager at Meadowbrook Commons for KMG Prestige. Casey Carr was in the role before for two years and he was great, so they promoted him within the organization to oversee two properties in Utica. We're sad to see him go. We have a new manager, Virginia Hallam, who goes by Ginny. She has over 30 years of property management. Her last role was in Canton managing a 744 multi-family unit. She's done single-family, multi-family, condo. They seem very high on her within KMG and Stogner said he's been impressed with her so far. Speaking of transportation, he said there's been a survey that went out to residents to gauge how they feel since we've gone to no fares. We're starting to finalize and next month he hopes to have more info. He wanted to mention customer service we've received very high numbers from the schedulers and drivers. Their customer service on a five-star scale, we got 4.9 and 4.8 respectively for drivers and schedulers, and a 4.76 for the program satisfaction from the folks using that. About 60 percent of people who responded so far have said they've been able to save money and use the service more since we removed fares. We also received some feedback and things we can improve on. We also got the \$20,000 from Ascension for that program that will help go toward three new vehicles in the budget, if approved by Council; including one with a wheelchair ramp to expand our capabilities a little bit. Program-wise, we had our first instructional session of Mahjong with a class of 24. We're going to offer that again next year and offer some smaller workshops. That game nationally has increased in popularity. It was featured in the movie "Crazy Rich Asians," which was really popular, so that kind of boosted peoples' interest in learning that game here. On 10/5 we had our annual Pinochle tournament, which had 32 in attendance. It was a good time had by all and we had food from Guernsey's, prizes and a lot of good feedback. Last Saturday was Cultivate Novi, the first of our Nature. Nurture. Novi. outdoor awareness classes. We had 45

people in attendance, about an average of 30 people per speaker. We had Maybury State Park and a lot of organizations, including Ranger the red-tailed hawk that was popular and didn't tear up the building. Registration is open now for our veterans day on 11/7. We're partnering with Novi High School, Novi Rotary, Novi Concert Band and Edward Jones is our main sponsor. Signups are going well and it's always a pleasure to honor our veterans in our community with that event. Community Relations has been doing the Novi 50 videos. There's one they did on veterans stories and there's one they did on a 92-year-old World War veteran that will premiere at the event before it goes on our TV station. We've also got our Halloween party coming up and, on 11/4, the Novi Historical Commission is going to present at Meadowbrook Activity Center on Villa Barr Art Park and the history of David Barr. We're going to try and do more classes that are educational and have to do with history. Fitness Fall II registration is open with a lot of programs going on there. There are a lot of programs going on with social services. They have a "Matter of Balance" class and "Tools for Caregivers" that are both nationally recognized. Programs for caregivers and helping people keep their balance as people get over because falls are not great as you get older. The more work you can do on your balance, the better. Medicare open enrollment is coming, so we have a Medicare 101 session at the library and 1-on-1 appointments for people switching to open enrollment. We also have 10/22 another exercise class on combating osteoporosis and exercises you can do to strengthen your muscles and tendons.

Commissioner Pratt said he had a friend's mother and sister move into Novi and she's an older adult and was just like a kid in a candy store with all the programs we had to offer. She didn't know what to choose, what to pick. She just saw everything and was so happy. It was great to see. He also said he didn't know how to get her to the next step. She's old and alone, widowed; so he didn't know how to get her into a program. Should we do a Novi Lighthouse member, where we have a senior who guides them there and be with them there as a friend. He said he didn't know where to send her. He can send her to the office to get a bunch of flyers. Manager Stogner said how to connect people when they're new is something he'd like to do. There's Meadowbrook and the parks. Pratt said she was excited and will probably be the one to come down and grab stuff and might show up. But it'd be nice to say we have a person and give them a call. It's one of those pats on the back. She got the Engage booklet and loved it all.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

None

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Student Rep. Kamallesh said Alex is in the fall play, which is "Almost, Maine." It's today, tomorrow and Saturday at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$10.

Commissioner Torimoto said he had the chance to walk the ITC Trail. What an unbelievable trail. The part near Nine Mile through the woods has a slight curvature and oversee of the marsh. It's just a beautiful trail. He knows it took a lot of time to get going, so he's looking forward to a lot of the projects coming up over the next few years.

Commissioner Pratt said he said a lot through the meeting itself. He said thanks. It's nice to sit on a commission where the staff actually listens. Thank you for what you're doing on a daily basis.

Commissioner Riggins said the CPR classes are really nice that Novi offers. Her daughter went to the class at the beginning of October and she said she felt so empowered to learn everything that she could save someone's life if she needs to. If you haven't been, you should go. It's free to Novi residents.

Commissioner Smith said he's excited to see all the people out there in the programs and using the ITC Trail is amazing. He said he's looking forward to connecting that up with some other stuff.

Commissioner Joshi said she appreciates being here. She said she went out on the ITC Trail the weekend after the opening and was a little nervous crossing at the light because she didn't know who was going to stop and didn't want to cross, but people did actually stop, so that was a nice idea.

Commissioner Staab said he appreciates all the input and updates. He said he noticed during his Power Park review that we're not a smoke-free campus, are we? Director Muck said there are regulations about how far away from the building it's allowed; maybe 150 feet. But in parks there are no ordinances in place for that. Staab said he appreciates all the updates and things going on. People really want to gear up because as it approaches the holiday season with Light Up the Night, concerts for both choral and concert band this weekend. Lots of activities to get involved in your community and participate.

Commissioner Dooley said everyone's comments were so relevant it was a very robust meeting tonight. Our next meeting is in November and we'll be welcoming new City Council members perhaps, so we urge those listening to thank those who are serving their community and also those running for City Council. We wish everyone luck. We go in front of City Council when we're up for reappointment, so it's their commitment to the city that allows us to have our commitment to the city. Commissioners, great job this evening.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pratt and seconded by Commissioner Riggins.

#### **Voice Vote**

**Unanimous**

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Dooley at 8:15 p.m.

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Jay Dooley, Chairperson

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Charles Staab, Vice Chairperson