



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

Christina Mueller
Alderman Jason Meekma
Keith Hemmig
Roy Carter
Melissa Kaprelian-Becker
Amy Schaal
Kristen Kaprelian
Malik Frazier
Christopher Bogan
Alderman Mary Land

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m.

Staff present: Tom Molbeck, Mike Willis, Becky Spika

Guests present: Nick Kalogeresis, Vice President, The Lakota Group; Elizabeth Heidorn, Executive Director, Racine Zoo; Kelly Kruse, Executive Director, Downtown Racine Corporation; Dave Giordano, Executive Director Root Pike Watershed Initiative Network.

PRESENT: 9 - Christina Mueller, Jason Meekma, Keith Hemmig, Roy Carter, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, Amy Schaal, Kristen Kaprelian, Christopher Bogan and Mary Land

EXCUSED: 1 - Malik Frazier

Heritage Preservation Plan Open Forum

Nick Kalogeresis, from The Lakota Group, presented information concerning the City of Racine Heritage Preservation Plan. Input and questions were solicited from the Board of PRCS and the public.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Approval of Minutes for the December 13, 2017 Meeting

A motion was made by Schaal, seconded by Meekma, to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

[0012-18](#)

Subject: Zoological Report

Attachments: [Racine Zoological Society Report_1-10-18](#)

Elizabeth Heidorn spoke on the report.

A motion was made by Schaal, seconded by Alderman Meekma, to Receive and File this report. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

[0013-18](#)

Subject: Director's Report

Attachments: [Director's Report 1-10-18](#)

Tom Molbeck spoke on the report.

This item was received and filed.

[842-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Aldermen from the 5th and 6th Districts on August 24, 2017 requesting the development and implementation of a formal policy for citizen donations of park benches to parks and other public spaces.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on September 13, 2017: To Receive and File the communication from the Aldermen from the 5th and 6th Districts on August 24, 2017 requesting the development and implementation of a formal policy for citizen donations of park benches to parks and other public spaces.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on October 11, 2017: To defer the communication pending a proposal by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on November 8, 2017: To defer the communication pending a proposal by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on December 13, 2017: To defer the communication pending a proposal by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on January 10, 2018: To defer the communication pending a revision of the proposal by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Fiscal Note: NA

Attachments: [Smetana_Weidner_ParkBenchDonationPolicy](#)
[Memorial Donation Program Draft 1-18](#)

A draft of a Memorial Donation Program was presented by Tom Molbeck. Alderman Weidner commented that this was not what as envisioned, reiterating that she is looking for a bench donation process where information is clearly stated and the process is simplified. Board members allowed audience to speak on the item. Director Molbeck indicated staff will revise the proposal and revisit the policies.

A motion was made by Meekma, seconded by Hemmig, to Defer. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

[1238-17](#)

Subject: [Direct Referral] Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services to Adopt "A Park and Open Space Plan for the City of Racine: 2035," an Amendment to "A Comprehensive Plan for the City of Racine: 2035." (Resolution No. 11-2809) (ZOrd. 7-11)

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on December 13, 2017: That this item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on January 10, 2018: That this item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: NA

Attachments: [Memo to Adjcnt Munis Park Plan](#)
[Summary_A Park and Open Space plan for the City of Racine_2035 Amendment](#)
[A Resolution Adopting A New Park and Open Space Plan](#)

Tom Molbeck indicated the timeline for the proposed Park and Open Space Plan has been revised. An open house will be held on February 14, 2018 from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. to allow for public input and questions. The Board was encouraged to attend. Information concerning the open house will be communicated to the public through the PRCS administrative offices. The Board will be asked to consider approval of the plan at the February 14, 2018 meeting beginning at 5:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Kaprelian, seconded by Hemmig, to Defer. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

[0010-18](#)

Subject: [Direct Referral] Communication from Kelly Kruse, Executive Director Downtown Racine Corporation, requesting to include open fire pits on Monument Square for the Fire and Ice Festival being held on January 20, 2018.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services on January 10, 2018: That this item be recommended for approval.

Fiscal Note: None

Attachments: [Fire Pit Request Letter](#)

Kelly Kruse spoke to the request indicating she is working closely with the Racine Fire Department on fire prevention. Tom Molbeck indicated he will inquire into whether a hold harmless agreement is required.

A motion was made by Schaal, seconded by Hemmig, to Recommend for Approval. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

[0014-18](#)

Subject: [Direct Referral] Communication from Dave Giordano, Executive Director Root Pike Watershed Initiative Network, requesting a resolution to pursue implementation grants for the ravine and wetland restoration from Valley View Drive to the Root River (Root River Watershed Restoration Plan) in cooperation with the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on January 10, 2013: That this item be recommended for approval.

Fiscal Note: None

Attachments: [City of Racine - Colonial Park - Ravine and Wetland Restoration - Draft Resolution 010418](#)

Dave Giordano presented information concerning the Root River Watershed Restoration Plan specifically as it applies to ravine and wetland restoration in Colonial Park. He spoke to the request for a Resolution allowing him to pursue and develop grants for the project.

A motion was made Schaal, seconded by Land, to Recommend For Approval. The motion PASSED with a Voice Vote.

2018 Goals

Tom Molbeck solicited input from the Board concerning goals for 2018. Keith Hemmig asked that the Galaxy Park at Dodge Park be revisited. Jason Meekma suggested reviewing policy to simplify Administrative and Board procedures.

Adjournment

There being no further business Chair Kaprelian adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

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