



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

*Chairman Robert Hayes, Alderman Aron Wisneski, Alderman Terry McCarthy, Kelli Stein,  
Darryl Carter, Joey LeGath, Gaynell Dyess, Michael Frontier, Debbi Embry, Amanda  
DeSonia, Pamala Handrow*

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Wednesday, April 15, 2009

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

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### Call to Order

*Vice-chairman McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.*

**PRESENT:** 6 - Kelli Stein, Joey LeGath, Amanda DeSonia, Pamala Handrow, Aron Wisneski and Terry McCarthy

**ABSENT:** 2 - Robert Hayes and Michael Frontier

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Darryl Carter, Gaynell Dyess and Debbi Embry

*Staff present: Jack Schumann, Cathy Petrouske*

*Excused: Donnie Snow, Tom Molbeck*

*Guests: Mayor Friedel, Jim Rooney, Nicole Loop, Ald. Coe, Joe Hrouda, Tina Hrouda, Ald. Holding, Dan Byers, Gretchen Berthiaume and family, Dave Blank*

### Approval of Minutes for March 11, 2009 Meeting

*Handrow moved and it was seconded by Wisneski to approve the minutes  
to Approve the Minutes*

### Public Input

*No Public Input*

### Director's Report

*Schumann said there was a correction to #3 of the Director's Report. The CDBG request for \$38,841 for installation of ADA play equipment and access ramp at Lockwood should be \$57,388.*

*Wisneski moved and it was seconded by LeGath to receive and file the Director's Report. Passed unan.*

**The Report was Received and Filed**

### Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

*Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Handrow to receive and file the Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners. Passed unan.*

**The Report was Received and Filed**

Zoological Society Report

*Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Stein to receive and file the Zoological Society Report. Passed unan.*

**The Report was Received and Filed**

[09-3398](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Mayor Thomas Friedel requesting a meeting with the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to discuss golf course surcharge fees/expenditures.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 4-15-09:** That the request be approved.

**Fiscal note:** N/A

*Mayor Friedel appeared and explained that this surcharge will be used for improvements at the golf courses. This is a mandatory charge for the golfers and it is the responsibility of the contractor to keep track of the fees.*

*Motion made by Wisneski and seconded by DeSonia to approve. Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[09-3275](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Joseph Hrouda requesting to renew the Boat Launch and Concession contract for three years with a two year option.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 3-09-09:** That the item be deferred for two weeks as it needs to go before Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 3-11-09:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 3-23-09:** That the item be deferred for two weeks as an agreement is being worked out.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Services on 4-15-09:** That the request be denied and recommend approval of a one-year contract and if the contract does not come into being that the City explore other options including going back to negotiations.

**Fiscal note:** To be determined

*Discussion was held regarding the Boat Launch and Concession contract with a number of people present as follow:*

*Jim Rooney - said he had met with Donnie Snow and City Attorney after the last Board meeting. The City should look at the financials.*

*Nicole Loop (Asst. City Attorney) - said that Administration would like a shorter term agreement and has offered a one year contract with a \$4,000. payment to the City.*

*Mayor Friedel - said that the City has not been able to negotiate a contract and would like to go in a different direction.*

*Ald. Coe - said that with Mr. Hrouda has been doing this for over 20 years and employs 6 - 8 people. The City would have to pay to keep the bathrooms clean.*

*Equipment would need to be replaced if this contractor is not retained.*

*Tina Hrouda - If the fish cleaning station clogs who will take care of it until the next employee arrives?*

*Wisneski - fees should be collected by the City and a payment made to the contractor.*

*LeGath - it sounds like this is going to cost the City more money.*

*Ald. Coe spoke with Mr. Hrouda at this time and Mr. Hrouda said he would agree to a two year contract with a one year option and then further negotiation.*

*Handrow moved and it was seconded by Wisneski to deny the request and recommend approval of a one-year contract and if the contract does not come into being that the City explore other options including going back to negotiations.*

*Ayes: 4 (Wisneski, DeSonia, Handrow, Stein) No's: 1 (LeGath). Passed.*

*Schumann said that bids went out for this contract 5 years ago and no one else bid.*

