



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

*Chairman Robert Hayes, Alderman Aron Wisneski, Alderman Jim Kaplan, Alderman Terry McCarthy, Kelli Stein, Darryl Carter, Joey LeGath, Gaynell Dyess, Michael Frontier, Debbi Embry, Amanda DeSonia, Pamala Handrow*

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Wednesday, March 11, 2009

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

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### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 9 - Kelli Stein, Darryl Carter, Joey LeGath, Amanda DeSonia, Gaynell Dyess, Aron Wisneski, Terry McCarthy, Michael Frontier and Debbi Embry

**ABSENT:** 1 - Robert Hayes

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Pamala Handrow

*Staff present: Donnie Snow, Jack Schumann, Tom Molbeck, Cathy Petrouske*

*Guests: Joe Hrouda, Jim Rooney, Dan Bieser, Paula Rowland, Ald. Greg Holding*

*Vice-chairman McCarthy call the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.*

*McCarthy asked to suspend the rules to call Jacob Mauer. There were no objections. Mauer was given a certificate of appreciation for his dedicated volunteer work on the City's ice rinks. Mauer thanked the Board and said he would like to volunteer again next winter. Frontier thanked Ald. McCarthy for his initiative to get ice rinks in the City this past winter.*

### Approval of Minutes for February 11, 2009 Meeting

**to Approve the Minutes**

#### Public Input

*No Public Input*

#### Director's Report

*Snow gave a hand out of the stimulus package "wish list" for the department. Embry said that some youth programs will probably be funded through the County funds.*

*Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Dyess to receive and file. Passed unan.*

**The Report was Received and Filed**

#### Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

*Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Dyess to receive and file. Passed unan.*

**The Report was Received and Filed**

Zoological Society Report

*No report.*

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

*The Racine Art Museum requested that the items be deferred.*

*Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Dyess to defer. Passed unan.*

**Deferred**

09-3275

Subject: Communication from Joseph Hrouda requesting to renew the Boat Launch and Concession contract for three years with a two year option.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 3-09-09: That the item be deferred for two weeks as it needs to go before Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

*Snow said staff has met with Mr. Hrouda and has met with Mr. Rooney. Thought has been given to having a kiosk honor system, or the ramp being gated or an enterprise system. In the past when bids went out for the contract there were no other bidders. Hrouda appeared and said that he has been running the ramp for 26 years. Jim Rooney appeared and said that the Harbor Commission gets no tax levy. He requested that any increase in fees be set aside for the Harbor Commission. LeGath said that he felt Hrouda had been doing this for 26 years and deserves to get renewed. Frontier said that Hrouda has been faithful to the City for 26 years and deserves to get renewed.*

*Rooney requested to be involved in future meetings.*

*Motion made by Frontier and seconded by Embry to defer to the April meeting. Passed unan.*

**Deferred**

09-3276

Subject: Communication from Dan Bieser, Blue School Principal, Park High School requesting to have a community garden near Park High School.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 3-11-09: to approve with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed.
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to the event.

Further recommend that the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services provide limited assistance in the interest of public safety to implement this event.  
Passed unan.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Dan Bieser and Paula Rowland appeared to request the use of the tennis courts at the Tyler-Domer Center to have a community garden. The courts would stay in place and the garden would be placed in large boxes built on top of the courts. The produce would be distributed to the students, the community and perhaps some sold to sustain the garden. Discussion was held that perhaps this project could partner with other community gardens.*

*Ald. Holding appeared in support of this project.*

*Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Dyess to approve with the following stipulations:*

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed.*
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to the event.*

*Further recommend that the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services provide limited assistance in the interest of public safety to implement this event.  
Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

Recognition of volunteers - assisting in establishing and maintaining ice rinks.

Miscellaneous

*No miscellaneous business.*

Adjournment

*There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.*

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