



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

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

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

5:15 PM

Room 130, City Hall Annex

Call To Order

- PRESENT:** 6 - Aron Wisneski, Robert Hayes, Terry McCarthy, Don Nielsen, Michael Frontier and Jim Kaplan
- ABSENT:** 3 - Van Carson, Endel Williams and Debbi Embry
- EXCUSED:** 2 - Gaynell Dyess and Liz Mendez

Approval of Minutes for January 10, 2007 Meeting

to Approve the Minutes

Public Input

No public input.

07-0172

Subject: Director's Report

Receive and file.

Receive and file.

07-0174

Subject: Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Receive and file.

Receive and file.

Zoological Society Report

No report.

07-0024

Subject: Request of the Alderman of the Seventh District to meet with the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to request to change the name of Cheska Park to Vidian/Cheska Park.

Staff recommendation: No recommendation at this time.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 2-14-07: that the request be deferred.

Ald. Ray DeHahn, Gary Vidian and Judge Dennis Barry appeared on the subject. All were in agreement that they thought the name change to Vidian/Cheska Park would be a good one.

Motion made by Frontier to defer and refer to the Naming Committee. Passed unan.

Deferred

07-0026

Subject: Request of Applied Ecological Services for an extension of their request for a research project to monitor water quality in a pond at Johnson Park.

Staff recommendation: Approve request for an extension.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 2-14-07: that the request be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Snow said he talked with Applied Ecological Services and they are asking for an extension of the agreement they already have in place.

Motion made by Wisneski to approve. Passed unan.

Recommended For Approval

07-0076

Subject: Communication from the Rotary Foundation of Racine West, Inc., requesting permission to utilize various parks for the fourth annual Great Midwest Dragon Boat Festival, on July 13 and 14, 2007, for the use of selling beverages, beer, food items and providing live entertainment, to close city streets and parking lanes for a parade and race administration and to utilize the parking lot at the south end of Pershing Drive. Also, sponsoring organizations request permission to place posters on or about city streets and parks regarding this free event.

public works 2-13-07: Defer

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 2-14-07: that the request be approved.

Fiscal note: \$193.00 revenue to the City

James DuRocher appeared and said their request is basically the same as last year. It is uncertain if they will expand the quality of the Saturday night entertainment but the time frame would be the same. Frontier commented that the clean up was really great for this event last year. Snow said two conditions would be in place: 1) signage in parks where designated only and 2) DNR approval for any earth moving equipment and moving of sand.

Motion made by McCarthy to approve with conditions. Passed unan.

Recommended For Approval

07-0081

Subject: Direct Referral: Communication from 5th District Alderman David Maack on behalf of the parents of Andrei Rutkowski who passed away, requesting to have a mural painted on the large retaining wall by the stairs on the north side of the Zoo in his honor.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 2-14-07: to approve the request.

Fiscal note: No cost to the City.

Lorna Hennig from the Racine Arts Council appeared. She said that she has been working with the parties involved in this request. The work would be done by the PRCS Main Gallery participants under the direction of Artist Jane Cascio. An instructor from Kenosha would be consulting with Cascio on this artwork. The work would be on the retaining wall and would be mosaic with a theme relating to the sea and turtles. The wall would be inspected prior to any work beginning to determine that this type of mural would work. There would be a plaque honoring Andrei Rutkowski and the Main Gallery Young Artists. Hennig said she has talked with the Mayor and he indicated he would like the Main Gallery program to do a project every year for the City.

Motion made by McCarthy to approve the mosaic artwork as requested. Passed unan.

Recommended For Approval

07-0111

Subject: Communication from the Derby Director of the Racine Area Soap Box Derby requesting the closing of Hoffert Dr at North Beach on May 12-13, June 16-17 and September 8-9, 2007.

Recommendation: Permission be granted to the Racine Area Soap Box Derby to use Hoffert Drive for rallies on Saturday and Sunday May 12-13, 2007, Saturday and Sunday, June 16-17, 2007 and Saturday and Sunday, September 8-9, 2007, with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed;
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to this event;
- C. The set up and dismantling of barricades, snow fencing and placement of waste barrels will be the responsibility of the Soap Box Derby Association and must be erected no sooner than 24 hours prior to the event and must be removed no later than 24 hours after the event;
- D. Any overtime costs and/or equipment and material loss will be charged to the Soap Box Derby Association;
- E. The sponsor shall notify all residents on Michigan Boulevard and residents in the 200 blocks of Kewaunee Street, St. Patrick Street, High Street and English Street seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this event.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer, Chief of Police and Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 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, in implementing this event.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 2-14-07: that the request be deferred

Robert Krencisz appeared and said the request is for the same event as last year. Discussion was held regarding problems with traffic and access to the beach. Further discussion was held regarding the possible use of one lane of the bike trail. Molbeck said that this year there would be a fee for the use of the park road. This event would be considered level 1 and the fee would be \$303.00 per each of the three weekends.

Motion made by McCarthy to defer to the March 2007 meeting and Soap Box Derby work with PRCS staff regarding the impact of this event being held at North Beach. Ayes, 3: McCarthy, Frontier, Kaplan. No's, 2: Nielsen, Wisneski. Passed.

A motion was made by Terry McCarthy that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

07-0127

Subject: Communication from Adam Fuller requesting a hearing before the appropriate committee regarding the temporary erection of a prototype wind power machine.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 2-14-07: that the request be deferred.

Adam Fuller appeared and showed a model prototype wind power machine. Fuller said he spoke with the Mayor about placing the prototype at Roosevelt Park. Snow said this is an active recreation area and would need to know how much area would be needed. More information would also be needed about insurance and liability issues.

Motion made by Wisneski to defer. Passed unan.

Deferred

07-0173

Subject: (Direct Referral) - Request of Terry McCarthy asking that the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department undertake a visioning exercise.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 2-14-07: that the request be deferred.

Motion made by McCarthy to defer to the next meeting. Passed unan.

Deferred

Miscellaneous

No miscellaneous.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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