



# 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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Thursday, November 20, 2008

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

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### Call To Order

*Vice-chairman McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.*

**PRESENT:** 7 - Kelli Stein, Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow, Gaynell Dyess, Aron Wisneski, Terry McCarthy and Debbi Embry

**ABSENT:** 2 - Amanda DeSonia and Michael Frontier

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Darryl Carter and Robert Hayes

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

*Excused: Jack Schumann*

*Guests: Dick Hinsman, Cal Converse, Eleanor McCarthy, Charlie Clark, Ald. Jim Kaplan, Bob Milkie, Joe Mooney, Tom Rudey, Lisa Bera, Ald. Greg Holding*

### Approval of Minutes for October 8, 2008 Meeting

**to Approve the Minutes**

#### Public Input

*No public input*

#### Director's Report

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

**The Report was Received and Filed**

#### Zoological Society Report

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

**The Report was Received and Filed**

08-2473

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the Fourth District, asking to address parking issues at Racine's Blue Wave Beach (North Beach) during special events.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 08-11-08: That the item be referred to the Traffic Committee.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission (9-15-08): Refer to the Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Ald. Kaplan appeared and said that he has observed cars parking on the grass at North Beach and feels this is disrespectful to parks. He thought for busy days/events perhaps there could be shuttles to the beach. Discussion was held regarding extra Police enforcement. Ald. Holding suggested that the Police be asked to do extra enforcement especially at the beginning of the season.*

*Embry moved and it was seconded by Handrow to receive and file. Further move to strictly enforce parking restrictions at North Beach to designated street parking and parking lots. Passed unan.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

08-2596

Subject: Communication from the President of the Racine Raider Alumni Association wishing to discuss the details of a new structure at Horlick Athletic Field to house the Racine Pro, Semi-Pro Minor League Historical Museum.

*Snow said that staff did meet with the Raiders regarding their proposal. It was thought that the best place for the museum would be in the parking lot to make it more available even when events were not going on.*

*Debbi Embry excused at 6:20 p.m.*

*Bob Milkie appeared and said that the museum would cover an era from 1896 to the present. The facility would be run by the Raiders. The museum would impact 12 parking spaces.*

*Stein moved and it was seconded by Wisneski to approve in concept. Further recommend that detailed plans and specifications and site location be worked through with the PRCS staff and that the PRCS Board be kept informed of the progress.*

**Recommended For Approval**

08-2686

Subject: Communication from American Tower Company requesting to erect a lightpole/monopole structure in Lockwood Park for their client Cricket Communications.

*Lisa Bera appeared. She said the site plan had been reconfigured from the previous request. The tower could hold three antennas. More than one carrier would add to the size at the base.*

*Stein moved and it was seconded by Dyess to approve. Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

08-2732

Subject: Communication from the Co-Race Director of the Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis Racine 2008 requesting permission to use City right-of-way on Saturday, December 6, 2008. (Res.08-1048)

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-14-08: Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis be granted permission to close Island Park Drive from Liberty Street to Rupert Boulevard, Horlick Park Drive from Rupert Boulevard to 12th Street, and Domanik Drive from Spring Street to Jefferson Street for the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis, to be held on Saturday, December 6, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed.
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to this event.
- C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department be charged to the sponsor.
- D. The sponsor shall notify all abutting property owners seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this event.
- E. The sponsor shall pay a special event fee of \$300.00.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer and Chief of Police provide limited assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

Fiscal Note: There will be nominal costs to various City departments, on a regular shift basis, to assist in implementing this event.

*Tom Rudey appeared and gave a history of the event. He said the Racine event has always been one of the top events in the state.*

*Wisneski moved and Dyess seconded the motion to grant permission to the Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis-Racine Event to use Island Park Drive south from the pavilion to the bridge, Horlick Park Drive from the intersection of Horlick Park Drive, Island Park Drive and Rupert Blvd. to the intersection of Horlick Park Drive and 12th Street, the pedestrian pathway north from the bridge to and under Spring Street, the Pedestrian Pathway through Brose Park, the Pedestrian Pathway north of Lincoln Park Drive from the bridge over the Root River to the bottom of the hill, the Pedestrian Pathway north of the Steelhead facility leading over the bridge into Colonial Park, the Pedestrian Pathway through Colonial Park to bridge leading to West High Street, and back through the above areas to the parking lot behind Lutheran High School for the Jingle Bell Walk/Run on Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with the following stipulations.*

- A. a hold harmless agreement be executed*
- B. a liability insurance certificate be filed prior to this event*
- C. any overtime costs incurred by the city departments be charged to the sponsor*
- D. all abutting property owners be notified of this event 72 hours prior to this event.*

**Recommended For Approval**

08-2750

Subject: Communication from Friends of Seniors, Inc. requesting permission to extend their rental lease for one year on the property located at 201 Goold Street.

*Snow explained that the Friends of Seniors contract will expire May 2009. Other uses of the building include Animal Crackers and as a polling site. Dick Hinsman appeared and said the goal of Friends of Seniors (FOS) is to have a county-wide stand alone center. Hinsman did apologize for the recent commentary to the Journal Times written by someone. Hinsman said that other communities have established centers for seniors. FOS is asking for an extension of one year. Cal Converse spoke and said the senior activities at the community centers are not what they are looking for. Snow said that the contract was structured to give FOS the opportunity to look for a place of their choice. Further Snow said that the five community centers have senior programming that is fairly well attended. He said that while Kenosha has a center they do not have community centers. Eleanor McCarthy spoke and said that the FOS cleaned up the building when they started there. Charlie Clark said that he has gone to look at dozens of facilities*

*Wisneski moved and LeGath seconded the motion to defer. Passed unan.*

*Staff will work with the Board of Friends of Seniors.*

**Deferred**

08-2782

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 5th District submitting the request of the HVMPA (Horlick Music Department) to place banners, flags and signs, including a permanent digital sign at 2119 Rapids Drive to advertise upcoming events.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 10-28-08: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable.

*Wisneski moved and Dyess seconded the motion to receive and file. Passed unan.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

08-2844

Subject: Communication from Charlie Manning requesting permission to park three trailered sailboats used in Sea Scout Ship 5750's sailing program in the Rooney Recreation Area over the winter months.

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

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

Miscellaneous

*McCarthy said that there is a group looking into the possibility of flooding ice rinks in Racine.*

**Adjournment**

*There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.*

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