



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

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

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

REVISED

Call To Order

PRESENT: 8 - Gaynell Dyess, Liz Mendez, Aron Wisneski, Robert Hayes, Terry McCarthy, Michael Frontier, Jim Kaplan and Debbi Embry

ABSENT: 3 - Van Carson, Endel Williams and Don Nielsen

Staff present: Donnie Snow, Jack Schumann, Tom Molbeck, Cathy Petrouske

Guests: Ald. Pete Karas, Joan Dyess, Six members of Boy Scout Troop 129

Approval of Minutes for September 12, 2007 Meeting

to Approve the Minutes

Public Input

Chairman Hayes welcomed Boy Scout Troop 129 to the meeting. The Scouts are working on their Citizenship Badge.

Joan Dyess appeared. She said she attended the community meetings held on Tuesday, October 9th at the John Bryant Community Center. She said she feels the centers should remain as they are. She asked that the children be considered. She said - do not throw the centers out to anyone. Organizations can use space at the centers but not take over the centers.

Director's Report

Snow told the Board that they are invited to the dedication of the mural on the wall near Zoo Beach created by the Main Gallery Young Artists and encouraged the Board to take a look at the mural and attend the dedication.

Snow said that there have been two bids on the Golf Course contract.

Discussion was held regarding the tree program. Schumann said there are two programs: Green Racine which is City tax dollars and the CDBG program which is from federal dollars. Trees are planted throughout the City in Spring and Fall. The Mayor has decided to make some changes in the program and get trees planted in areas that are barren.

Wisneski moved that the report be received and filed. Passed unan.

The Report was Received and Filed

Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Embry moved that the report be received and files.

The Report was Received and Filed

Zoological Society Report

In regard to the use of the Lakeview building by the Zoo, the Friends of Seniors have indicated that the building will not be available for programming during the 07/08 school year. Snow said the building is available for public access for use of the bathroom facilities.

Frontier moved that the report be received and filed. Passed unan.

The Report was Received and Filed

07-0876

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District wishing to draft a resolution to expand current recycling rules to include public and private events.

Also refer to Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 8-8-07 and 9-12-07: Defer

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Public Works & Services Committee on 8-14-07, 8-28-07, 9-11-07 and 9-25-07: Defer

Recommendation of the Public Works & Services Committee on 10-9-07: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 10-10-07: that the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal note: N/A

Ald. Peter Karas appeared. Karas said that this item was on the agenda at at the Public Works and Services Committee meeting as well. He said he has observed the that there is a lot of recyclables after major events in Racine. Recycling as a whole has gone down in Racine. Discussion was held regarding contamination of recyclables and how to educate the public. After analysis the future of recycling could be handled administratively. Karas said that DRC and the Visitors and Convention Bureau have agreed to do studies on recycling. McCarthy suggested that Boy Scouts are a great source of volunteers to help. Kaplan said often people will come along the street and take aluminum that has been placed on the curb and this cuts into the profit for the City.

Wisneski moved to receive and file the communication. Passed unan.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

07-1118

Subject: Communication from the Co-Race Director of the Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis Racine 2007 requesting permission to use City right-of-way on Saturday, December 8, 2007.

Also refer to the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Recommendation: Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis be granted permission to close Island Park Drive from Liberty Street to Rupert Boulevard and Horlick Park Drive from Rupert Boulevard to 12th Street for the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis, to be held on Saturday, December 8, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed.
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to this event.
- C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department be charged to the sponsor.
- D. The sponsor shall notify all abutting property owners seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this event.
- E. The sponsor shall pay a special event fee of \$300.00.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer and Chief of Police provide limited assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

Fiscal Note: There will be nominal costs to various City departments, on a regular shift basis, to assist in implementing this event.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 10-10-07: that the request be approved.

Fiscal note: \$300.00 special events fee to the City.

Snow said staff has worked with this group in the past. There will be a \$300.00 event fee. Frontier commented that he participated last year and this was a great event.

Kaplan moved to approve the request. Passed unan.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous

McCarthy asked if there were any actions involved with the two public meetings held at the John Bryant Center on Tuesday. Brief discussion was held regarding programming at Community Centers.

Frontier asked that staff create a thank you certificate for the Boy Scouts present this evening and for any such group in the future.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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