



City of Racine

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

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

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

Chairman Hayes called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM

- PRESENT:** 7 - Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow, Aron Wisneski, Robert Hayes, Terry McCarthy, Michael Frontier and Ken Lumpkin
- ABSENT:** 1 - Darryl Carter
- EXCUSED:** 1 - Amanda DeSonia

Staff present: Donnie Snow, Tom Molbeck, Sherri Hilliard

Guests: Ald. Weidner, Jason Meekma, Ald. Kaplan, Claudius Adebayo, Kailey Husby

Approval of Minutes for June 9, 2010 Meeting

Handrow moved and it was seconded by Lumpkin to approve the minutes. Passed unan.

to Approve the Minutes

Public Input

No Public Input

Director's Report

Report was distributed.

Director Snow advised that with the financial assistance of SC Johnson, the Laurel Clark Memorial Fountain has been restored as an interactive play attraction. For the short term, the fountain will be restored and maintained to the same level and conditions that existed in previous years, except that a phone, fountain rules, and a fence on the south side of the fountain have been installed for patrons' safety. Further, the street to the north of the fountain has been blocked to traffic by installing bollards, and an Attendant is on duty from 11 am to 7 pm Monday through Sunday.

For the long term, again with the assistance of SC Johnson, the fountain will be revised to comply with DHFS 72 and Com 90 rules and regulations. These adjustments and revisions are anticipated to be completed by next year prior to the fountain start-up in May.

Tom Molbeck advised that a Skateboard Listening Session was held at the Skateboard Park. The Skate Park will be painted, a yearly maintenance plan will be put in place, and, after hearing users concerns, some additional repairs will be made. Gateway Technical College is making some contributions to make the Skateboard Park more aesthetically pleasing, including paint.

Director Snow advised that Jay Christie of the Racine Zoo stated that the Zoo could be a future meeting location for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board.

Handrow moved and it was seconded by McCarthy to receive and file the report. Passed unan.

The Report was Received and Filed

Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commission

Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Frontier to receive and fil the minutes of the June 28 2010 Cemetery Commission. Passed unan.

The Report was Received and Filed

Zoological Society Report

Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Handrow to receive and file the Zoological Society Report. Passed unan.

The Report was Received and Filed

[09-3120](#)

Subject: Communication from the Executive Director and Curator of Collections of the Racine Art Museum requesting to negotiate the next long-term agreement for Wustum Museum.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

1-26-09: The item to be deferred so that the Committee can review the contract.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 2-11-09 and 3-11-09: defer

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 5-13-09: Defer

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on
10-12-09:** None at this time.

Fiscal Note: N/A

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural
Services 11-11-09:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural
Services 3-10-10:** that the request be approved.

Fiscal Note: A 3% annual increase over the previous years
allocation for the duration of the contract.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on
03-22-10:** The item be deferred until the next meeting.

Fiscal Note: The proposal increases the subsidy over the 2012 base
year by 3% through 2033.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural
Services 6-9-10:** Defer

Fiscal note: N/A

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural
Services 7-14-10:** To **receive and file** the Communication from the
Executive Director and Curator of Collections of the Racine Art
Museum requesting to negotiate the next long-term agreement for
Wustum Museum.

Further, reaffirm the vote of the PRCS Board on 3-10-10 to approve
this item and expunge from the records the vote taken on 6-9-10.

Fiscal Note: A 3% annual increase over the previous years
allocation for the duration of the contract.

*Director Snow advised that the Parks Recreation and Cultural Services Board
originally approved this item on March 10, 2010.*

*Frontier moved and it was seconded by Wisneski to receive and file the
communication. Further, reaffirm the vote of the PRCS Board on 3-10-10 to approve
this item and expunge from the records the vote taken on 6-9-10. Passed unan*

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[10-4749](#)

Subject: Communication from the President of ATM Financial requesting to place an ATM machine at Horlick Field.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 3-10-10: Defer

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 5-12-10: Defer

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 6-9-10: Defer

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-14-10: To receive and file Communication from the President of ATM Financial requesting to place an ATM machine at Horlick Field.

Fiscal note: N/A

Director Snow advised the proprietor is no longer interested in pursuing an ATM at Horlick Field.

*Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Frontier to receive and file this item.
Passed unan*

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[10-5102](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Boy Scouts of America requesting to install soccer goals at Lockwood Park and Waiver of Fees and Charges. (Res.10-2048)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 05-24-10: That the fees and charges be reduced to 50% of the standard fees.

