



# City of Racine

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

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Wednesday, July 13, 2011

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

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### Call To Order

*Vice Chairman McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM.*

*Present: Ald. Terry McCarthy, Ald. Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, Pamala Handrow, Ken Lumpkin, Mike Frontier, Joey LeGath, Kristen Kaprelian, Amy Schaal*

*Staff present: Donnie Snow, Tom Molbeck, Sherri Ruud*

*Guests: Jay Christie, Melissa Warner, Dr. Julie Kinzelman, Dottie-Kay Bowersox, Tom Rudey, Lisa Cohan, Charlie Manning, Cari Hush, Pastor Bobby Vinson, Carl Vinson, Regina Barry, John Berger, Stacia Slaughter, Nancy Anderson and Robbie Robinson.*

### Approval of Minutes for the June 8, 2011 Meeting

*Handrow moved, and it was seconded by Kaprelian, to approve the Minutes. Passed unan.*

**to Approve the Minutes**

### Public Input

*No Public Input*

### Director's Report

*The report was distributed.*

*Director Snow advised that Jack Schumann retired on June 23 after 38 years of service.*

*A Request for Proposal has been issued for Concession Services at the North Beach Bathhouse. The current concession contract ends on December 31, 2011.*

*The City of Racine Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services is now on Facebook.*

*The Lockwood Tennis Courts are expected to be resurfaced next week, provided there is no rain. Two of the courts will be laid out using the Quick Start Tennis format to allow youth ages 10 and under an opportunity to gain confidence and stay in the game of tennis. These will be the only two courts in SE Wisconsin using the Quick Start format. The WIAA has approved the Quick Start layout.*

**The Report was Received and Filed**

### Minutes of the June 27, 2011 Board of Cemetery Commissioners

*Handrow moved, and it was seconded by Kaprelian, to receive and file the minutes of the Cemetery Commission for June, 2011. Passed unan.*

**The Report was Received and Filed**

### Zoological Society Report

*Jay Christie appeared and distributed the report. There are many events coming up at the Zoo, most notably:*

- August 21: 16th Annual Classic Car and Bike Show
- September 10: Zoo Debut

*Handrow moved, and it was seconded by Kaprelian, to receive and file the Zoological Society Report for July, 2011. Passed unan.*

**The Report was Received and Filed**

### WeedOut! Invasive Species Presentation

*Melissa Warner of WeedOut! appeared and gave an engaging presentation on invasive species and how they affect parkland, recreational activities, environmental and wildlife habitat. WeedOut! has been concentrating its efforts on containing invasive plants in Colonial and Maple Grove Parks.*

[11-6675](#)

**Subject:** [Direct Referral] Myers Beach Water Quality

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 7-13-11:** That Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services pursue discontinuing the designation of the Samuel Myers and Carre-Hogle beaches as official bathing beaches.

**Further recommend referral to the Public Works and Services Committee for proper signage from the water side.**

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Dr. Julie Kinzelman of the Racine Health Department appeared and spoke on water quality at both Samuel Myers Park and Carre-Hogle Park. Both have been designated public bathing beaches by the DNR in 2002/2003.*

*Samuel Myers Park historically has experienced poor water quality despite cleanup by Parks, the Rotary, and other volunteer organizations, due to lower lake levels and a lack of water circulation, due in part to a Public Works project to control erosion of Main Street by constructing the breakwater.*

*In 2010 at Carre-Hogle Park, 44 days or 45% would have been water advisory days had this been a designated beach for swimming.*

*There are signs posted facing land that both areas not designated as public use for bathing. It was requested that perhaps signs could be posted on the breakwater*

*facing the water to alert boaters that the areas are not designated for bathing/swimming.*

*A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Handrow, that Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services pursue discontinuing the designation of the Samuel Myers and Carre-Hogle beaches as official bathing beaches.*

*Further recommend referral to the Public Works and Services Committee for proper signage from the water side.*

*Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

11-6539

**Subject:** Communication from Anchor Fitness requesting permission to use city right-of-way for their First Annual Marina Mayhem 5K/10K Challenge event on Sunday, September 25, 2011. (Res. 11-2636)

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-28-11:** Anchor Fitness be granted permission to close the Main Street Bridge to boat traffic for the First Annual Marina Mayhem 5K/10K Challenge, to be held on Sunday, September 25, 2011, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed.
- 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.

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 7-13-11:** To approve the Communication from Anchor Fitness requesting permission to use city pathways through various parks and public areas their First Annual Marina Mayhem 5K/10K Challenge event on Sunday, September 25, 2011. (Res. 11-2636).

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;
- D. That access to the pathways for general public use are available at all times.

Further recommends that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services and the 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.

