

**DIRECTORS REPORT
FOR THE
APRIL 11, 2007
BOARD OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES**

1. I have been working with the University of Wisconsin Parkside to establish an agreement for the new Root River Environmental Education Community Center at the Gleason Property. The University hopes to raise the river's profile as an educational and recreational resource. Their intent is to create interactive educational and experiential displays inside the building and open it to community groups.
2. I am in the process of reviewing parameters for establishing an Adopt-A-Median Program here in the city to assist with budget cuts and loss of manpower in recent years. The mission essentially will be to establish active partnerships with businesses particularly and possibly neighborhoods, youth organizations, school groups, and government entities that will engage citizens in beautifying the city, improve the quality of the environment, and foster pride in the community.
3. Received permission from the Cemetery Commission and the Council to transfer funds from the Cemetery's Maintenance Fund and Crypt Fund for additional maintenance projects as follows:

From the Maintenance Fund \$205,000

For: Mound maintenance building renovation \$99,000
Graceland war memorial building \$106,000 for a total project cost of \$137,000

From the Crypt Fund \$65,000

For: Mound new crypt design \$20,000
Mound crypt renovation \$45,000 for a total project cost of \$95,000
4. The following requests for approval are before the Council
 - To retain Industrial Roofing Services, Inc. to prepare plans and specifications and project management for masonry restoration at Graceland War Memorial and Mound Crypts and roof replacement at the War Memorial.
 - To retain Nielsen Madsen & Barber SC to prepare a topographic map of Mound Cemetery Crypt area.
5. Replacing the exterior doors and windows at Dr. Bryant Center is being prepared for bidding, estimate cost \$119,000.
6. The plans for replacing the west side bleachers at Horlick Athletic Field are in the process of being approved by the State Building Inspector. We have had one delay in that the State wants a licensed engineer's stamp on the site plan. This was not required for the east side that was done last year so we are working with the City's Engineering Dept. to get one.

7. Defibrillators were reconditioned and updated at each community center, North Beach, and Horlick Field. Recertification classes will be scheduled in the fall.
8. The RecTrac Registration Program was used for the first time for the Spring Hoops Program. Over 200 participants registered with little or no problems. The RecTrac program will be used next for summer playgrounds and T-Ball/Coach Pitch Leagues.
9. On March 15th at the Dr. John Bryant Community Center a senior St. Patrick's Day Dance event was held with approximately 60 seniors in attendance.
10. Interviews for summer employment have begun for lifeguards, playground leaders and Main Gallery participants.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie Snow
Director