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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

*Chairman Robert Hayes, Alderman Aron Wisneski
Alderman Terry McCarthy, Daryl Carter, Joey LeGath
Michael Frontier, Amanda DeSonia
Pamala Handrow, Ken Lumpkin*

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

5:15 PM

Cesar Chavez Community Center
2221 Douglas Avenue

Call To Order

Chairman Hayes called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM

Staff Present: Donnie Snow, Tom Molbeck, Ray Hammermann, Sherri Ruud

PRESENT: 8 - Daryl Carter, Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow, Aron Wisneski, Robert Hayes, Terry McCarthy, Michael Frontier and Ken Lumpkin

EXCUSED: 1 - Amanda DeSonia

Approval of Minutes for the September 8, 2010 Meeting

A motion was made by Vice Chair Terry McCarthy, seconded by Michael Frontier, to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Public Input

Jeff Schultz, 1707 Shoop Street, appeared before the Board and inquired about the resurfacing of the Lockwood Tennis Courts. Mr. Schultz distributed a copy of an April, 2010 email exchange between himself and Director Snow. It was Mr. Schultz's understanding that funding was available, but the courts had not been resurfaced yet.

Director Snow advised that this could perhaps be a future agenda item. He indicated the resurfacing method would be the same as the one used in Beaver Dam. After the manufacturer of the resurfacing product looked at the Lockwood tennis courts, they felt the product would not adhere to the flaking surface of the courts and would not guarantee the product. The manufacturer is in the process of looking at other alternatives. Director Snow stated he wants to make sure the correct product is used on the courts before any more monies are spent, and advised that the courts are still playable, just not color coded.

Ken Lumpkin requested this item appear on the next Board meeting.

Director's Report

Director's Reports for October and November were distributed. Director Snow advised staff has been involved in the Mayor's Park PRIDE advisory committee.

The Mayor held a press conference today regarding the EXCEL after school tutoring and enrichment program being held at the Dr. John Bryant, Dr. M.L. King, and

Tyler-Domer Community Centers, which was funded by a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Education.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Terry McCarthy, seconded by Michael Frontier, to Receive and File the Reports. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Zoological Society Report

Zoological Society Reports for the Months of October and November were distributed.

A motion was made by Aron Wisneski, seconded by Pamala Handrow, to Receive and File the reports. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Minutes for the September 20, 2010 and October 18, 2010 Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Minutes of the September 20, 2010, October 18, 2010, and November 15, 2010 Board of Cemetery Commissioners were distributed.

A motion was made by Aron Wisneski, seconded by Vice Chair Terry McCarthy, to Receive and File the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

10-5258

Subject: Communication from Claudius A. Adebayo of OIC requesting the City donate or sell at a nominal fee, the parcel of land located at 2138 N. Wisconsin Street (parcel no. 04754000).

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-14-10: To defer this item, and invite the Director of the Zoo to appear at the next meeting to express their interest in the parcel.

Fiscal note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 8-18-10: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 9-8-10: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 11-17-10: To approve the OIC's request that the City donate or sell at a nominal fee, the parcel of land located at 2138 N. Wisconsin Street (parcel no. 04754000), contingent upon the OIC

receiving their grant to build homes on the property, and, further, receiving approval from the Zoological Society Board.

Fiscal note: To be determined

Claudius Adebayo of OIC and Jay Christie of the Racine Zoo appeared. Both indicated they have met and discussed compromises regarding the property; however, they advised Mr. Adebayo has not yet appeared before the Zoological Society Board.

Terry McCarthy moved, and it was seconded by Aron Wisneski, to Defer until Mr. Adebayo appeared before the Zoological Society Board.

Discussion followed regarding Zoo parking versus building homes on the property.

A Roll Call Vote was taken to Defer:

<i>Carter:</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Lumpkin:</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Handrow:</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>LeGath:</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Frontier:</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Wisneski:</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>McCarthy:</i>	<i>No</i>

Motion to Defer failed.

More discussion followed. Mr. Adebayo advised one home per year would be built on the parcel, and the rest of the parcel would be available for parking until all homes were built. He also advised he would be willing to enter into a legal agreement with the Zoo to make the 500 Walton Street property's parking lot available for Zoo parking.

A motion was made by Michael Frontier, seconded by Daryl Carter, to Recommend for Approval the OIC's request that the City donate or sell at a nominal fee, the parcel of land located at 2138 N. Wisconsin Street (parcel no. 04754000), contingent upon the OIC receiving their grant to build homes on the property, and, further, receiving approval from the Zoological Society Board. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 7 - Daryl Carter, Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow, Aron Wisneski, Terry McCarthy, Michael Frontier and Ken Lumpkin

EXCUSED: 1 - Amanda DeSonia

NON VOTING: 1 - Robert Hayes

10-5485

Subject: Communication from Annmarie G. Klyzub requesting a ban on smoking in City parks.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural

Services 9-8-10: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 11-17-10: To defer to the next meeting, and further requests that Staff work with the City Attorney to bring ideas back to the Board at the next meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A.

Director Snow provided a handout outlining other municipalities smoking policies. He advised City of Racine parks are multi-use parks, not youth only facilities.

The Board desires that Staff work with the City Attorney to bring ideas back to the Board.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Terry McCarthy, seconded by Joey LeGath, that this be Deferred, and further requests that Staff work with the City Attorney to bring ideas back to the Board at the next meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[10-5501](#)

Subject: Communication from Ald. David L. Maack regarding Senior Center Parking only during designated times at Lakeview.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 9-8-10: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 11-17-10: To Receive and File the Communication.

