



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

Wednesday, August 9, 2006

5:15 PM

Room 130, City Hall Annex

Call to order

Also present: Ald. Aron Wisneski

Guests: Jay Christie, Jim Rooney, Arlene Hennig

PRESENT: 6 - Andrew Kindsvater, Gaynell Dyess, Robert Hayes, Don Nielsen, Michael Frontier and Jim Kaplan

ABSENT: 2 - Van Carson and Endel Williams

EXCUSED: 2 - Liz Mendez and Terry McCarthy

Approval of Minutes for - July meeting was not held - lack of quorum

The minutes of the June 14th were approved by Dyess and July 12th meeting were approved Frontier.

to Approve the Minutes

Public Input

Arlene Hennig: Questioned why other bars in Racine need security and the North Beach Oasis does not have security Also, the Oasis was required to turn their speakers toward the lake but the Triathlon event had speakers turned toward Michigan Blvd.

Snow apologized and said their were no conditions placed on the Triathlon for speakers and no provision for security placed on the Oasis.

06-2216

Subject: Director's Report

Receive and file

Receive and file

06-2335

Subject: Director's Report

Receive and file

Receive and file

[06-2214](#)

Subject: Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Receive and file

Receive and file

[06-2338](#)

Subject: Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Receive and file

Motion made by Wisneski to receive and file. Snow said that the Cemetery Commission voted to place a moratorium on grave buy back by the City.

The Cemetery Commission also is recommending Saturday burials and this will be reported to the Common Council.

[06-2215](#)

Subject: Zoological Society Report

Receive and file

No report

[06-2339](#)

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Receive and file

Jay Christie appeared and handed out a Zoological Society Report.

Receive and file

[06-1978](#)

Subject: Communication from Ed Possing, 2625 Lathrop Ave., requesting to purchase the property at 504 Hawthorne Drive.

Item also referred to the City Plan Commission

Recommendation from the Finance & Personnel Committee

06-12-06: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

6/14/06: Defer to August meeting

Recommendation of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 8/9/06:

That the item be received and filed.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee

09-11-06: The item be received and filed.

Fiscal note: N/A

That the request be received and filed.

The Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services believes that parcels such as 504 Hawthorne Drive serve a vital role as parkland in the City of Racine.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[06-2191](#)

Subject: Communication from Pastor Melvin D. Hargrove of Zoe Outreach Ministries requesting waiving or reductions in fees for the Cesar Chavez Community Center.

Item also referred to the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of

07-10-06: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee of

07-24-06: The item be received and filed.

Recommendation of the Board Parks, Recreation & Cultural

Services: Recommends the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[06-2213](#)

Subject: Direct Referral - Request of HFP Racing, Spirit of Racine Triathlon for personnel to stay on the grounds of North Beach in the overnight hours to guard equipment and set up early in the morning before the Triathlon.

Recommends the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommended to be Received and Filed

06-2221

Subject: Communication from the Mayor requesting that the North Beach Oasis contract be amended to provide for payment by concessionaire for designated North Beach improvements in lieu of revenues to the City.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 07-24-06: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 8-9-06: The request be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 09-11-06: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 09-13-06: That the contract not be amended. Further recommends that the contract between the City of Racine and the North Beach Oasis be reviewed in totality to implement possible changes in light of strong concerns of constituents in the neighborhood.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 11-13-06: The item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Snow said that if the contract were to be amended he thinks all aspects of the contract should be looked at and when capital improvements are considered operational costs should be reviewed. Motion was made by Nielsen to received and filed but failed.

Motion made by Wisneski to defer to the next meeting with understanding to invite the Mayor or his representative with review by the City Attorney.

06-2284

Subject: Request of Chairman of the Board of Harbor Commissioners to meet with the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to discuss Pershing Park boat launch and revenue control.

Recommend the communication be received and filed.

Jim Rooney appeared and proposed that staff look into the possibility of a mechanical gate with automatic cashier for the Pershing Park boat launch. Presently the vendor payment to the City is \$1,000.00 and he said that the Commission feels this could be a better source of revenue for the City as well as the Harbor Commission. The

contract with the current vendor runs until 2008. Motion to include that staff come back with recommendations by the December Board meeting.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

06-2347

Subject: Direct Referral: Item # 06-1441 of 2/8/06 related to fees and charges and the recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services that staff report back on the comprehensive fees and charges for the department.

Recommend the communication to received and filed

Fiscal note: N/A

Snow presented a Fee Analysis Report (on file in the PRCS office).

Mike Frontier excused at 6:45 p.m.

Snow said this report is in response to Ald. Friedel's request. The Board looked over the Report and thanked Director Snow for his efforts.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Miscellaneous

Jay Christie appeared and requested to serve alcohol at the Zoo on the weekends. He asked to move quickly because the subject had been deferred previously. Nielsen said Mr. Christie has appeared and listened to what this Board has had to say previously. Mr. Rooney spoke and said he felt this is the wrong direction to move with this item not being on the agenda.

Motion made by Nielsen to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting and Common Council notified of our discussion this evening.

Donnie Snow thanked Andy Kindsvater for his dedicated to service to the Board as this will be his last meeting.

to suspend the Rules of Council

Adjournment

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