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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

*Chairman Robert Hayes, Alderman Aron Wisneski
Alderman Terry McCarthy, Daryl Carter, Joey LeGath
Michael Frontier, Amanda DeSonia
Pamala Handrow, Ken Lumpkin, Kristen Kaprelian*

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

Chairman Hayes called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM

Staff Present: Donnie Snow, Jack Schumann, Tom Molbeck, Sherri Ruud, Jay Christie, Scott Schuit

Guests: Ald. Weidner, Claudius A. Adebayo, Richard Christensen, Jason Meekma, Jeff Schultz, 10 members of Park High School Student Government Class

PRESENT: 8 - Daryl Carter, Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow, Aron Wisneski, Robert Hayes, Michael Frontier, Ken Lumpkin and Kristen Kaprelian

EXCUSED: 2 - Amanda DeSonia and Terry McCarthy

Approval of Minutes for the December 8, 2010 Meeting

A motion was made by Aron Wisneski, seconded by Michael Frontier, to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Public Input

No public input

Director's Report

Director's report for January was distributed.

Ald. Wisneski requested that the tree planting schedule for 2011 be provided at next month's meeting.

A motion was made by Aron Wisneski, seconded by Pamala Handrow, to receive and file the report. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Zoological Society Report

A report was not submitted

[10-5258](#)

Subject: Communication from Claudius A. Adebayo of OIC requesting the City donate or sell at a nominal fee, the parcel of land located at 2138 N. Wisconsin Street (parcel no. 04754000). (Res.10-2288)

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-14-10: To defer this item, and invite the Director of the Zoo to appear at the next meeting to express their interest in the parcel.

Fiscal note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 8-18-10: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 9-8-10: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 11-17-10: To approve the OIC's request that the City donate or sell at a nominal fee, the parcel of land located at 2138 N. Wisconsin Street (parcel no. 04754000), contingent upon the OIC receiving their grant to build homes on the property, and, further, receiving approval from the Zoological Society Board.

Fiscal note: To be determined

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 1-12-11: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal note: N/A

Director Snow advised that while this item had previously been approved by the Board of PRCS pending approval by the Zoological Society Board, it had been referred back to the Board by the Common Council.

A memo addressed to the Board from Mayor Dickert expressing his opposition to the proposal was distributed.

Claudius Adebayo of OIC appeared and advised the Mayor's memo was not totally accurate. He stated that although the Mayor spoke to Mr. Adebayo many times and offered five alternate sites, they were not fit to build on.

There was a single site that was fit to build on; however, he decided he could not use the site based on an incident that occurred when he was trying to locate the site. When he knocked on the door of a neighboring home to ask if he was in the correct area, the woman who answered the door unleashed several large dogs on him. He stated he was dressed professionally and was polite to the woman, and did not feel his asking a simple question warranted this type of action. If this woman could not accept one man coming to her door asking a question, he did not want to subject his student workers to this type of behavior.

They are now in the process of reviewing another site to determine the amount of contamination that exists.

Mr. Adebayo stated at this point, he has nothing in his hand to work with.

Mr. Lumpkin asked if the memo from the Mayor was solicited. Director Snow indicated no communications have been solicited.

Ald. Wisneski advised he made the recommendation to send the matter back to the Board of PRCS, as the impression was given in the past that Ald. Maack and the Mayor supported this project, when in fact they did not support this particular project. The Mayor could not attend this evening's Board meeting, which is why he sent the memo to the PRCS Board.

Jay Christie of the Racine Zoo advised the Zoological Society Board deferred the matter until their next meeting, which will be held in March.

Michael Frontier made a motion, seconded by Daryl Carter, to resend the matter back to the Common Council.

Ald. Wisneski asked Mr. Adebayo how many homes would be built this year if the OIC receives this property. Mr. Adebayo indicated one home would be built. Ald. Wisneski asked Mr. Adebayo how many homes would be built this year if OIC does not receive this property; Mr. Adebayo indicated one home would be built. Ald. Wisneski then stated that he did not want the impression left that by not donating this property to the OIC that jobs would not be provided; contrary, the same number of homes would be built regardless of the outcome.

A motion was made by Ken Lumpkin, seconded by Pamala Handrow, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Res.10-2288

Approval granted for City to donate or sell at a nominal fee to OIC parcel of land located at 2138 N. Wisconsin Street, contingent upon OIC receiving grant to build homes and Zoological Society Board's approval

Resolved, that OIC's request that the City donate or sell at a nominal fee, the parcel of land located at 2138 N. Wisconsin Street (parcel no. 04754000) be approved, contingent upon the OIC receiving their grant to build homes on the property, and receiving approval from the Zoological Society Board.

