



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

Roy Carter
Amy Schaal
Kristen Kaprelian
Malik Frazier
Christopher Bogan
Novella Velasquez
Keith Hemmig
Melissa Abel
Fabi Maldonado

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:14 p.m.

Staff present: Tom Molbeck, Becky Spika, Mike Willis

PRESENT: 7 - Roy Carter, Amy Schaal, Kristen Kaprelian, Christopher Bogan, Novella Velasquez, Keith Hemmig and Melissa Abel

EXCUSED: 2 - Malik Frazier and Fabi Maldonado

Public Input

The following people appeared to speak before the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services:

Ethel Gates

Mark Yehlen

Alderman Mary Land

Alderman Tracey Larrin

Approval of Minutes for the August 8, 2018 Meeting

A motion was made by Hemmig and seconded by Bogan to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

Approval of Minutes for the August 20, 2018 Meeting of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

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

[0928-18](#)

Subject: Zoological Report

Attachments: [Racine Zoological Society Report 9-12-18](#)

Elizabeth Heidorn, Executive Director Racine Zoo, presented highlights from the report.

A motion was made by Schaal and seconded by Hemmig to Receive and File the report. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

[0927-18](#)

Subject: Director's Report

Attachments: [Director's Report 9-12-18](#)

Tom Molbeck, Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, presented highlights from the report.

A motion was made by Schaal and seconded by Hemmig to Receive and File the report. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

[0922-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting permission to name the courtyard area in West Park the "Mark Gates Courtyard".

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on September 12, 2018: To Approve the request to name the courtyard area in West Park the amended name of "Mark D. Gates Courtyard".

Fiscal Note: NA

Attachments: [WestParkNaming_LOR](#)

Molbeck explained that a sub-committee dedicated to Naming Rights would normally be asked to review. Until a full Board of PRCS is appointed, sub-committees will not be formed. In the interim, the Board of PRCS is asked to consider the request and make a decision. Molbeck then spoke to the character of Mark Gates and explained the courtyard development plans at West Park. Schaal indicated her support after having completed research on Mark Gates and a review of the Naming Rights Policy. A request was made to change the name to the "Mark D. Gates Courtyard."

A motion was made by Schaal and seconded by Bogan to Recommend for Approval. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

[0924-18](#)

Subject: Request from the Executive Director of Women's Resource Center requesting permission to host the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" fundraising event on Sunday, October 21, 2018 on the Lake Michigan Pathway at Pershing Park.

Attachments: [Walk a Mile_WRC_Application](#)
[Walk a Mile_WRC_LOR](#)

At the request of the Executive Director of Women's Resource Center this item was withdrawn from consideration. The event has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

A motion was made by Schaal and seconded by Hemmig to Receive and File the Item. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

Memorial Donation Program

Molbeck presented the current draft of the PRCS website Donation Program.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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