



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Aron Wisneski  
Vice Chairman Gregory Holding  
Robert Mozol  
Jim Kaplan  
Melissa Kaprelian-Becker*

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Monday, March 26, 2012

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

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### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 5 - Aron Wisneski, Gregory Holding, Robert Mozol, Jim Kaplan and Melissa Kaprelian-Becker

### Approval of Minutes for the March 12, 2012 Meeting.

*Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on motion of Alderman Holding.*

[12-7461](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Interim Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services requesting formal bidding be waived and the Purchasing Agent be authorized to negotiate with H & K Sports Fields for the renovation of Lincoln Park Baseball diamond.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-26-12:** That formal bidding be waived and the Purchasing Agent be authorized and directed to negotiate with H & K Sports Fields for the renovation of Lincoln Park Baseball diamond.

**Fiscal Note:** Funds are available from account 992.710.502 which should not exceed \$23,750.00.

*Tom Molbeck appeared. He informed committee members this would be for renovation of Lincoln Park Baseball diamond and they have worked with this contractor and are satisfied with the work they perform.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[12-7495](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Interim Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural services requesting authorization of final payment for Contract 22-11 (K1-022) Masonry Restoration at Tyler-Domer Community Center.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-26-12:** That final payment for Contract 22-11 (K1-022) Masonry Restoration at Tyler-Domer Community Center be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** Funds are available in account 991.700.5030.

*Tom Molbeck appeared. He informed the committee this was for Masonary Restoration on the Tyler Domer Center.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[12-7481](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Joe Harris, Agent for Bourbon Street Blues, 1111 Washington Avenue, regarding an incident at the establishment on March 2, 2012.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-26-12:** That the item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Mr. Joe Harris appeared and stated on the night in question they had closed early. He stated that he was in back and cleaning staff was in bar and just never heard any knocking.*

**Received and Filed**

[12-7480](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Keith Fair, Agent for The Place on Sixth, 509 Sixth Street, regarding an incident at the establishment on March 10, 2012.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-26-12:** That the matter of the Place on 6th, 509 Sixth Street be referred to a due process hearing based on the continuous number of police calls, fights and large crowds to determine whether the license should be revoked or suspended.

**Fiscal Note:** Approximate cost \$6,000.

*Mr. Keith Fair appeared regarding an incident on 3-11-12. He stated the incident was not a substantial fight and there were no damages as was stated in the Police Report. Mr. Fair had given names to the officers, but no arrests were made regarding this incident.*

*Mary Osterman, Owner of Copacetic spoke on this item.*

*A motion was made that the matter of the Place on 6th, 509 Sixth Street be referred to a due process hearing based on the continuous number of police calls, fights and large crowds to determine whether the license should be revoked or suspended.*

**Recommended For Approval**

**AYES:** 4 - Gregory Holding, Robert Mozol, Jim Kaplan and Melissa Kaprelian-Becker

NON VOTING: 1 - Aron Wisneski

[12-7482](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Phesal Ckadan, Agent for Twins Food Mart, 1812 Sixteenth Street regarding the sale of alcohol to an underage volunteer.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-26-12:** That the item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Mr. Phesal Ckadan agent for Twins Food Mart 1812 16th Street, Racine. Officer Mahnke stated Mr. Ckadan has always been a reliable part of the community and this was an honest mistake. Mr. Ckadan stated he made the mistake and will do better going forward. There is no signage to remind clerks to ask for ID nor mechanical checks in place for this. ID's are only asked verbally to be checked by the clerks. Alderman Ckadan gave brief instruction to Mr. Daliwal and reminded him of the importance to check ID;s.*

**Received and Filed**

[12-7484](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Harbans Daliwal, Agent for Taylor Mart, 1813 Taylor Avenue regarding the sale of alcohol to an underage volunteer.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-26-12:** That the item be deferred.

*Harbans Daliwal was not able to appear. The applicant should be contacting the Clerks office to reschedule his appearance when he returns to the country.*

**Deferred**

[12-7501](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Chairman wishing to discuss policy/procedure to be used for liquor license applicants who will be leasing the establishment.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-26-12:** That the item be deferred.

**Fiscal Note:**

*Chairman Wisneski raised concerns that licenses were being granted without the building owners knowledge about the intended use of license applicant, and that leases were not in place at the time the license was granted. After a discusion by the committee it was requested that we find out how this is handled in other City deparments/committees and the information be brought to a future meeting.*

**Deferred**

[12-7514](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Reports and DRC

Reports for 3-26-12

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-26-12:** That the item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*The committee requests the appearance of Gerald Bester agent for Gerald's Smoke House at 1501 Washington Ave, Racine for an incident on 3-10-12. They also requested video from any available squads be provided and the related police report.*

**Received and Filed**

[12-7476](#)

**Subject:** Ordinance No. 2-12

To repeal and recreate Sec. 66-1001, repeal and recreate Sec. 66-1002 and create Sec. 66-1004 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Nuisance properties.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 3-12-12:** That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 3-26-12:** That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

*The following people spoke on this item:*

*Jeff Coe*

*Juley Kennedy*

*Dave Bybee*

*Gary Kennedy*

*Joey Legath*

*Gerald Bester*

*A previous committee set up under City Development was referenced by both the speakers and committee members and it was suggested we find the notes for Citizens for a Racine Sustainable Listening Committee from the fall of 2008.*

*It was noted by Mr. Bybee that recent changes in the State Legislature with SP466 and Act 107 and Act 108 have made changes in the landlord/tenant relationship. He felt most landlords would be glad to work with Police in trying to solve nuisance situations.*

*Chairman Wisneski would like the following points noted for the potential ordinance #1 That at least one of the three previous visits to the property included an event which resulted in an action greater than a warning.*

*#2 Should PSL be the appropriate committee to address this.*

*#3 This should not be an ordinance that domestic or child welfare issues rise to the level of a nuisance property.*

*#4 Any letters or warning should be based on business days, not actual days.*

*A question arose from Juley Kennedy whether the existing Phoenix System can be adapted to be used by the property owners to follow up on calls to their property. This was stated as possible during previous discussions.*

*Chairman Wisneski thanked Attorney Weber and the staff from the attorney's office for the copies of ordinances from other municipalities for reference.*

**Deferred**

### **Adjournment**

*Chairman Wisneski adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.*