



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, September 12, 2012

5:15 PM

Tyler-Domer Community Center 2301 Twelfth St.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:19 p.m.

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck & Jena Kohlman

Guests: Lesia Hill-Driver, Olataye Baiyewu & Rick Crull

PRESENT: 9 - Michael Frontier, Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow, Kristen Kaprelian, Amy Schaal, Tom Rosholt, Keith Hemmig, Ben Lehner and Kiana Johnson

EXCUSED: 1 - Terry McCarthy

12-7997

Subject: Approval of the July 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [PRCS July 11, 2012 Minutes](#)

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

Public Input

No Public Input

12-7998

Subject: Director's Reports August 8, 2012 & September 12, 2012

Attachments: [Director's Reports August 8, 2012 & September 12, 2012](#)

The reports were distributed.

Keith Hemmig arrived at 5:21 p.m.

Ben Lehner arrived at 5:22 p.m.

Director Molbeck discussed the playground equipment replacement project at West Park and Heck Park. A Playground Equipment Selection Committee had been developed for the first time. The committee met with three vendors on September 5, 2012 to view play equipment options. Tom Molbeck, Bob Rafel, and Amy Schaal were present at the meeting.

Also highlighted was the ADA updates at Island, Lincoln and Roosevelt Parks. Remaining CDBG funds from 2011 will be used to upgrade accessibility to the

recreational amenities at these three parks. Asphalt paths will be added to restrooms, play equipment and athletic fields to comply with the 2010 ADA Standards.

The 9th Annual Back to School event took place on Monday, August 20th at Festival Hall. Three thousand backpacks with school supplies were given away. There will be a post event meeting to discuss possible changes for the 2013 event. SC Johnson, WalMart and Domino's were major contributors to the success of the program as well as many other donors.

Molbeck also briefly discussed the 1st Annual Monument Mash to be held in October. This event has been selected as a finalist for the WPRC Silver Star Award.

A motion was made by Keith Hemmig and seconded by Amy Schaal that the Reports be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

12-7999

Subject: Approval of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners July 16, 2012 & August 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Board of Cemetery Commissioners July 16, 2012 & August 20, 2012 Meeting](#)

A motion was made by Pamala Handrow and seconded by Amy Schaal to approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

12-8001

Subject: Zoological Reports August 8, 2012 & September 12, 2012

Attachments: [Zoological Reports August 8, 2012 & September 12, 2012](#)

The reports were distributed.

A motion was made by Pamala Handrow and seconded by Keith Hemmig to receive and file the Reports. The vote PASSED by Voice Vote.

Update on the Tyler Domer Community Center Guest: Community Center Supervisor Lesia Hill

Lesia Hill-Driver, Recreational Supervisor of the Tyler-Domer Community Center gave a brief update on the center and current activities.

She stated it has been a trying but very exciting year. The attendance numbers are up. They have some new and innovative programs starting. The Playground Program as well as the Youth Lunch Program had been a huge success this past summer. National Night Out went very well. She gives many thanks to Duncan Cortez, Youth Services Coordinator, for being a key player in the success and operation of the center.

The After School Zone program is set to begin as well as some new senior programming. Seniors (55+ years of age) will have the opportunity to join the new basketball program and/or yoga.

Michael Frontier asked Hill-Driver how budget cuts had affected the children at the center. Hill-Driver stated it's been detrimental, our community is suffering. Though the center is doing "ok", it's been difficult to stay connected to the community. Frontier then asked how it has affected staff. Hill-Driver stated staff is thin. Employees are needed to supervise all of the activities at the center. Each current

employee, including Duncan Cortez, gives 100%.

12-8091

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Human Capital Development Corp., Inc. requesting permission to use city property for added training and carpentry hands-on projects.

Recommendation of the Public Works Services Committee on 8-28-12: That Human Capital Development Corp., Inc. be granted permission to utilize the Park Service Garage, 712 Rickeman Ct., and Fire Dept Training Tower 700 Rickeman Ct. subject to Human Capital Development Corp., Inc. providing proof of Liability Insurance to the City.

Fiscal Note: Not Applicable.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 9-12-12: To enter into an agreement with Human Capital Development Corporation, Inc. to utilize a portion of the Parks building and city grounds at 712 Rickeman Ct. for training.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [HCDC Use Fire-Parks Facilities.pdf](#)

Tom Rosholt questioned the vehicle impact in the area if Human Capital Development Corp, Inc. were to use the grounds and part of the Parks building for training and projects. Olatoye Baiyewu stated the students would be transported in groups by a van. They would not be driving to the area individually.

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

12-7702

Subject: Communication from Gerald's Smokehouse Cuisine to hold their 2nd Year Anniversary Block Party Car and Bike Show on Saturday, July 14, 2012, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Res. 12-3162)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 5-29-12: That Gerald's Smokehouse Cuisine be granted permission to close Ann Street from Washington Avenue to 16th Street on Saturday, July 14, 2012, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in conjunction with the 2nd Year Anniversary Block Party Car and Bike Show, with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed and a \$62.50 processing fee paid;
- 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. No alcoholic beverages will be sold and/or dispensed within the street right-of-way; and
- F. The sponsor shall pay a \$250.00 special event fee.

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 and Cultural Services on 9-12-12: To receive and file the communication from Gerald's Smokehouse Cuisine to hold their 2nd Anniversary Block Party Car and Bike Show on Saturday, July 14, 2012.

Attachments: [Gerals Smokehouse.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Michael Frontier and seconded by Tom Rosholt that this be Recommended to be Received and Filed. 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.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 9-12-12: To deny the recommendation from Alderman Jim Kaplan, Alderman Raymond Dehahn and the members of the Affirmative Action Human Relations Commission to re-name Marquette Street Park to William Dyess Park.

Attachments: [12-7793](#)

The naming committee had met on August 8, 2012. The family of William Dyess appeared at this meeting and advised they wish not to have the park re-named at this time.

A motion was made by Amy Schaal, seconded by Pamala Handrow, that this be Recommended For Denial. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Discussion on possible expansion of the Learn To Swim Program

Director Molbeck advised some research was done on expanding the Learn to Swim Program. Living Light Community Center had been contacted to discuss possible

usage of their facilities. The cost of the rental is much higher than what we are currently paying and lifeguards would not be included in the charge.

Ben Lehner asked if there is any possibility of using Racine Unified pools. Director Molbeck, stated for this summer he doesn't foresee being able to run the program at RUSD. Budgets are also a factor.

Amy Schaal proposed speaking to RUSD about the possibility of using the pools while school is in session. Director Molbeck stated it could be difficult to find instructors/lifeguards available during the school year, however would look at this as a possible option.

Director Molbeck also advised the board that PRCS ran an open water safety course this past summer. The Water Patrol, Wheaton Franciscan and the Fire Department go to schools to discuss safety. PRCS is looking to tie water safety into this, as well as into the playground program. Keith Hemmig commented that these courses are more for safety versus skills.

Hemmig suggested the possibility of setting up classes either a couple weeks before or after RUSD's swim season. Schaal added the possibility of working around their weekly swim schedule. If they don't use the pools on Saturday's, we could possibly use them then. Molbeck stated weekends are problematic because they would involve overtime charges.

Michael Frontier questioned if we looked at using Wadewitz School's pool. He stated we could possibly have swim lessons as a After School Zone activity at Wadeiwitz. To his knowledge the pool is used during the day only. It is not in use after school.

Ben Lehner offered his assistance in seeking out grants.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

If you are disabled and have accessibility needs or need information interpreted for you, please call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at 262-636-9453 at least 48 hours prior to this meeting.