*Tom Rudey and Lisa Cohan appeared. Tom Rudey explained Anchor Fitness is interested in offering a 5K and 10K Challenge entitled "Marina Mayhem" at North Beach on September 25, 2011. In addition to a normal 5K and 10K run, there will be various challenges for the participants to complete. Anchor Fitness would need the areas starting at 6:00 AM through 11:00 AM on September 25, 2011, and are not requesting exclusivity in any area. There will also be police presence, and traffic direction as well.*

*A motion was made by LeGath, seconded by Frontier, to approve the Communication from Anchor Fitness requesting permission to use city pathways through various parks and public areas their First Annual Marina Mayhem 5K/10K Challenge event on Sunday, September 25, 2011. (Res. 11-2636).*

*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;
- D. That access to the pathways for general public use are available at all times.

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

*Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[11-6560](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Chicago Cubs Charities requesting permission for a bike ride to pass through the City of Racine to benefit community work on August 27, 2011. (Res. 11-2637)

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-28-11:** That Chicago Cubs Charities be granted permission to use City right-of-way on Saturday, August 27, 2011, for the "Wrigley Field Road Tour...100 Miles to Go" bike ride, with the stipulation that the participants will abide by all traffic regulations.

Further recommends that the sponsor be granted permission to post directional signage during the event provided that they do not interfere with regulatory signage, do not damage City property, and are removed immediately following the event.

Further recommends that the Chief of Police provide assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

**Fiscal Note:** The persons participating in this event will utilize City right-of-way and must be in conformance with all traffic regulations; therefore, there is no need for a hold harmless agreement or insurance. There will be a nominal cost incurred on a regular shift basis to provide limited assistance to implement this event.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 7-13-11:** To Receive and File the request, as this item has already been approved by the Common Council.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Director Snow advised it was not clear what Racine Parks the Chicago Cubs Charities would be passing through based on what had been supplied. In addition, this item has already been approved by the Public Works and Services Committee, and Council.*

*A motion was made by Kaprelian, seconded by Kaprelian-Becker, to Receive and File the request, as this item has already been approved by the Common Council.*

*Passed unan.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

[11-6586](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Greater Racine Kennel Club, Inc. (GRKC) requesting the use of the parking area along Pershing Park Drive during the All Breed Dog Show on August 14-15, 2011.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-28-11:** That the communication be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 7-13-11:** To approve the Communication from the Greater Racine Kennel Club, Inc. (GRKC) requesting the use of the parking area along Pershing Park Drive during the All Breed Dog Show on August 14-15, 2011.

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;

Further recommends that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services and the 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.

*Director Snow advised Staff has worked with this group in the past and have had good cooperation.*

*A motion was made by LeGath, seconded by Handrow, to approve the Communication from the Greater Racine Kennel Club, Inc. (GRKC) requesting the use of the parking area along Pershing Park Drive during the All Breed Dog Show on August 14-15, 2011.*

*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;

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

*Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[11-6358](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Sea Scouts, B.S.A., requesting permission for overnight use of the Rooney Pugh Recreation area for a council wide camporee starting Friday, August 19, 2011 and ending Sunday, August 21, 2011.

**Recommendation of the Harbor Commission on 05-16-11:**

Approve the request by the Sea Scouts for overnight use of the Rooney Pugh Recreational area August 19 - 21, 2011.

**Further Recommend, the item be referred to Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services and Transit and Parking**

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on**

**06-29-11:** Receive and file.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 7-13-11:** To approve the Communication from the Southeast Wisconsin Boy Scouts of America, requesting permission for overnight use of the Rooney Pugh Recreation area for a council wide camporee on August 20, 2011.

**Note:** The use of the docks requested are not the City's jurisdiction, they are Racine County's jurisdiction.

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

*Charlie Manning and Cari Hush appeared and spoke regarding their Camporee event. Mr. Manning indicated they are interested in using the north municipal docks overnight for some boats that will be docked there. They will be using the Rooney Pugh Recreational area on August 20.*

*Director Snow advised that the docks were not the City's jurisdiction, they are Racine County's jurisdiction; therefore, the Board could not approve the use of the docks.*

*A motion was made by LeGath, seconded by Schaal, to approve the Communication from the Southeast Wisconsin Boy Scouts of America. requesting permission for overnight use of the Rooney Pugh Recreation area for a council wide camporee on August 20, 2011.*

*Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[11-6468](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Glorious Light Church God the Living God, 2421 Superior Street, requesting permission to use Hamilton Park and to close Mead Street, from 17th Street to 18th Street, for their 4th annual Cry for Mercy event on Saturday, August 27, 2011.

**Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee**

**on 6-14-11:** That Glorious Light Church God the Living God be granted permission to close Mead Street from 17th Street to 18th Street, on Saturday, August 27, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., for their 4th annual Cry for Mercy event.

Further recommends that permission be granted with the following stipulations:

A. A hold harmless agreement be executed.

- 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. 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 7-13-11:** To approve the Communication from the Glorious Light Church God the Living God, 2421 Superior Street, requesting permission to use Hamilton Park for their 4th annual Cry for Mercy event on Saturday, August 27, 2011.