Fiscal Note: The standard fee of \$25.00/3 hours will be reduced to \$12.50/3 hours. It is anticipated that the City will forego approximately \$900. in 2010 revenue due to the reduction.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 6-9-10: Defer

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-14-10: To receive and file the Communication from the Director of Boy Scouts of America requesting to install soccer goals at Lockwood Park

Fiscal note: N/A

Director Snow advised the requester is no longer interested in pursuing soccer goals at Lockwood Park. They are now using another location with permanent soccer goals.

Wisneski moved and it was seconded by McCarthy to receive and file the request. Passed unan.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[10-5134](#)

Subject: Request to the Common Council to revise Ordinance 30-41 to change verbiage relating to composition of Board from "citizens of the City" to "citizens of Racine County".

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 6-9-10: Defer

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-14-10: To refer to the Committee of the Whole to revise Ordinance 30-41 to change verbiage that may allow one County of Racine resident to serve on the Cemetery Commission Board.

Fiscal note: N/A

Ald. Weidner appeared and told the Board it has been difficult to find City of Racine citizens to serve on the Cemetery Board. Frontier stated the City needs to be more inclusive. Lumpkin was concerned if the membership criteria is changed on this board, it will pave the way for more Boards to include non-City residents, and that residents of the City of Racine are being billed for the Cemetery. Wisneski advised the demographics of the area have changed.

Frontier moved and it was seconded by LeGath to refer to the Committee of the Whole to revise Ordinance 30-41 to change verbiage that may allow one County of Racine resident to serve on the Cemetery Commission Board.

Ayes: McCarthy, Handrow, Wisneski, LeGath, Frontier. No's: Lumpkin. Passed.

Recommended for Approval

[10-5259](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to amend Ordinance 70-90, Animals Prohibited, to

allow for dogs on leash on the Lake Michigan and Root River pathways.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-14-10 : To approve to amend Ordinance 70-90, Animals Prohibited, to allow for dogs on leash on the Lake Michigan and Root River pathways.

Fiscal note: N/A

Director Snow advised that it was originally believed that Ordinance 30-41 contained language that allowed dogs on a leash; however, it does not. Changing the Ordinance would allow dogs on a leash 10 feet on each side of the Lake Michigan and Root River pathways.

Wisneski asked if there was currently a problem with dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs; Snow indicated there are some owners that do not comply with cleaning up after their dogs, but it is no more of a problem than previously. Snow also added that there are recycled grocery bag stations at Meyers Park readily accessible for dog owner's use.

Wisneski moved and it was seconded by McCarthy to approve amending Ordinance 70-90, Animals Prohibited, to allow for dogs on leash on the Lake Michigan and Root River pathways. Passed unan.

Recommended For Approval

[10-5253](#)

Subject: Communication from Focus on Community requesting to use city right-of-way for a run/walk on October 2, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., in conjunction with Party on the Pavement. (Res.10-2093)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-29-10: That Focus on Community be granted permission to use city right-of-way for a run/walk on Saturday, October 2, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., in conjunction with Party on the Pavement.

Further recommends that permission be granted 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 any costs associated with bagging of parking meters.

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.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 7-14-10: To receive and file the Communication from Focus on Community requesting to use city right-of-way for a run/walk on October 2, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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

Jason Meekma from Focus on Community appeared and spoke about their run/walk. They are not requesting exclusive use of City right-of-ways. It is anticipated 100 to 200 people will be participating in this event. They are also changing the date from October 2, as the American Diabetes Walk is taking place on October 2.

Frontier moved and it was seconded by Wisneski to receive and file this item, as this request can be handled administratively. Passed unan.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

10-5256

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services to discuss the State of Wisconsin's acquisition of 7 square feet of land from Douglas Park for sidewalk improvements as part of the reconstruction of Douglas Avenue.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-14-10: To allow the State of Wisconsin's acquisition of 7 square feet of land from Douglas Park for sidewalk improvements as part of the reconstruction of Douglas Avenue.

Fiscal note: To be determined

Director Snow advised the State of Wisconsin is straightening Douglas Park. The acquisition is sidewalk area only; no parkland is included.

Wisneski moved and it was seconded Handrow to approve the State of Wisconsin's acquisition of 7 square feet of land from Douglas Park for sidewalk improvements as part of the reconstruction of Douglas Avenue. Passed unan.

