



City of Racine

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

Chair Terry McCarthy, Vice Chair Kristen Kaprelian, Joey LeGath, Ken Lumpkin, Pamala Handrow, Michael Frontier, Keith Hemmig, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, Amy Schaal, Tom Rosholt

Monday, November 14, 2011

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

Chairman McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Staff present: Donnie Snow and Marie Wilkinson.

Guest: Jeff Schultz.

Director Snow explained that Joey LeGath was excused from the meeting, because his mother-in-law passed away.

PRESENT: 8 - Terry McCarthy, Michael Frontier, Ken Lumpkin, Keith Hemmig, Kristen Kaprelian, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, Amy Schaal and Tom Rosholt

EXCUSED: 2 - Joey LeGath and Pamala Handrow

Approval of Minutes for October 12, 2011 Meeting

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kaprelian, seconded by Kaprelian-Becker, to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Public Input

Jeff Schultz asked if locks could be put on the gates at the Lockwood Park Tennis Courts. He also asked if the lighting could be directed better at the Lockwood Park Tennis Courts. Director Snow said locks could be placed on the gates, and to contact him with these types of requests.

Director's Report

Director Snow explained that the current budget is to be approved tomorrow night (11/15/11).

Director Snow spoke about issues at the Laurel Clark Fountain, and how funding from SC Johnson is helping to resolve them.

Director Snow spoke about the current process in hiring a new Executive Secretary for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department - to replace Sherri Ruud; and stated that currently Cathy Petrouske is working part-time, as the Executive Secretary, in the interim.

Vice-Chairman Kaprelian spoke on the success of the inaugural Monument Mash event and how it was well attended. Director Snow said the event would be bigger next year.

A motion was made by Keith Hemmig, seconded by Vice Chair Kristen Kaprelian, to Receive and File the report. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kristen Kaprelian, seconded by Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, to Receive and File the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Zoological Society Report

Ken Lumpkin arrived at 5:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, seconded by Vice Chair Kristen Kaprelian, to Receive and File the Report. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

11-7014

Subject: Request of the Alderman of the 9th District to Discuss Pershing Park Lights.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 11-14-11: That this matter be deferred.

Fiscal note: To be determined.

Director Snow explained that funding for Pershing Park light repair is not in the five year capital. He explained the repairs are extensive, and would be a great expense. His intent is to include the repair project in the ten year capital.

Director Snow distributed copies of budgets showing 2012 CIP Pershing Park funds. One showed 2009-2013 CIP Pershing Park funds, and another showed 2012-2016 CIP Pershing Park funds.

Tom Rosholt asked Director Snow for his employees time to get estimates for repairs. Director Snow said he would budget for this. Ken Lumpkin would also like to see repair figures provided by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

A motion was made by Tom Rosholt, seconded by Ken Lumpkin, that this matter be deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

11-7015

Subject: [Direct Referral] Discussion of 2012 PRCS Budget

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 11-14-11: That this matter be deferred.

Fiscal note: To be determined.

Director Snow stated the 2012 budget is \$600,000 less than last year's budget, which is virtually twice as much as any other department, and has been the most difficult budget he has worked with in his 11 year tenure as the Director of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. He shared the cuts made for 2012 with the group. He expressed his appreciation to Alderman McCarthy for recommending \$70,000 be restored to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department budget, and for the support of Council, as well. Michael Frontier requested the board have input in deciding where budget cuts are made. Director Snow explained that, initially, the budget goes to the Mayor. After the Mayor releases the budget, it can go to the board. He also noted that sometimes this process takes time; as the Mayor is looking at every department's budget.

The group discussed how these cuts will affect our community, and how funds can be raised for the department. Michael Frontier asked Director Snow to ask Attorney Weber if a drive through tax could be implemented to raise funding for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. Director Snow responded if it was the board's wish - he would do so.

A motion was made by Michael Frontier to see if a drive through tax could be implemented with the funds allocated as Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services funds. The motion FAILED for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Michael Frontier, and seconded by Ken Lumpkin, to hold a legislative forum, to be held in January, on how these cuts will affect the community - especially, how they will affect the children of Racine. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote. Chairman McCarthy asked Director Snow if he could comprise a list of invitees, an agenda, and location for the forum.

A motion was made by Michael Frontier, seconded by Tom Rosholt, that this matter be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

11-7089

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Robert Wortock of The Christmas Coalition requesting to put a 24' flatbed trailer on Monument Square from December 6, 2011 to January 7, 2012 with a Nativity permanently mounted on the trailer. Two additional small buildings will be added this year.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 11-14-11: That this matter be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Wortock Nov. 2011](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kristen Kaprelian, seconded by Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, that this be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

11-7034

Subject: Communication from Home Depot Regarding the Donation of Paint, Supplies, and Volunteers to Paint Interior Areas of the Chavez Community Center. (Resolution No. 11-2820)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

11-07-11: To accept the donation of paint, supplies, and volunteers to paint interior areas of the Chavez Community Center.

Fiscal Note: No cost to the City.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 11-14-11: That this matter be Approved.

Fiscal note: No cost to the City.

Attachments: [11-7034 - Home Depot Donations](#)

A motion was made by Tom Rosholt, seconded by Vice Chair Kristen Kaprelian, that this be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Discussion of concealed carry of weapons in Racine parks - Mike Frontier.

Director Snow distributed the new Executive Order regarding weapons ban. There were questions regarding how this new order impacts the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, so the group discussed inviting someone from the City Attorney's office to appear at the next meeting of the Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services, on December 14, 2011, to answer questions they have.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2011. City Hall Annex, Room 130, at 5:15 PM.

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