



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*

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

PRESENT: 8 - Kelli Stein, Darryl Carter, Joey LeGath, Amanda DeSonia, Pamala Handrow, Gaynell Dyess, Terry McCarthy and Michael Frontier

EXCUSED: 3 - Aron Wisneski, Robert Hayes and Debbi Embry

Staff present: Donnie Snow, Jack Schumann, Tom Molbeck, Cathy Petrouske

Guests: Frank Hechimovich, Steven Turkowski, Pauline Mitchell, Sheila Egerson

Approval of Minutes for June 10, 2009 Meeting

Dyess moved and it was seconded by Handrow to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2009 meeting. Passed unan.

to Approve the Minutes

Public Input

Frank Hechimovich appeared and presented signatures in objection to a woman who signed up and is playing on the Men's 16" Softball League. Further he said that this has been a men's league for about the past 50 years and the department does offer co-ed leagues. Molbeck said the woman has played for two years. Molbeck said there is no 16" Women's League. Snow said that staff did try to make provisions for that person and suggested that she remain on the team and that staff look at the situation for next season. Carter said that for the record, he does not think this is a problem.

Steven Turkowski appeared and requested that the Sunday morning tavern league be allowed to enter the City Tournament. Snow said staff will look into the situation and report back.

Director's Report

Snow corrected # 1 of the report - the amount received from the Racine Community Foundation was \$30,000. not \$33,000. as stated. Also the building of the ADA playground at Lockwood Park will now take place August 15 and 16.

Snow said that a group of 30 youth are now working to remove invasive species through a work program.

Schumann said that playground equipment for Pierce Woods Park had been kicked out of the budget but staff would like to replace the equipment. Staff has a regular schedule for replacement.

Dyess moved and it was seconded by Stein to receive and file the report. Passed unan.

The Report was Received and Filed

Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Snow invited the Board to stop by the Cemetery and see the work on the new Crypt and Fountain project.

Dyess moved and it was seconded by Handrow to receive and file the minutes. Passed unan.

The Report was Received and Filed

Zoological Society Report

Snow noted that this evening was the first night of Animal Crackers.

Staff will ask Jay Christie to attend a future meeting of the Board.

Frontier moved and it was seconded by Dyess to receive and file written report. Passed unan.

The Report was Received and Filed

09-3749

Subject: Communication from Professional Women's Network for Service, Inc. requesting approval and assistance in site development in the area surrounding the Underground Railroad/Maritime Memorial at Gaslight Point.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-8-09: that the request be approved.

Fiscal note: Minimal cost to the city to implement in the interest of public safety.

Pauline Mitchell and Sheila Egerson appeared and presented plans for development around Gaslight Pointe surrounding the Underground Railroad/Maritime Memorial. Ms. Mitchell gave a brief history of the Joshua Glover story.

Dyess moved and it was seconded by Handrow to approve. Passed unan.

Recommended For Approval

Written Report: "Pier 29 Water Sport Rentals" - Brett Kaydo

No written report.

Molbeck said that Pier 29 has had some issues with their insurance which they are working on and therefore are not launching from the beach.

Miscellaneous

Carter said that he sees a lot of "bricks and mortar" in the Director's Report but not much about kids. McCarthy said the Board should watch for the budget process and they will see the process of how money is spent. Snow said staff could present the budget to the Board.

Discussion was held regarding what information the Board would like regarding attendance at the Community Centers. It was suggested that individual Board members could review the numbers from a particular center.

Handrow suggested holding the Board meetings at the Community Centers occasionally and/or take a tour.

LeGath commented that he felt the community centers are extremely important and a Hispanic Center would be important as well.

McCarthy said it is time to start thinking about ice rinks. Snow said that volunteer efforts would be good as well as working with staff and coordinating with the Fire Department.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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