



City of Racine

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

Chairman Terry McCarthy
Kristen Kaprelian
Amy Schaal
Keith Hemmig
Ben Lehner
Joey LeGath
Krystyna Sarrazin
Christina Mueller

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Kaprelian at 5:14 p.m.

Present: Keith Hemmig, Kristen Kaprelian, Joey LeGath, Ben Lehner, Christina Mueller, Ald. Krystyna Sarrazin & Amy Schaal

Excused: Ald. Terry McCarthy

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck, Mike Willis & Jena Kohlman

PRESENT: 4 - Keith Hemmig, Ben Lehner, Joey LeGath and Christina Mueller

[14-10143](#)

Subject: Approval of the April 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 9, 2014 PRCS Board Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Joey LeGath and seconded by Amy Schaal to approve the meeting minutes. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Public Input

Lesia Hill-Driver spoke in regards to the Performing Arts Program at the Dr. John Bryant Community Center. She is seeking the board member's skills and abilities to aid in the program's success. Hill-Driver asked for help looking for grants to support the program and/or any other type of assistance the members may be able to provide.

John Siegert spoke in regards to the KR Bike Club Advocacy Committee's community project and their goal to make Racine a bike friendly community. A master bicycle plan would be one of the requirements in becoming a bike friendly community. They are targeting to raise \$60k to aid this project and have raised between \$20-\$30k thus far. Siegert is optimistic they will reach their goal.

[14-10142](#)

Subject: Director's Report

Attachments: [Director's Report May](#)

Molbeck highlighted several items on the report including the construction of the boat launch. All lanes are being repaved. It is expected to have the repaving completed at the end of June. A minimum of 2 lanes will remain open throughout the construction process. The dredging phase of the project will not occur until this fall. An extension of the grant was requested by the Engineering Department.

Molbeck notified the members of some of the new programs expected this summer which include youth soccer and youth flag football.

Arbor Day Ceremony took place at the end of April at Myers Park. 32 ash trees were removed and 26 new trees were planted at the park.

A rededication ceremony for Myer's Park will take place on May 19 at 1:00 p.m.

PRCS will be having Kids to the Park Day at Lakeview Park on May 17 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Several activities are planned including the creation of a wall mural for the Dr. John Bryant Community Center.

A motion was made by Amy Schaal and seconded by Joey LeGath to received and file the report. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

[14-10144](#)

Subject: Approval of the Cemetery Commissioner's April 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes Apr 21, 2014](#)

A motion was made by Keith Hemmig and seconded by Amy Schaal to approve the meeting minutes. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

[14-10145](#)

Subject: Zoological Report

Attachments: [Zoological Report May 2014](#)

Jay Christie highlighted a few items on the report including the array of baby animals expected to arrive this May. Also mentioned was Member Appreciation Night and the storks.

A motion was made by Joey LeGath and seconded by Amy Schaal to receive and file the report. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

[14-9968](#)

Subject: Communication from the President of Fourth Fest of Greater Racine requesting permission to use city right-of-way for the 4th of July parade and permission to use North Beach for the fireworks.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 04-08-14: That permission be granted to Fourth Fest of Greater Racine, Inc. to close certain city streets on Friday, July 4, 2014, from 7:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., to hold the 2014 Independence Day Parade.

Further recommends that in the interest of public safety, the Commissioner of Public Works, City Engineer and Chief of Police be

authorized and directed to close Goold Street, Yout Street, English Street, High Street, St. Patrick Street, Kewaunee Street and Barker Street, from Main Street to Michigan Boulevard; Michigan Boulevard, from Goold Street to Hamilton Street; Chatham Street, from north of Yout Street to Hamilton Street; and Hoffert Drive, on Friday, July 4, 2014, to provide for a Municipal Band Concert, to be held at North Beach Gazebo, and the fireworks display, as part of the Independence Day festivities.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed to communicate with the U.S. Coast Guard requesting permission to close the Main Street and State Street bridges to boat traffic for the period of 7:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and from 9:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works, City Engineer, Chief of Police provide limited assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

Further recommends that this item be referred to the Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Fiscal Note: Since the City is a co-sponsor of the event, there are no stipulations.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee on 5-14-14: To approve the request from Fourth Fest of Greater Racine, Inc. to allow the use of North Beach for the fireworks display.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [14-9968 4th Fest](#)

A motion was made by Keith Hemmig and seconded by Joey LeGath to allow Fourth Fest of Greater Racine to use North Beach for the fireworks display. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote. Unanimous.

14-10012

Subject: Communication from the Greater Racine Kennel Club requesting to reserve and control parking on part of the lakefront east of Pershing Drive and to further request waiver of ordinance 70.104 to allow overnight parking of vehicles & RV's Saturday, August 9, 2014 through Monday, August 11, 2014 for the 2014 American Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show at Pershing Park.

Recommended by the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 5-14-14: To allow the Greater Racine Kennel Club to reserve and control parking on part of the lakefront east of Pershing

Drive, to allow overnight parking of vehicles & RV's and to further allow dogs at Pershing Park from Saturday, August 9, 2014 through Monday, August 11, 2014 for the 2014 American Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show.