Fiscal note: N/A.

Mike Frontier left the meeting

Dick Hinsman, representing Friends of Seniors, appeared before the Board. He advised that there are many seniors who use walkers that would have to walk a considerable distance if the Lakeview Parking lot was full. They are requesting the Lakeview parking lot have signage added to designate senior parking only during particular times of the day, and also an ordinance be passed to allow the police to cite anyone who is not a senior who parks in that lot during the designated times.

Director Snow advised the current City Attorney, and the former City Attorney, both advised this is not possible. The City has provided additional handicapped parking to accommodate the seniors.

A motion was made by Ken Lumpkin, seconded by Joey LeGath, that this be Recommended to be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

10-5551

Subject: Communication from the President of the Racine Raiders Football Club requesting to exercise the Raider's option for a three year renewal of the Horlick Field concession stand contract.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 11-17-10: To approve the request of the Racine Raider's Football Club to exercise the Raider's option for a three year renewal of the Horlick Field Concession Stand Contract, with the addition of language allowing the carry in of one bottle.

Fiscal Note: Per contract, the Raiders will pay the sum of \$6,000.00 annually.

Director Snow indicated this is a renewal of the existing concession contract that would extend it through 2014. The City has had a good working relationship with the Raiders. There have been concerns in the past regarding the Raiders not allowing carry-ins. The contract states no carry in of malt beverages.

Bob Milkie, President of the Racine Raiders Football Club, appeared before the Board. He indicated teams are allowed to bring in coolers; however, no glass bottles are allowed. Spectators are allowed to bring in one non-glass bottle, no cans. Mr. Milkie advised there had been a problem with one person at the gate not allowing spectators to bring in one bottle; that has been rectified.

A motion was made by Aron Wisneski, seconded by Daryl Carter, that the request by the Racine Raiders Football Club to exercise the Raider's option for a three year renewal of the Horlick Field Concession Stand Contract be Recommended For Approval, with the addition of language allowing the carry in of one bottle. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

10-5707

Subject: Communication from the President of the Racine Raiders Football Club requesting a formal agreement to create a new structure to replace the existing structure that the Raiders currently occupy at Horlick Athletic Field.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 11-17-10: To approve the request of the Racine Raiders Football Club requesting a formal agreement to create a new structure to replace the existing structure that the Raiders currently occupy at Horlick Athletic Field.

Fiscal note: N/A. The Raiders will be responsible for the cost of the proposed structure.

Director Snow advised that the Raiders presently do not have an adequate area at Horlick Field to store their equipment. The proposed structure would be built under the bleachers, with the stipulation that the Raiders maintain insurance.

A motion was made by Aron Wisneski, seconded by Vice Chair Terry McCarthy, that the request from the Racine Raiders Football Club requesting a formal agreement to create a new structure to replace the existing structure that the Raiders currently occupy at Horlick Athletic Field be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

10-5611

Subject: Communication from Richard Christensen, 1831 Neptune Avenue requesting to meet with the appropriate committee to discuss some issues involving Johnson Park Golf Course.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 11-17-10: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A.

Richard Christensen appeared. He advised he is an avid golfer, and feels that Johnson Park is not a friendly golf course, particularly on the weekends. He said he has personally discussed the mandatory foursome and 18 holes of play rules with Scott Schuit. Mr. Christensen would like to have the right to play 9 versus 18 holes of golf on the weekend, and feels you should not have to have a foursome to play at Johnson Park on the weekend. He also checked with other public courses in the area, and none of them have these rules.

Director Snow advised that unfortunately, Scott Schuit was unable to attend tonight's meeting; however, Scott did provide written comments for the Board, and asked that this item be deferred until he could appear before the Board.

A motion was made by Ken Lumpkin, seconded by Vice Chair Terry McCarthy, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

10-5618

Subject: Communication from the Co-Race Director of the Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis Racine 2010 requesting permission to use City right-of-way on Saturday, December 4, 2010.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-12-10: Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis be granted permission to close Island Park Drive from Liberty Street to Rupert Boulevard, Horlick Park Drive from Rupert Boulevard to 12th Street, and Domanik Drive from Spring Street to Jefferson Street for the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis, to be held on Saturday, December 4, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 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.

E. The sponsor shall pay a special event fee of \$300.00.

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.

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

Thomas Rudey, Co-Race Director for the 2010 Racine Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis Race, appeared before the Board and provided a route of the race. This is the 14th annual race in Racine; last year, there were 1,171 participants, which made it the second largest race in Racine County. They expect to have even more runners this year, and Mr. Rudey wanted to thank the Board for their past and continued support.

A motion was made by Aron Wisneski, seconded by Vice Chair Terry McCarthy, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[10-5673](#)

Subject: Communication from Julie Peterson requesting additional plantings in Lakeview Park.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 11-17-10: That the request from Julie Peterson requesting additional plantings in Lakeview Park be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Director Snow provided the Board an overhead visual of the Lakeview Tennis Courts in relation Michigan Boulevard.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Terry McCarthy, seconded by Aron Wisneski, that the request from Julie Peterson requesting additional plantings in Lakeview Park be Recommended to be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Adjournment

Ray Hammermann, Center Supervisor at the Chavez Center, spoke about the many programs the Center provides and thanked the Board for having their meeting at the Center.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 8, City Hall Annex, Room 130

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