

**DIRECTORS REPORT
FOR
THE DECEMBER 13, 2006
BOARD OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES**

1. The Monument Square Landscape and Design Project is completed for a final contract price of \$1,230,070.25. There is a contingency of approximately \$170,000.00 remaining that I will be requesting to be used for additional enhancements to the Square such as granite seating and public art.
2. I am pleased to report that during the budget deliberations one position which was slated for elimination (Equipment Operator) was restored for the 2007 budget year. This position will assist the PRCS Department to carry out goals and objectives with less negative impact on the kinds of services the citizens of Racine have come to expect.
3. Three consulting firms responded to the request for RFP for Mound Cemetery Crypt Design and Fountain Restoration. Interviews with these three firms will be scheduled for December 19, 2007.
4. The Bryant and Tyler – Domer Community Centers will team up with the Police Department. a total of 15 dates throughout the next three months. The current Weed and Seed Grant has earmarked \$5,000 to involve police officers in community center activities such as holiday and/or special events, one day events or daily open recreation. The officers are scheduled for a block of three hours per visit.
5. The Snow Sharks Ski and Snow Board Club is entering its 4th season. There are a total of 25 members in the Wednesday Orange Sharks and 20 members in the Thursday Blue Sharks. There is a one time fee of \$10.00 which allows each member to receive discount prices at Alpine Valley. The first club night was Wednesday, November 29th.
6. The community centers have scheduled trolley rides to view the holiday lights the week of December 11th. Registration is free and will be taken at each individual center.
7. The contractor has started renovating the 18th hole bridge at Johnson Golf Course. We found bad existing concrete on the north support wall once the main steel support beams were exposed and holes being drilled for new reinforcing bars. We have issued a change order for \$5,400 to correct the deficiency which affected about 95% of the wall. We have also exposed some bad steel and a change order for \$2,200 has been issued to correct this problem.

8. The following are being prepared for bidding in January
 - A. New bleachers for the west side of Horlick Athletic Field Football field, estimate \$450,000.
 - i. Replacing the asphalt walkways around the east and west bleachers at Horlick Athletic Field Football field, estimate \$70,000.
 - ii. Removing the existing west side bleachers at Horlick Athletic Field Football field, estimate \$22,000.
 - iii. Rewiring the scoreboard and new lighting under the Horlick Athletic Field Football field bleachers, estimate \$10,000.

9. The following are requests for proposals for preparing plans and specifications that we are working on.
 - A. New lighting for Lockwood Park tennis courts, estimate \$1,500.
 - B. Masonry and stone renovation at Mound Cemetery Crypts and Graceland Cemetery War Memorial Building, estimate \$5,000.
 - C. Exterior window and door replacement at Dr. Bryant Community Center, estimate \$10,000.

10. I have been assisted by the IS Department and an independent consultant to select recreation package with a web interface from Vermont Systems. This system is recognized and used by a great number of other Recreation Departments throughout the state. The software contains several key modules, including:
 - Activity Registration
 - Facility Reservations
 - League Scheduling
 - Point of saleThe software offers the ability to generate over 450 reports.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director