FISCAL NOTE: To be determined.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural

Services 1-12-11: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal note: N/A

Sponsors: Terry McCarthy

A motion was made by Aron Wisneski, seconded by Kristen Kaprelian, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[10-5485](#)

Subject: Communication from Annmarie G. Klyzub requesting a ban on smoking in City parks.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 9-8-10: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 11-17-10: To defer to the next meeting, and further requests that Staff work with the City Attorney to bring ideas back to the Board at the next meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 12-8-10: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 1-12-11: To adopt the language as proposed.

Fiscal note: Cost of signage to be determined

Michael Frontier was excused at 6:08 PM.

Director Snow distributed a draft ordinance prohibiting smoking in City Parks. This ordinance would include the North Beach Oasis and softball diamonds. It would not include golf courses.

A motion was made by Daryl Carter, seconded by Joey LeGath, to adopt the language as proposed. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 6 - Daryl Carter, Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow, Aron Wisneski, Ken Lumpkin and Kristen Kaprelian

EXCUSED: 3 - Amanda DeSonia, Terry McCarthy and Michael Frontier

NON VOTING: 1 - Robert Hayes

[10-5611](#)

Subject: Communication from Richard Christensen, 1831 Neptune Avenue requesting to meet with the appropriate committee to discuss some issues involving Johnson Park Golf Course.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 11-17-10: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 12-8-10: To receive and file the communication.

Fiscal Note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 1-12-11: To request the Mayor and Common Council reinstate the golf liaison committee.

Fiscal note: N/A

Richard Christensen appeared and advised that since Johnson Park Golf Course is a public course, the same people receiving the same tee times on the weekend is unfair. He also advised there used to be a golf liaison committee in the City.

Ald. Weidner advised two past members of the golf liaison committee were in attendance and said the committee had not met for quite some time.

Director Snow advised the golf liaison committee had been dissolved, and was not a part of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Scott Schuit of Johnson Park Golf Course advised that the weekend is the busiest time for the course, and the largest revenue producer. They are trying to maximize the number of players during that timeframe.

Ald. Weidner indicated that perhaps the golf liaison committee could be reinstated for individuals to voice their concerns regarding issues at the golf courses.

A motion was made by Joey LeGath, seconded by Kristen Kaprelian, to request the Mayor and Common Council reinstate the golf liaison committee. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[10-5838](#)

Subject: [Direct Referral] Lockwood Tennis Court Resurfacing

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 12-8-10: That this be Deferred until the February meeting,

with Staff to investigate and report back the total cost to repair and resurface the Lockwood Tennis Courts to club quality.

Fiscal Note: Unknown at this time.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 1-12-11: To defer to the May meeting.

Fiscal note: N/A

Director Snow explained the estimates to resurface the Lockwood Park tennis courts that were distributed to the Board.

To resurface the courts from fencepost to fencepost and recoat to club quality, the estimated cost would be \$116,386. To resurface and recoat the courts only, the estimated cost would be \$64,766.

Jeff Schultz of the Racine Community Tennis Association appeared. He stated that the USTA may have grant monies available to fund resurfacing; however, the entire surface of the court must be resurfaced and recoated to receive approximately 20 percent of the total cost.

Director Snow advised the City has approximately \$33,000 in grant money from the Racine Community Foundation's Lockwood fund earmarked to resurface and recoat the courts. Since the courts were not resurfaced last year, he is awaiting word from the Foundation as to whether the grant money needs to be returned to the Foundation, or if it can remain in the City's account earmarked for the tennis court resurfacing.

Director Snow also advised that in the past, \$15,000 had been spent originally to resurface the courts, and the surface deteriorated quickly.

Ald. Wisneski suggested that this matter should be brought up during the Mayor's budget planning process for 2012 to request capital funds for this project.

A motion was made by Aron Wisneski, seconded by Joey LeGath, that this be Deferred to the May meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[10-5942](#)

Subject: Communication from Focus on Community requesting to use city right-of-way for a run/walk on September 10, 2011.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 1-11-11: That Focus on Community be granted permission to use city right-of-way for a run/walk on Saturday, September 10, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Further recommends that permission be granted 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 any costs associated with bagging of parking meters.

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 1-12-11: To approve the request, contingent upon EVP Volleyball Championship scheduling.

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

Jason Meekma from Focus on Community appeared. They are planning a run/walk fundraiser to be held the morning of September 10, and are requesting Hoffert Drive be closed for approximately 30 minutes from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM. They are also requesting the use of portions of the Lake Michigan Pathway for a portion of the fundraiser.

Staff advised that this may coincide with the EVP Volleyball Championship which has occurred on this weekend in the past.

A motion was made by Aron Wisneski, seconded by Joey LeGath, to approve the request, contingent upon EVP Volleyball Championship scheduling. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Miscellaneous

Ald. Wisneski requested that the Mayor's Park Pride advisory committee be invited to a future meeting as an agenda item.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Pamala Handrow moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2011, City Hall Annex, Room 130

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