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;

Further recommends that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services and the 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.

*Pastor Bobby Vinson, Carl Vinson, and Regina Barry appeared. Pastor Vinson advised that the annual Cry for Mercy event's mission is to empower young people and inspire the community. This is the fourth year for their event; past events have been held at Roosevelt School, the Chavez Community Center, and North Beach. They would like to hold this year's event at Hamilton Park.*

*A motion was made by Handrow, seconded by Kaprelian, to approve the Communication from the Glorious Light Church God the Living God, 2421 Superior Street, requesting permission to use Hamilton Park for their 4th annual Cry for Mercy event on Saturday, August 27, 2011.*

*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;

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

*Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

11-6631

**Subject:** Communication from President of the Common Council requesting the City accept a picnic table with benches to be placed at an appropriate place along the Root River, on behalf of Sierra Club in honor of Bob Gericke.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 7-13-11:** To approve the Communication from President of the Common Council requesting the City accept a picnic table with benches to be placed at an appropriate place along the Root River, on behalf of the Sierra Club in honor of Bob Gericke.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*John Berger of the Sierra Club appeared. He and Bob Gericke were friends, and hiked and canoed all over the world. Mr. Berger indicated Bob Gerike would be pleased to be memorialized with a table and benches at the REC Center. The table would have a brass plate with an inscription on it.*

*A motion was made by Kaprelian, seconded by Handrow, to approve the Communication from President of the Common Council requesting the City accept a picnic table with benches to be placed at an appropriate place along the Root River, on behalf of the Sierra Club in honor of Bob Gericke.*

*Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

11-6472

**Subject:** Communication from Stacia D. Slaughter regarding placement of a memorial plaque at Island Park.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 7-13-11:** To approve the Communication from Stacia D. Slaughter regarding placement of a memorial plaque at Island Park.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Stacia Slaughter appeared. Ms. Slaughter is interested in placing a memorial for Elaine Booker on the backstop at Island North, similar to the one at the Humble NW*

*diamond. The plaque would be affixed at a high level.*

*A motion was made by Schaal, seconded by Handrow, to approve the Communication from Stacia D. Slaughter regarding placement of a memorial plaque at Island Park.*

*Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[11-6540](#)

**Subject:** Communication from David Stalker regarding placing a monument at Horlick Field.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 7-13-11:** To defer to the next meeting.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*A motion was made by Handrow, seconded by Kaprelian, to defer to the next meeting.*

*Passed unan.*

**Deferred**

[11-6596](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Lynn Tracy regarding a proposed Dog Beach.

**Recommendation of the Board of Health on 07-12-11:** That this item be deferred until September.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 7-13-11:** To defer to the September meeting.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Lynn Tracy & Ald. Weidner appeared. Ms. Tracy has lived in Racine for over 50 years, and has been involved with dogs for over 40 years. She operates a home-based dog training business. She is proposing a dog beach north of the Zoo Beach, where dog owners could purchase an annual permit for the use of the dog park. The dogs would need to be current on their vaccinations, and also possess a current dog license.*

*The Board of Health has deferred this item until their September meeting in order to gather more information.*

*It was noted that the City owns a dog park on Highway 38 with water access. There is also a new dog park at Quarry Lake Park; however, there is no water access at that park.*

*A motion was made by Frontier, seconded by Handrow, to defer to the September*

*meeting.*

*Passed unan.*

*Mike Frontier was excused at 6:45 PM.*

**Deferred**

[11-6149](#)

**Subject:** [ Direct Referral ] City of Racine Park and Open Space Plan Update

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 3-9-11:** Defer

**Fiscal note:** N/A

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 4-13-11:** Defer

**Fiscal note:** N/A

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 6-9-11:** Defer

**Fiscal note:** N/A

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 7-13-11:** Defer

**Fiscal note:** N/A

*Nancy Anderson and Robbie Robinson from SEWRPC appeared. Ms. Anderson presented a preliminary draft of Chapters 4 & 5 of the Park and Open Space Plan for the City of Racine.*

*Chapter 6, which is a summary of Chapters 1-5, was also distributed.*

*Ken Lumpkin was excused at 6:50 PM.*

*Ms. Anderson advised the PRCS Board can change any of the recommendations made by SEWRPC to fit the needs of the community; the recommendations are a guideline only. It is also recommended that an informational meeting be held before the September Board meeting to present the recommendations to the public.*

*Ald. McCarthy recommended in order to meet the September meeting schedule, the Board meet again to discuss this item and fine tune their recommendations.*

*A motion was made by Kaprelian, seconded by Handrow, to defer to the next meeting.*

*Passed unan.*

**Deferred**

### **Adjournment**

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.*

**Next Meeting: August 10, 2011**

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