



City of Racine

Meeting Minutes - Draft

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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, December 12, 2007

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

PRESENT: 7 - Gaynell Dyess, Liz Mendez, Aron Wisneski, Terry McCarthy, Don Nielsen, Michael Frontier and Jim Kaplan

ABSENT: 4 - Van Carson, Endel Williams, Robert Hayes and Debbi Embry

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

Guests: Jim Luelloff, Wayne Clingman

Approval of Minutes of the October 10, 2007 Meeting

Ald. Aron Wisneski called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

to Approve the Minutes

Public Input

No Public Input

Director's Report

Snow reported that there was a Community Center Supervisor position scheduled to be eliminated in the 2008 budget but it has been restored. An additional \$40,000.00 was added to the budget for programs and services at the community centers. Staff is continuing to work with the Mayor regarding programs and services. Snow thanked the Alderman and Committee for these actions.

Security cameras will be placed at community centers. The King Center already has a camera in place.

The Golf contract has been awarded to the present contractor. There were two bids.

Dyess moved and Kaplan seconded to receive and file report. Passed unan.

The Report was Received and Filed

Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

McCarthy moved and it was seconded by Dyess to receive and file. Passed unan.

The Report was Received and Filed

Zoological Society Report

Snow said that work is being done on the new entrance.

McCarthy said that he and Ald. Kaplan are talking with the Zoological Society about having an ice rink at the Zoo. This would not impact the City budget. The rink would probably be a self standing rink as the pond does not freeze properly for skating.

Dyess moved and Kaplan seconded to receive and file the report. Passed unan.

The Report was Received and Filed

07-1430

Subject: Request to discuss the redevelopment of 3102 Washington Avenue, Ralph Pierce Park.

Also referred to City Plan Commission

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 12-12-07: that the request be deferred.

Fiscal note: To be determined.

Jim Luellhoff of the City Development Department appeared. He said that the City was approached by a developer with an interest in this property. Snow said that there now is a policy in place for disposition of parkland. If this sale of property were to go forward one option would be to have an interior plaza and marker or there could be a swap of land. This is one way to go forward and still value our parkland. McCarthy said that if this were to go ahead perhaps Erskine Park could be enhanced. Luellhoff noted that the hard scape and landscape are not in good shape at this site. Snow said this request would probably require a public hearing.

McCarthy moved and Dyess seconded the motion to begin the process of investigation of said policy to support this request. Passed unan.

Deferred

07-1480

Subject: Request of Wayne Clingman to meet with the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to present a long term programming proposal benefiting the Parks Department and the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 12-12-07: that the request be deferred.

Fiscal Note: To be determined

Wayne Clingman appeared and a hand out had been given to the Board regarding his proposal (on file in PRCS office). Clingman said that he has found that there are a lot of youth and young adults who are interested in video. These young people often have a lot of know-how and many are interested in documenting what is happening in our City. This is an opportunity for these young people to gain business and leadership skills. Molbeck said staff is looking for programming for the centers. Snow said that this type of programming for the centers does not really need to come before the Board and staff will work with Mr. Clingman.

Kaplan moved and Frontier seconded the motion to defer until there is a workable plan and come back to the Board. Passed unan.

Deferred

07-0808

Subject: (Direct Referral) Cemetery Board and Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services to meet with Donnie Snow, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, to review and recommend resolution of apparent conflicts in their functional operations as set forth in the Code of Ordinances.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 8-8-07: that the item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 9-12-07: that the item be deferred.

Further recommend that the item be referred to the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners 9-17-07: There is a conflict with the City Ordinance 7038 and 3044. The ordinances have conflicting language regarding who has authority over the other - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, or Cemetery commission - that needs to be discussed and resolved. Donnie Snow would like everyone to bring his or her thoughts on the subject to the next meeting to discuss. item deferred.

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners 12-03-07: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 12-12-07: that the item be deferred.

Fiscal note: N/A

Snow distributed copies of the ordinances regarding this conflict. Snow also said the Cemetery Commission voted to receive and file this item as they felt they may lose authority. Nielsen asked if the two departments/boards could be separate entities. The PRCS Department oversees the staff at the Cemetery.

Mike Frontier excused at 6:30 p.m.

Snow said the Cemetery Supervisor is not expected to come to this Board meeting just as Center Supervisors are not expected because Jack Schumann and Tom Molbeck can answer any questions.

McCarthy moved to approve. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion made by Kaplan and seconded by Dyess to defer until the January meeting. Passed unan.

Wisneski requested the Cemetery Board and the City Attorney be invited to the January meeting.

Deferred

Request to have a report provided to the PRCS Board related to the drying up of Lake Michigan at Myers Park. - Frontier

Snow handed out a graph showing water levels in the area. The Army Corps of Engineers are predicting a 4 to 5 foot drop in the water level. Schumann said the level at the boat launch is down also. Snow said he could try to obtain a copy of the Engineers report.

McCarthy moved and Kaplan seconded the motion to receive and file.

Request that the PRCS Board be informed of future listening sessions in the community when they are held so we may be apprised of strengths and needs of constituents at these important forums. - Frontier

Snow said that he was prepared to give information to the Board but the meeting was cancelled and will certainly give this type of information to the Board in the future.

Nielsen moved and Kaplan seconded to receive and file. Passed unan.

Miscellaneous

McCarthy said that there is a lot going on with the Root River planning and that he has been attending the meetings.

Adjournment

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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