Fiscal Note: Permit Fees & Deposit

Attachments: [GRKC Racine Park Rec Lakefront parkingc](#)

A motion was made by Keith Hemmig and seconded by Joey LeGath to approve the Greater Racine's Kennel Club request to reserve and control parking on part of the lakefront east of Pershing Drive, allow overnight parking of vehicles & RV's and to further allow dogs at Pershing Park Saturday, August 9, 2014 through Monday, August 11, 2014 for the 2014 American Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote. Unanimous.

[14-10031](#)

Subject: Communication from the President of ATM Financial requesting to place a mobile ATM machine at Horlick Field during Raiders games.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 5/14/14: ATM Financial to work directly with PRCS Administrative Staff to place a mobile ATM machine at Horlick Field during Raider's games.

Fiscal Note: Unknown

Attachments: [ATM Financial - HAF Field](#)

Doug Nicholson provided an overview of his request in 2010 to place an ATM machine at HAF and mentioned it was not pursued due to the insurance requirements at that time. He has now created a mobile device which will allow it to be brought in and removed on game days. Photos of the mobile ATM device were passed around to the members to view. The device has it's own phone system, though would require an electrical source.

Molbeck stated there are less concerns with a mobile ATM device than with the request that had been presented in 2010 though he would need to discuss the details of how this would be implemented, such as location, time of delivery and removal, etc.

Lehner stated he has seen similar devices at festivals and expressed the benefits having an ATM available at such events.

LeGath questioned if ATM Financial was willing to work directly with PRCS administrative staff regarding his request. Nicholson confirmed his willingness to do so.

A motion was made by Joey LeGath and seconded by Amy Schaal to approve ATM Financial to work directly with PRCS Administrative Staff to place a mobile ATM machine at Horlick Field during Raider's games.

[14-10104](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from American Cancer

Society requesting the use of Pershing Park to host the American Cancer Society Bark for Life event on Saturday, September 13, 2014.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 5/14/14: To approve the American Cancer Society's request to use Pershing Park to host their Bark for Life event and to further allow dogs for this event at Pershing Park on Saturday, September 13, 2014.

Fiscal Notes: Permit Fees & Deposits

Attachments: [Bark For Life of Racine Request Letter](#)

A motion was made by Joey Legath and seconded by Amy Schaal to approve American Cancer Society's request to host their Bark for Life event and to further allow dogs at Pershing Park on Saturday, September 13, 2014. This motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

14-10116

Subject: Communication from 21st Century Preparatory School requesting to use Island Park for a Civil War Re-enactment Day and further request to have a Civil War naval cannon to be displayed at the park for this event.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 5/14/14: To allow a Civil War naval cannon to be displayed at Island Park for the 21st Century Preparatory School's 2014 Civil War Re-enactment Day.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [21st Century Cannon Request](#)

Tina Miller provided a handout to the board describing the cannon in detail and the basis of the presentation. A photo was also included.

Molbeck stated the initial verbal request was to also fire off the cannon, however that had been denied by staff. 21st Century agreed not to allow the cannon to be fired, but still wanted to seek permission to have cannon displayed at Island Park for the 2014 Civil War Re-enactment Day.

Lehner questioned if the cannon would arrive and leave with the re-enactment group. Miller confirmed this to be true. The cannon would not be unattended.

Hemmig inquired if there would be any additional firearms. Miller confirmed the cannon would be the only firearm present.

A motion was made by Krystyna Sarrazin and seconded by Amy Schaal to approve a Civil War naval cannon to be displayed at Island Park for the 21st Century Preparatory School's 2014 Civil War Re-enactment Day. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Discussion: Clearing of Bike Paths

Molbeck stated several people have asked if the bike paths could be cleared of snow/ice during the winter months. He expressed a few of the department's concerns. The current Parks snow removal routes/plan requires 18 full time staff and currently Parks only has 15. There is also concern about salting the pathway as some portions run along the river's edge. The asphalt used on the path is not as strong as that used on a roadway, so the repetitive use of equipment on the pathway is a concern with wear and tear. Parks is recommending at this time not to include the pathways in their snow removal plans.

Sarrazin commented a few constituents requested the paths to be cleared and she wanted to know if it could be worked in and set on the priority list, though understands the concerns.

Hemmig inquired if there were any other cities that do remove snow/ice from their pathways. Molbeck stated he could research that; however their snow removal plan, available manpower, etc. may not be similar to ours so a comparison may be difficult.

LeGath expressed his concern with the staffing issues, the wear and tear of the bike path and how that may impact the budget.

Molbeck expressed the department supports the use of the pathway and stated this could be looked at over the course of the next few months though finds it important the board and the department takes a look at the whole picture.

LeGath stated it may be also important to know the percentage of people that would use the pathway during the winter months if it were to be cleared.

Discussion: Public Access to EAB Information

Molbeck described the options available through the Water Department to get information out in regards to EAB. One option is to print information on the comment section of the water bill. The other is to include a flyer with the water bill mailing.

It would cost approximately \$1,300.00 to have flyers printed and folded to include as a handout in the water bill mailings. There would not be any cost to having a message printed on the water bill itself.

The board was supportive of having a message printed on the water bill itself and to not include a flyer. It was requested, however the PRCS office phone number also be included in the message, so those wishing to find out more about EAB have the option to either go to the website which would be mentioned or to call the office to obtain the information.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.