



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, July 11, 2012

5:15 PM Dr. M.L. King Jr. Community Center 1134 Dr. M.L.K. Dr.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck & Jena Kohlman

PRESENT: 8 - Terry McCarthy, Michael Frontier, Pamala Handrow, Kristen Kaprelian, Amy Schaal, Tom Rosholt, Ben Lehner and Kiana Johnson

EXCUSED: 2 - Joey LeGath and Keith Hemmig

[12-7906](#)

Subject: Approval of June 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [PRCS June 13, 2012 Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Pam Handrow and seconded by Amy Schaal, to approve the minutes. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

Public Input

No public input.

[12-7902](#)

Subject: Director's Report July 11, 2012

Attachments: [Director's Report July 11, 2012](#)

The report was distributed.

Interim Director, Tom Molbeck highlighted Water Safety Day at North Beach. The department is working with Erin Donaldson with Wheaton Franciscan as well as the fire department to implement this course.

Chair McCarthy inquired about the Health department's same day water reading at Zoo and North Beach. Molbeck stated we are one of the first areas able to receive water quality readings prior to the beach opening each day.

Tom Rosholt asked where we were at with the Nelson's Concessions contract. Molbeck stated the contract was in the process of completion though would inquire to see when the process was expected to be fully completed.

A motion was made by Pam Handrow and seconded by Tom Rosholt that the Report be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

[12-7904](#)

Subject: Approval of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners June 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Cemetery Commission Minutes - June 18, 2012](#)

The report was distributed.

Molbeck stated the movie Casper that had been scheduled to be viewed at Mound Cemetery last Saturday had to be rescheduled to this Saturday, July 14, 2012 due to high winds. Staff was present last weekend to advise the estimated 100 people that come through to watch the movie that it had to be postponed.

The Cemetery Commission is still looking at possible pet burials as well as cremation burials. They have taken steps to review any legal matters pertaining to these burials.

A motion was made by Tom Rosholt and seconded by Vice Chair Kristen Kaprelian to approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

[12-7903](#)

Subject: Zoological Report July 11, 2012

Attachments: [Zoological Report July 2012](#)

The report was distributed.

A motion was made by Ben Lehner and seconded by Vice Chair Kristen Kaprelian that the report be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

Update on M.L. King Community Center

Guest: Community Center Supervisor, James Wilson

Being that it was the first night of Animal Crackers, James Wilson was unable to attend. Interim Director, Tom Molbeck, will invite Wilson to the next board meeting.

[12-7792](#)

Subject: Communication from the Greater Racine Kennel Club requesting to reserve Pershing Park and to control parking on a portion of the lakefront for the American Kennel Club All Breed Dog Shows scheduled for Sunday, August 12, 2012 and Monday, August 13, 2012. (Res. No. 12-3237)

Recommendation of Board Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 7-11-12: To approve the communication from the Greater Racine Kennel Club requesting to reserve Pershing Park and to control parking on a portion of the lakefront for the American Kennel Club All Breed Dog Shows scheduled for Sunday, August 12, 2012 and Monday, August 13, 2012.

Further recommend that permission be granted with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement is executed;
- B. A liability insurance certificate is filed prior to the event;
- C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department to assist with this project is charged to the sponsor.

Fiscal note: \$730.00 in revenue. There will be nominal costs to various City departments, on a regular shift basis to assist in implementing this event;

Further recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and Chief of Police provide limited assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

Attachments: [12-7792](#)

A motion was made by Pamala Handrow, seconded by Tom Rosholt, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[12-7793](#)

Subject: Communication from Alderman Jim Kaplan and Alderman Raymond DeHahn and the members of the Affirmative Action Human Relations Commission recommending the renaming of Marquette Street Park to William Dyess Park.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 7-11-12: To defer.

Attachments: [12-7793](#)

Chair McCarthy stated there is no recommendation from the naming committee at this time. Amy Schaal requested a list of parks that are named after people. There is still research and discussion to be had between the naming committee members. Schaal suggested the naming committee meet again. A meeting will be set.

A motion was made by Michael Frontier, seconded by Tom Rosholt, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[12-7900](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Racine Yacht Club and Catamaran Racing Association requesting permission to use city parking lots located immediately next to RYC in conjunction with a scheduled Regatta August 3, 2012 through August 12, 2012 and waiver of ordinance 70.104 for overnight parking of vehicles and trailers. (Res. No. 12-3238)

Recommendation of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 7-11-12: To approve the communication from Racine Yacht Club and Catamaran Racing Association requesting permission to use city parking lots located immediately next to RYC in conjunction with a scheduled Regatta August 3, 2012 through August 12, 2012 and waiver of ordinance 70.104 for overnight parking of vehicles and

trailers.

Further recommend that permission be granted with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed;
- B. Proof of liability insurance be filed prior to this event;
- C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department be charged to the sponsor;

Further recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, and Chief of Police provide limited assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

Fiscal Note: \$200.00 in revenue. There will be nominal costs to various City departments, on a regular shift basis to assist in implementing this event.

Attachments: [12-7900](#)

A motion was made by Amy Schaal, seconded by Kristen Kaprelian, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Miscellaneous Business

Vice Chair Kaprelian inquired about the North Beach Oasis women's bathroom. The drains were severely backed-up. Molbeck stated he had received a complaint just prior to the 4th of July. The issue is being addressed. The Parks department will be providing a demonstration to those cleaning it on how to properly clean the bathrooms to ensure sand does not clog the drains, etc.

Ben Lehner inquired if there ever had been talk about installing an outside shower at North Beach. Molbeck stated there had been though he believed due to drainage issues it was not possible.

Mike Frontier inquired about newly planted trees dying. Molbeck stated they seemed to be having trouble with some of the trees prior to the drought. They believe these troubled trees are from the same vendor. Chair McCarthy inquired if there was any warranty recourse. Molbeck stated there was however there was gray areas. Molbeck also informed the board that the department has been receiving numerous phone calls regarding watering, pruning and general care of trees. Matt Koepnick, City Forester, and Molbeck will be composing an article to place in the paper to help answer many of the questions that the department has been receiving.

Ben Lehner asked if the board could get a breakdown of the budget for the Learn to Swim program. There was a brief discussion on if it was possible to expand the program. Molbeck is to look at options for a possible expansion.

Tom Rosholt provided a handout from REC Center. They have an Environmental Education Program Series for youth ages 7-12 years of age beginning July 12th through August 30th. Ben Lehner advised the Root River Council is hosting a community paddle on the 26th of July.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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