Recommended For Approval

10-5257

Subject: Communication from Alderman Kaplan requesting sufficient No Parking signage along Hoffert Drive from Barker Street to English Street be installed and the municipal codes updated if necessary.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-14-10: To refer street vacation to the Public Works and Services Committee, as well as instructing Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services' staff to add appropriate signage along Hoffert Drive.

Fiscal note: There will be nominal costs for signage.

Ald. Kaplan appeared and advised that he feels there is insufficient No Parking signage along Hoffert Drive from Barker Street to English Street, and because of that, people are parking on the grass. He also advised that due to the recent changes in the routing of Hoffert Drive, that the No Parking Municipal Codes be updated if necessary.

Wisneski asked if barriers could be installed along the drive to discourage parking on the grass. Snow advised it would restrict access of service vehicles.

Lumpkin advised he believed it is not a signage issue, but an enforcement issue.

McCarthy moved and it was seconded by Wisneski to refer street vacation to the Public Works and Services Committee, as well as instructing Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services' staff to add appropriate signage along Hoffert Drive. Passed unan.

Recommended For Approval

[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.

Claudius Adebayo of OIC appeared and showed the Board photos of homes that YouthBuild has refurbished or built. He also showed the Board future home plans for YouthBuild. YouthBuild participants are 18-24 years old, work in the classroom to earn a GED or High School Equivalency Diploma, and work on housing construction projects. OIC is interested in the parcel of land at 2138 N. Wisconsin be donated or purchased by OIC at a nominal fee.

Snow advised that the Zoo has interest in this property for additional parking. This would possibly eliminate the need for using Lakeview for parking.

Wisneski moved and it was seconded by McCarthy to defer this item, and invite the Director of the Zoo to appear at the next meeting to express their interest in the parcel. Passed unan.

Deferred

[10-5300](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services requesting permission to accept a \$3,000.00 grant from the DNR (City Grant Control # 2010-011) for Aquatic Invasive Species Removal.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-14-10: To accept the \$3,000.00 grant from the DNR (City Grant Control # 2010-011) for Aquatic Invasive Species Removal.

Fiscal Note: \$3,000.00 grant received from the DNR. The City will have approximately \$1,000.00 in kind per terms of the grant.

Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Lumpkin to accept the grant. Passed unan.

Recommended For Approval

[10-5321](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services requesting permission to enter into an agreement with the Downtown Racine Corporation to provide supervision and related services of the Laurel Clark Memorial Fountain/Splash Pad.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-14-10: To approve the request to enter into an agreement with the BID Board to provide supervision and related services of the Laurel Clark Memorial Fountain/Splash Pad.

Fiscal note: No fiscal impact on City Budget

Snow advised his original request to enter into an agreement with the Downtown Racine Corporation has changed to the BID Board.

Wisneski moved and it was seconded by McCarthy to grant permission to enter into an agreement with the BID Board to provide supervision via the Downtown Ambassadors and related services of the Laurel Clark Memorial Fountain/Splash Pad. Passed unan.

Recommended For Approval

[10-5339](#)

Subject: Communication from Kailey Husby, Milwaukee Wave requesting to use North Beach and the auxiliary parking lot, located on the south end of the beach for a Beach Soccer Match on August 7, 2010.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-13-10: That the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-14-10: That the request be approved to allow the Milwaukee Wave use North Beach and the North auxiliary parking lot of the beach for a Beach Soccer Match on August 7 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;

Further recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department 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. In addition, there will be \$318.00 in rental revenue.

Kailey Husby appeared for the Milwaukee Wave. They will be using North Beach for a Beach soccer match on August 7, and will be using a 15 passenger van to transport players and equipment to North Beach.

Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Frontier that the request be approved to allow the Milwaukee Wave use North Beach and the North auxiliary parking lot of the Beach for a Beach Soccer Match on August 7 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;*

Further recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and Chief of Police provide limited assistance in the interest of public safety to implement this event.

Passed unan.

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous

Director Snow advised the Board is still two members short, and it will also be necessary to vote on new officers. Once the new members are appointed, committee members will be reassigned.

Frontier requested a report on water quality at Meyers Park for the next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

If you are disabled and have accessibility needs or need information interpreted for you, please call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at 262-636-9453 at least 48 hours prior to this meeting.