



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

*Chair Terry McCarthy, Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow,
Michael Frontier, Keith Hemmig, Kristen Kaprelian, Amy
Schaal, Tom Rosholt, Ben Lehner, Kiana Johnson*

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

Vice Chair Kaprelian called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck, Mike Willis & Jena Kohlman

Guests: Mayor John Dickert, Dr. Julie Kinzelman & Mark Thomas

Also Present: PRCS Board Member Ald. Krystyna Sarrazin

PRESENT: 9 - Michael Frontier, Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow, Kristen Kaprelian, Amy Schaal, Tom Rosholt, Keith Hemmig, Ben Lehner and Kiana Johnson

EXCUSED: 1 - Terry McCarthy

[13-8487](#)

Subject: Approval of the December 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [PRCS December 12, 2012 Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Kristen Kaprelian , seconded by Pam Handrow, to approve the minutes. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

Public Input

No Public Input

[13-8489](#)

Subject: Director's Report

Attachments: [Director's Report January 9, 2013](#)

Director Molbeck commented on with the recent budget cuts there were positions that were eliminated and others that were created. Jeanne Brenner is now working as the Community Center Recreation Supervisor I at the Tyler Domer Community Center. Duncan Cortez is working out of the Chavez Community Center as a Recreation Program Coordinator II, and Renae Repta has accepted the other Recreation Program Coordinator I position and will work out of the Humble Community Center. The department is currently looking to hire a Recreation Program Coordinator that will work in the area of marketing & special events.

A motion was made by Amy Schaal , seconded by Ben Lehner, to receive and file the report. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

[13-8488](#)

Subject: Approval of Minutes for the Cemetery Commissioners
December 10, 2012 Meeting

Attachments: [Cemetery Commission Minutes - December 10, 2012](#)

A motion was made by Keith Hemmig, seconded by Amy Schaal, to approve the minutes. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

[12-8290](#)

Subject: Communication from Mark Thomas from Ocean Blue Inflatables, LLC requesting permission to set up a large inflatable water slide for the summer of 2013 on North Beach.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 11-14-12: Deferred.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 12-13-12: To approve the concept of Mark Thomas' communication to set up a large inflatable water slide for the summer of 2013 on North Beach pending the approval of those City Department's requiring involvement. Further recommends, if approved by all involved department's, the location of the slide must then be approved by the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department prior to the implementation of an agreement and set up of the slide.

Fiscal Note: To be determined following the approval by administrative staff of involved departments.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 1-9-13: To deny the communication from Mark Thomas from Ocean Blue Infatables, LLC, requesting permission to set up a large inflatable water slide for the summer of 2013 on North Beach until this is found to be a viable project and not of great expense to the City.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Ocean Blue Inflatables](#)

Molbeck stated in the last couple weeks the department had contacted the Health Department and the Department of Public Works to discuss the slide. Mark Thomas, Bill Miller (DPW), and Molbeck met to discuss plumbing, electricity, and water source needed for the slide. Bill Miller had spoken to the plumbing inspector, and it was noted that this attraction would be looked at as a pool according to the state code. Preparation of drainage would depend upon how much water would need to be drained. If a drainage system would need to be put in place it could possibly cost as much as \$10,000. They would also need to look at a back flow preventer. A garden hose would need to be extended from the building to the slide, which may require the concrete patio to be cut, and the ground dredged in order to bury the hose. Mark did propose that the hose be placed along the retaining wall along the bike path. A water meter would also be required. Some work to the electrical panel may also need to be done. Wiring cost could be between \$5,000-\$10,000. This is a rough

estimate, not a quoted price.

Dr. Julie Kinzelman stated the Health Department agrees that this attraction is equivalent to the splash pad. Sanitation would be needed. There have been cases where children become ill using similar types of slides. A child that has an illness may use the slide and those children using the slide after could potentially become ill as well. Any waste water or sanitizer used to clean the slide may soak into the ground & go into the lake.

Ben Lehner asked if there is any other location that would work better. Molbeck stated they had spoken about placing the slide closer to the Kid's Cove area however, this is an area that the department would like to distract people from going due to safety concerns. He also mentioned this would put the slide even further away from the building where many of the sources needed to run the slide would come from. The Racine Yacht Club would then also need to be contacted. Molbeck mentioned longevity is also a concern. There is a lot of work that would need to be put into this and the slide potentially could be around for only a couple of years.

Handrow inquired if the City would be responsible for the cost. Molbeck stated he believes the cost would be Thomas' responsibility, though the City would be involved in the work. Currently the concessionaire at the Oasis does not pay utilities, however they do pay the City a percentage of their earnings. The department would need to look at if Thomas would pay the utilities.

Michael Frontier stated he had been on a water slide last summer and water accumulates at the end of it. Sanitization would definitely need to be considered.

Tom Rosholt inquired if anyone had spoken to any of the residents along Lake Michigan Boulevard. Molbeck stated no, not to his knowledge. Rosholt then inquired if North Beach is the only viable location. Thomas responded yes, because it's a populated area, the beach is huge and provides a lot of area, and people are already in their swimsuits.

