



# City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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## Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

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Wednesday, March 8, 2006

5:15 PM

Room 130, City Hall Annex

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### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 8 - Andrew Kindsvater, James Richards, Van Carson, Allison Werner, Liz Mendez, Sandy Weidner, Endel Williams and Robert Hayes

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Gaynell Dyess, Julie McKenna and Gregory Holding

### Approval of Minutes for February 8, 2006 Meeting

*Werner corrected item 06-1442 to read.... the department does not have funding for Christmas decoration.*

**to Approve the Minutes**

### Public Input

*No public input.*

### 06-1627

Subject: Recreation & Cultural Services Report

Recommendation: Receive and file

*McDorman reported that there are 222 teams signed up for softball. There are electrical problems at Lockwood Park therefore 14 teams were eliminated.*

*Weidner asked about playground programs for the West side of the City. McDorman said the electrical problems prevent the use of Lockwood Park and he has inquired about Goodland and Fratt Schools but was not able to use those locations. He is still looking into other sites. Snow said staff welcomes suggestions. Weidner suggested contacting Unified about the reciprocal agreement. Snow said staff is always talking with Unified about the agreement.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

06-1628

Subject: Parks Report

Recommendation: Receive and file

*Discussion was held on #5 of the Parks Report - a grievance was filed by Local 67 for lending the unloader to the Zoo for snow plowing. Richards said previously these things had always worked out in mediation. Snow said there had been a grievance filed previously when equipment was used by volunteers at the Kids Cove Playground.*

*In regard to # 3A of the Parks Report the Laurel Clark Memorial Fountain is costly to maintain since it must be maintained as a swimming pool. There presently is a bill pending that might require a lifeguard on site.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

06-1629

Subject: Director's Report

Recommendation: Receive and file

*Snow said he met with the auditors today and is aware the Board also received a questionnaire. The auditors try not to benchmark because sometimes it can be useless.*

*In regard to #6 of the Director's Report, Werner thought that March seemed early for planting at Monument Square. Snow said the plants would be guaranteed for at least a year.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

06-1630

Subject: Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Recommendation: Defer

*Deferred. At the time this item was called there was lack of a quorum so therefore will be placed on the April agenda.*

06-1631

Subject: Zoological Society Report

Recommendation: Defer

*Deferred. At the time this items was called there was lack of a quorum so therefore will be placed on the April agenda.*

06-1530

Communication from the City Attorney requesting that renters of community centers and park shelters who serve alcohol be required to provide insurance for their events.

Recommendation: Defer

*City Attorney Dan Wright appeared and said Ald. Hart could not make the meeting. Wright said that a good place to start would be requiring renters of picnic areas and community centers who serve alcohol to provide proof of insurance. Wright said the city has been fortunate so far but something could happen.*

*Werner wondered if the cost to the renter would stop some from renting. Snow said the renter would have the option of serving alcohol.*

*Motion made by Werner to defer to the April meeting. Passed unan.*

**06-1678** 06-1678

Subject: Presentation of first draft of policies and procedures for use of Monument Square at no charge.

Recommendation: Recommend change wording in the section of the policy that says five times per year to five different events per year, and adopt as amended. Refer to Public Works and Services Committee and Common Council for approval.

*Snow gave the Board a presentation of first draft of policies and procedures for use of Monument Square at no charge. Snow said the thought was to create a document that could be used by any group requesting the use of Monument Square. However this policy as written is not the best for the DRC's requests. DRC has requested approximately 65 dates. As is the policy states five times a year, but this could be modified. Snow said the Square is not a park, but a street right-of-way. DRC has made suggestions, but the Square must be available for all. The alcohol section has been struck since there can not be alcohol at the Square. Snow reminded the Board that the DRC has contributed over \$500,000 to the project. DRC has partnered with the City on Monument Square. Devin Sutherland from DRC appeared and said their contribution was actually over \$600,000 and they had every intention of using it for their events. Sutherland said many of their events are just short events and the Square could still be used by others on the same day. Snow said that presently it is being scheduled for one event per day. City Atty. Dan Wright said it might not be practical to limit the Square to one event per day. Wright said when you administer public property you can not give privileges to any group.*

*Motion made by Richards to change the wording of #4 of the policy - five times per year not to exceed five events per year and adopt as amended and refer to the Public Works and Services Committee and the Common Council for approval.*

**Recommended For Approval**

Miscellaneous

**Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.*

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