



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

Christina Mueller
Alderman Jason Meekma
Keith Hemmig
Roy Carter
Melissa Kaprelian-Becker
Amy Schaal
Kristen Kaprelian
Malik Frazier
Christopher Bogan
Alderman Mary Land

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m.

Staff present: Mike Willis, Becky Spika

Guests present: Beth Heidorn, Executive Director Racine Zoo; Kelly Kruse, Executive Director Downtown Racine Corporation

PRESENT: 6 - Jason Meekma, Roy Carter, Amy Schaal, Kristen Kaprelian, Malik Frazier and Mary Land

ABSENT: 2 - Christina Mueller and Christopher Bogan

EXCUSED: 2 - Keith Hemmig and Melissa Kaprelian-Becker

Approval of Minutes for the October 11, 2017 Meeting

A motion was made by Schaal, seconded by Carter, to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

Public Input

There was no Public Input.

[1076-17](#)

Subject: Zoological Report

Attachments: [Zoological Report November 2017](#)

Beth Heidorn, Executive Director Racine Zoo, spoke on the report.

A motion was made by Schaal, seconded by Alderman Meekma, that this report be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

[999-17](#)

Subject: Director's Report

Attachments: [Director's Report October 2017](#)

A motion was made by Schaal, seconded by Alderman Meekma, that this report be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

[1075-17](#)

Subject: Director's Report

Attachments: [Director's Report November 2017](#)

Mike Willis, City of Racine Park Superintendent, spoke on the report.

A motion was made by Schaal, seconded by Kaprelian, that this report be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

Approval of Minutes for the October 16, 2017 Meeting of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

A motion was made by Schaal and seconded by Alderman Meekma to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

[1034-16](#)

Subject: Communication from Melissa Kaprelian-Becker and Nancy Carlson, 5th District residents, requesting tick awareness signs at the beach and other highly infested and popular parks.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 12/14/16: Defer

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 11/8/17: That this item be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Tick Awareness Signs Request](#)

City of Racine Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services staff requests a new communication be submitted by the residents of the 5th and 6th Districts should they wish to pursue the placement of tick awareness signs.

A motion was made by Kaprelian, seconded by Alderman Land, that this item be Received and Filed.

[842-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Aldermen from the 5th and 6th Districts on August 24, 2017 requesting the development and implementation of a formal policy for citizen donations of park benches to parks and other public spaces.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on September 13, 2017: To Receive and File the communication from the Aldermen from the 5th and 6th Districts on August 24, 2017 requesting the development and implementation of a formal policy for citizen donations of park benches to parks and other public spaces.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on October 11, 2017: To defer the communication pending a proposal by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on November 8, 2017: To defer the communication pending a proposal by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Fiscal Note: NA

Attachments: [Smetana_Weidner_ParkBenchDonationPolicy](#)

Mike Willis reported that staff were unable to prepare a proposal due to time constraints imposed by 2018 Budget preparation.

A motion was made by Alderman Meekma, seconded by Kaprelian, that this item be Deferred. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

[1071-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Kelly Kruse, Executive Director Downtown Racine Corporation, on October 25, 2017, requesting use of Monument Square on Saturdays, 2-4 p.m., from June 2 through August 25, 2018 for Saturday Sounds on the Square.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on November 8, 2017: To approve the communication from Kelly Kruse, requesting use of Monument Square on Saturdays, 2-5 p.m., from June 23 - September 1, 2018 for Saturday Sounds on the Square.

Kelly Kruse requested use of Monument Square from 2-5 p.m. on Saturdays, June 23-September 1, 2018, to implement Saturday Sounds on the Square. The program will offer a variety of musical entertainers and lawn games to attract families downtown. The DRC will accommodate any large events that need use of Monument Square and will work with PRCS staff on garbage collection.

A motion was made by Alderman Meekma, seconded by Alderman Land, that this item be Approved. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Kaprelian adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

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