



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

*Gaynell Dyess, Van Carson, Liz Mendez,
Alderman Aron Wisneski, Endel Williams,
Robert Hayes, Terry McCarthy, Don Nielsen,
Michael Frontier, Jim Kaplan, Debbi Embry*

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

5:15 PM

Room 130, City Hall Annex

Call To Order

PRESENT: 8 - Mr. Gaynell Dyess, Mr. Van Carson, Mr. Liz Mendez, Mr. Aron Wisneski, Mr. Terry McCarthy, Mr. Michael Frontier, Mr. Jim Kaplan and Mr. Debbi Embry

ABSENT: 2 - Mr. Endel Williams and Mr. Robert Hayes

EXCUSED: 1 - Mr. Don Nielsen

Approval of Minutes for December 13, 2006 Meeting

to Approve the Minutes

Public Input

Vice-chairman Embry welcomed three students who attended the meeting to observe.

No public Input.

06-3041

Subject: Director's Report

Receive and file

Snow reported that the City's Project Team completed interviews and has selected Mekus Studios for crypt design and fountain restoration at Mound Cemetery.

Snow and Tom Molbeck attended a presentation by Global Technology concerning video cameras.

Tennis courts at Lockwood will be resurfaced.

Receive and file.

Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

In regard to the Cannons issue reported in the Cemetery minutes, this should be worked out with the Purchasing Agent and should come back to the Cemetery Commission again.

Receive and file.

Zoological Society Report

No written report. Chuck Johnson attended the meeting and reported. Johnson said the Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society was held recently and the Board has some new members.

The new entrance is in its final stage and will have restrooms and a gift shop.

A house on Goold Street will come down some time soon which will give the Zoo additional green space.

Further discussion will take place regarding the proposed parking area at Lakeview Park.

Johnson said that if the building in Lakeview Park should become available the Zoo would be interested in the building to use as an education center.

Receive and file.

06-2936

Subject: Communication from Terry McCarthy, requesting the City of Racine to consider clearing the lakefront trails, from Pershing park at the south end all the way to the north end of the zoo.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 1-10-07: Receive and file.

Fiscal note: N/A

McCarthy said he had discussion with staff about this subject and realizes this would be a budget item.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

06-2973

Subject: Request from University of Wisconsin-Parkside to enter into a partnership with the City of Racine to develop the building located at 1301 - 6th Street into an innovative Root River Environmental Education Community Center.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 1-10-07: Approve contingent upon a conditional use agreement to be worked out with Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services staff and the City Attorney's office.

Fiscal note: To be determined.

Thomas Schnaubelt and John Skalbeck from University of Wisconsin - Parkside appeared. Snow said the property being discussed at 1301 - 6th Street is the Gleason property. Schnaubelt said they would like to create an environmental center and the building on that property is well suited for a center. Their Chancellor has appointed a task force to get Parkside more in tune with environmental stewardship. The group has requested a grant from Wisconsin Coastal Management. Further, they said this is not an isolated project, and would like to work with all groups/organizations of the community. Embry suggested the group work with Riverbend.

Motion to approve contingent upon a conditional use agreement to be worked out with Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services staff and the City's Attorney's office.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous

McCarthy asked if the Board has ever done visionary, long-term planning. Snow said that a 5-year plan had been implemented, a consultant was hired in 2003 and recently an audit of the department. McCarthy said he was wondering about input from the public, such as a survey. Snow said he could start a communication if he wished.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Social Gathering - 314 Main Street, Racine, WI

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