Alderman Krystyna Sarrazin inquired about overnight storage & sanitization of the slide. Thomas stated he intends on placing a fence around the slide. He is also currently looking at tarps to cover the slide when not in use.

Dr. Kinzelman mentioned there are many different types of sanitizer. Similar to the splash pad, only certain types of sanitizer could be used. She also mentioned again the potential of children becoming ill. Thomas stated the slide comes with a cleaning kit and booklet which includes requirements on what should be used. He is not sure how he will keep it clean all day long. He also stated the slide is white, so he could see anything that may need to be cleaned up. Dr. Kinzelman stated illnesses are not necessarily visible.

Keith Hemmig suggested Thomas connect with other owners of these slides.

Joey LeGath stated that this could potentially become very expensive and inquired if Thomas still would like to pursue this. Thomas stated he would like this looked at more closely to get a more accurate cost.

A motion was made by Pam Handrow, seconded by Michael Frontier to deny the communication from Mark Thomas, Ocean Blue Inflatable's requesting permission to set up a large inflatable water slide for the summer of 2013 on North Beach until this is found to be a viable project and not with great expense to the City. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

Ord.13-12

Ordinance 13-12

To recreate Section 42-203(b), of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to application of fertilizers.

The Common Council of the City of Racine, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Part 1: Recreate Sec. 42-203 - Application, to add the following sentence to section (b):

“In no case shall fertilizer be washed, swept or blown off impervious surfaces into stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances or other water bodies.”

Part 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the City Common Council and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed by the Common Council:

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Fiscal Note: N/A

Tom Rosholt left at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor John Dickert spoke briefly about the recreation of this ordinance. This is to give the City teeth to go out and educate people on how, not only fertilizer, but even grass clippings, greatly affect the lakes and rivers. This would be a strong tool to educate. As of right now we don't have that tool.

Dr. Kinzelman stated it's important to keep phosphorous and other nutrients from entering bodies of water. Phosphorous and nitrogen are both in fertilizer and both create green algae. Green algae can be very harmful. Last year North Beach had a large algae bloom. If there are things the City can do to prevent more nutrients from entering the Root River and Lake Michigan, it will be a big benefit.

Kaprelian stated she doesn't believe an ordinance is needed to educate people and does not want this to be tool for some one to call the police on their neighbor for fertilizing their lawn.

Lehner believes this ordinance makes sense and also does not believe it is being put in place to report neighbors for fertilizing their lawns. This ordinance does not just apply to residents, it applies to everyone.

Legath agreed with Kaprelian's concern, though does believe it's good we are trying to care for our water. He also does not believe the police should be involved for something of this nature. Handrow agreed this is not a police matter, but it is not uncommon to have this type of ordinance. It does not have to be enforced by the police. It's an education tool, and will be good for the City.

A motion was made by Pam Handrow , seconded by Amy Schaal , to approve the recreated Section 42-203(b), of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Fertilizers. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Michael Frontier, Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow, Amy Schaal, Keith Hemmig, Ben Lehner, Kiana Johnson, Ald. Krystyna Sarrazin

Noes: 1 - Kristen Kaprelian

Excused: 2 - Ald. Terry McCarthy, Tom Rosholt

Discussion: Board Support of Community Centers & Utilizing Resources

Molbeck opened the discussion to the members of the board.

Amy Schaal believes it would be helpful to have a solid vision. She asked the board what their vision was. She mentioned possibly looking at different parks and coordinating events to promote the parks.

Molbeck stated Schaal was involved in the improvements at West Park. Someone from the public was brought in to help select play equipment for the park. Amy was able to coordinate activities at the park and also brought in donations.

Frontier suggested a retreat. He believes it would worth spending a few hours together to put all members visions together.

Handrow suggested re-visiting Park Pride.

Molbeck stated when Park Pride started he had read about some great activities going on out west. They had "Friends of Parks". Molbeck would like to see "Friends of Parks & Rec".

Lehner suggested working with former educators to obtain connections with the schools. Possibly make arrangements to have a drama department come in to conduct a play at one of the community centers.

Handrow inquired if Park Watch could be combined with Neighborhood Watch.

Hemmig stated all of the members have different strengths and skills sets. He suggested as we find a need within the community, the department could contact the member that has a special interest in that specific need of the community. He would be willing to volunteer.

Schaal asked Molbeck if there were any areas he felt the members could help with.

Molbeck stated marketing, volunteering, and getting the word out on what we do.

Lehner inquired if there was a National Picnic Day? Molbeck stated there is a National Kids to Parks Day in May. The Department is looking at possibly having a Playground Leader Reunion.

Molbeck stated he will compose a list of items the department would like to do and provide those ideas to the members.

The members will provide their special interests and areas they are willing to help with to the department.

It was decided this discussion will be on-going and placed on future meeting agendas.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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