



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

Christina Mueller
Alderman Jason Meekma
Keith Hemmig
Roy Carter
Melissa Kaprelian-Becker
Amy Schaal
Kristen Kaprelian
Malik Frazier
Christopher Bogan
Alderman Mary Land

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:22 p.m.

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck, Mike Willis, Becky Spika

Guests Present: Beth Heidorn, Executive Director Racine Zoo; Adam Beyer, Racine Alternative Learning; Rob Robinson and representative from SEWRPC.

PRESENT: 7 - Jason Meekma, Keith Hemmig, Roy Carter, Amy Schaal, Kristen Kaprelian, Christopher Bogan and Mary Land

EXCUSED: 3 - Christina Mueller, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker and Malik Frazier

Public Input

Kay Gregor, a resident of Racine, spoke on the Parks and Open Space Plan indicating she has provided Director Molbeck with a copy of proposals concerning Island Park.

Approval of Minutes for January 10, 2018 Meeting

A motion was made by Schaal, seconded by Hemmig, to Approve the Minutes

Approval of Minutes for January 15, 2018 Board of Cemetery Commissioners Minutes

A motion was made by Schaal, seconded by Hemmig, to Approve the Minutes

[0150-18](#)

Subject: Zoological Report

Attachments: [Racine Zoological Society Report 2-14-18](#)

Beth Heidorn, Executive Director of the Racine Zoo, spoke on the report highlighting revenue goals met, the hiring of a new animal curator, membership totals, the success of education programs, grants in process, upcoming programs, and animal additions & losses.

A motion was made by Schaal, seconded by Hemmig, that this file be Received and Filed

[0151-18](#)

Subject: Director's Report

Attachments: [Director's Report 2-14-18](#)

Director Molbeck spoke on the report highlighting CIP projects, recently filled positions in the Parks Department, logging projects at Johnson and Colonial Parks, current program successes, and new developments at community centers. Discussion was held concerning future partnerships and use of community centers.

A motion was made by Schaal, seconded by Bogan, that this file be Received and Filed

[842-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Aldermen from the 5th and 6th Districts on August 24, 2017 requesting the development and implementation of a formal policy for citizen donations of park benches to parks and other public spaces.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on September 13, 2017: To Receive and File the communication from the Aldermen from the 5th and 6th Districts on August 24, 2017 requesting the development and implementation of a formal policy for citizen donations of park benches to parks and other public spaces.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on October 11, 2017: To defer the communication pending a proposal by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on November 8, 2017: To defer the communication pending a proposal by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on December 13, 2017: To defer the communication pending a proposal by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on January 10, 2018: To defer the communication pending a revision of the proposal by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on February 14, 2018: To approve the communication from the Aldermen from the 5th and 6th Districts on August 24, 2017 requesting the development and implementation of a formal policy for citizen donations of park benches to parks and other public spaces.

Fiscal Note: NA

Attachments: [Smetana Weidner ParkBenchDonationPolicy](#)
[Bench Donation Website](#)

Director Molbeck presented the proposal for an online bench donation program.

A motion was made by Alderman Meekma, seconded by Kaprelian, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[1238-17](#)

Subject: [Direct Referral] Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services to Adopt "A Park and Open Space Plan for the City of Racine: 2035," an Amendment to "A Comprehensive Plan for the City of Racine: 2035." (Resolution No. 11-2809) (ZOrd. 7-11)

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on December 13, 2017: That this item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on January 10, 2018: That this item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: NA

Attachments: [Memo to Adjcnt Munis Park Plan](#)
[Summary_A Park and Open Space plan for the City of Racine_2035 Amendment](#)
[A Resolution Adopting A New Park and Open Space Plan](#)

Discussion was held on resident suggestions of ice skating rinks at all community centers and the addition/renovation of park pavilions. Representatives from SEWRPC will compile public input from the Parks and Open Space Plan open house and return with an amended proposal at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

A motion was made by Kaprelian, seconded by Alderman Land, that this file be Deferred

[1269-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services requesting May 12, 2018 be proclaimed as International Migratory Bird Day in the City of Racine, Wisconsin and all citizens are urged to celebrate this observance and to support efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitat in our community and the world at large. (Res. No. 0106-17).

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on February 14, 2018: To approve the communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services requesting May 12, 2018 be proclaimed as International Migratory Bird Day in the City of Racine, Wisconsin and all citizens are urged to celebrate this observance and to support efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitat in our community and the world at large. (Res. No. 0106-17).

Fiscal Note: NA

Attachments: [InternationalMigratoryBirdDayResolution 2018](#)

A motion was made by Schaal, seconded by Hemmig, that this file be Recommended For Approval

[0149-18](#)

Subject: Communication from Adam Beyer, Racine Alternative Learning, requesting use of the Root River Pathway and portions of Colonial Park/Lincoln Park for the My School Color Run on May 19, 2018, including the throwing of color on public grass surfaces.

Attachments: [RAL-MSCR Special Event Approval Letter](#)

Adam Beyer of Racine Alternative Learning spoke on his proposal for a color run event to be held on May 19, 2018.

A motion was made by Alderman Meekma, seconded by Hemmig, that this file be Approved

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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