**Recommended For Denial**

[09-3413](#)

**Subject: Direct Referral:** Communication from Gretchen Berthiaume wishing to discuss accommodations that could be made to improve beach access for those with limited mobility.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 4-15-09: defer**

*DeSonia said she had been in contact with Gretchen Berthiaume and would like to see a way for people with accessibility problems to be able to have access to the beach and gave some suggestions including portable beach mats. Gretchen Berthiaume and her family appeared and explained some of the issues they have to deal with and said that it is almost impossible to have accessibility to the beach and would appreciate anything that could be done.*

*Wisneski suggested the possibility of CDBG funding for this request.*

*Motion made by Wisneski and seconded by Handrow to defer and staff come back by the June meeting to report if CDBG money is available or with other options. Passed unan.*

**Deferred**

[09-3299](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the President of 4th Fest of Greater Racine requesting permission to use city right-of-way for the 4th of July parade and permission to use North Beach for the fireworks.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 3-31-09:** Permission be granted to Fourth Fest of Greater Racine, Inc. to close certain city streets on Saturday, July 4, 2009, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., to hold the 2009 Independence Day Parade.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer be authorized and directed to communicate with the U. S. Coast Guard requesting permission to close the Main Street Bridge to boat traffic on Saturday, July 4, 2009, from 7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and both the Main Street and State Street Bridges on Saturday, July 4, 2009, from 9:05 p.m. to 10:40 p.m., for the Fourth Fest activities.

Further recommends that in the interest of public safety, the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer and Chief of Police be authorized and directed to close Goold Street, Yout Street, English Street, High Street, St. Patrick Street, Kewaunee Street, and Barker Street, from Main Street to Michigan Boulevard; Michigan Boulevard, from Goold Street to Hamilton Street; Chatham Street, from north of Yout Street to Hamilton Street; and Hoffert Drive, on Saturday, July 4, 2009, between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, July 5, 2009, to provide for a Municipal Band Concert, to be held at North Beach Gazebo, and the fireworks display, as part of the Independence Day festivities.

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:** Since the City is a co-sponsor of the event, there are no stipulations.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 4-15-09:** that the request be approved.

**Fiscal note:** No cost to the City

*Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Stein to approve. Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[09-3366](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Tc3Telecom.neT requesting to expand wireless coverage from North Beach, Reef Point Harbor area, the Root River in the area of Pugh's Marina, the area around Festival Hall, through Pershing Park to Samuel Myers Park.

**(Also refer to the Civic Centre Commission.)**

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 4-15-09:** that the request be approved.

**Fiscal note:** No cost to the City

*Dan Byers appeared and handed out maps regarding the wireless expansion. He showed examples of equipment that would be used. Ald. Holding appeared in support of the expansion.*

*Handrow moved and it was seconded by LeGath to approve the request. Further move to refer request to install wireless at additional site: Reef Point Harbor, the Root River in the area of Pugh Marina, the area around Festival Hall to respective committees. Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[09-3392](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Relay Director of the Madison-Chicago 200 Relay requesting the use of the parking lots at North Beach Park from 3:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on June 13, 2009.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 4-15-09:** that the request be approved.

**Fiscal note:** \$150.00 revenue to the City

*Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Stein to approve. Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[09-3396](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Racine County Convention and Visitors Center, in conjunction with The Promotion Company, requesting the use of Lakefront Lot No. 4 lot/Festival Hall lot, Lakefront Lot No. 5 and the Library Public parking lot on June 7, 2009 for the Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour.

(Also refer to Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services)

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 4-15-09:** that the request be approved.

**Fiscal note:** N/A

*Dave Blank appeared and said this event is the same as the last event two years ago. The event probably will not come back to Racine for a while as they travel around to different cities.*

*Motion made by Wisneski and seconded by DeSonia to approve with the following stipulations:*

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

*Further recommend that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services provide limited assistance in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.*

**Recommended For Approval**

Miscellaneous

*An invitation to the Arbor Day Tree Planting was extended to the Board.*

**Adjournment**

*There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.*

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