



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
Pamala Handrow
Kiana Johnson
Melissa Lemke

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck, Mike Willis, Jena Kohlman & Bob Rafel

PRESENT: 7 - Ben Lehner, Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow, Christina Mueller, Terry McCarthy, Kristen Kaprelian and Krystyna Sarrazin

EXCUSED: 4 - Keith Hemmig, Kiana Johnson, Amy Schaal and Melissa Lemke

14-10733

Subject: Approval of the October 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [October 8, 2014 PRCS Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Pam Handrow and seconded by Kristin Kaprelian to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote. Unanimous.

Public Input

No public input.

14-10734

Subject: Director's Report

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

Molbeck briefly discussed the parking lot improvements made at Chavez Community Center. The parking lot is now larger in size which will benefit the visitors and participants at the center.

Molbeck advised approximately 100 people attended the annual Monument Mash event which took place on October 18, 2014. The poor weather conditions was believed to have caused the low attendance.

McCarthy asked Molbeck to explain the PRCS 2015 Budget proposal. Molbeck addressed the concerns and misunderstanding Humble and Tyler Domer Community Centers would be shut down. This is not the case. There will, however be a reduction in open recreation hours. Currently there is a plan to have open recreation for two hours after school Monday through Thursday for the duration of the school year. There will be programming at each center throughout the summer. The goal is to secure funding through sponsorship, etc. to allow open recreation in the fall through the end of the year.

Molbeck explained donations and grants are never guaranteed. There seems to be a huge concern over the reduction of the open recreation hours. There are grants available for programming; however to find a grant to pay wages for open recreation may not be possible.

Sarrazin inquired if PRCS has the staff to assist with additional fundraising efforts and application of grants. Molbeck stated there is not. What PRCS staff does already to find funding sources for programming and activities takes a tremendous amount of time not only for the individual seeking out the funds, but for office staff as well.

A motion was made by Kristen Kaprelian and seconded by Pam Handrow to Receive and File the report. The Motion PASSED by Voice Vote. Unanimous.

14-10735

Subject: Approval of the Cemetery Commissioner's October 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes October 20, 2014](#)

A motion was made by Pam Handrow and seconded by Kristen Kaprelian to Approve the Minutes. The Motion PASSED by Voice Vote. Unanimous.

14-10483

Subject: Communication from the Alderperson of the 6th District submitting on behalf of Richard Christensen requesting a change of rules and regulations concerning weekend tee times at Johnson Park Golf Course.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 9-10-14: To request PRCS staff to work with Johnson Golf Course staff on drafting a written policy in relation to weekend tee times at Johnson Park Golf Course to be reviewed by the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services.

Further recommend this item be referred to the Golf Course Liaison Committee.

Recommendation of the Golf Course Liaison Committee on 9-25-14: To Receive and File Item 14-10483.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 10-9-14: Staff to review the policy and to consider the

suggestions and concerns discussed.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 11-13-14: Defer

Attachments: [Communication from the Alderperson of the 6th District on Behalf of Richard](#)

Molbeck had met with Johnson Golf Course staff. It was agreed the staff will continue to work on finding a solution to the concerns of Mr. Christensen. Golf course staff will have a proposal ready to present at the December PRCS Board meeting.

A motion was made by Kristen Kaprelian and seconded by Christina Mueller to Defer. The Motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

14-10624

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 2nd District requesting a change in Municipal Code section 70-101 that all city parks with playground and courts open and close at the same time.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 11-12-14: Defer

Molbeck asked the Board to defer this item to allow time for staff to study and discuss the park hours. A proposal of park hours will be presented to the Board in December.

A motion was made by Pamala Handrow, seconded by Kristen Kaprelian to defer. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote. Unanimous.

14-10719

Subject: Communication from WE Energies requesting an easement over lands known as "The Herbert F. Johnson Memorial Park".

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 11-12-14: To approve placement of easement over lands known as "The Herbert F. Johnson Memorial Park, as proposed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [WE Energies Easement Request HF Johnson Memorial Park Johnson Park Easement w Exhibit](#)

A motion was made by Joey LeGath, seconded by Kristen Kaprelian, to approve placement of an easement over lands known as "The Herbert F. Johnson Memorial Park" as proposed. The motion PASSED a Voice Vote. Unanimous.

Miscellaneous Business

Molbeck advised the Board of a time sensitive request for placement of an easement near Wustum Museum. Wustum staff is aware. This request was approved at the last Common Council meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.