



# City of Racine

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

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

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Wednesday, November 11, 2009

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 330

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REVISED LOCATION

### Call To Order

- PRESENT:** 8 - Darryl Carter, Joey LeGath, Amanda DeSonia, Pamala Handrow, Gaynell Dyess, Robert Hayes, Michael Frontier and Debbi Embry
- EXCUSED:** 3 - Kelli Stein, Aron Wisneski and Terry McCarthy

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

*Guests: Frank Hechimovich, Steven Turkowski, Ald. Anderson*

### Approval of Minutes for October 14, 2009 Meeting to Approve the Minutes

#### Public Input

*No Public Input*

#### Director's Report

*Snow said that staff has applied for a grant from Wisconsin Coastal Management for beach mats.*

*Handrow moved and it was seconded by DeSonia to receive and file the Director's Report. Passed unan.*

**The Report was Received and Filed**

#### Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

*Frontier moved and it was seconded by Dyess to receive and file the minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners.*

**The Report was Received and Filed**

Zoological Society Report

*Handrow moved and it was seconded by Dyess to receive and file the Zoological Society Report. Passed unan.*

**The Report was Received and Filed**

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

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 5-13-09:** Defer

**Staff Recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10-12-09:** None at this time.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 11-11-09:** Defer

*Racine Art Museum asked to defer this item.*

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

**Deferred**

Discussion of Participant Play Policy

*Frank Hechimovich and Steven Turkowski appeared on this subject. The Board reviewed the policy with revisions. Hechimovich asked if a women's 16" league will be available. Molbeck said he could look into that possibility. Snow said there were not enough women interested to have a league.*

*Embry moved and it was seconded by Dyess to approve policy as revised. Passed unan.*

#### Discussion Myers Park

*Snow presented a report on Myers Park. The problems at Myers come from lake erosion and outfalls which make it almost impossible for swimming. The water there is not very deep because of the breakwater. It would be very expensive to get this beach back to a swimmable condition. Frontier said that Racine is a coastal city and this beach is a gift and feels there should be long range planning to get this back to a viable recreation area. Ald. Anderson appeared and asked Debbi Embry if there is a possibility of obtaining grants for this area. Embry said she can look into it. Snow said much of this would come under another city department.*

*Frontier moved and it was seconded by Handrow to draft a letter to the Mayor's office requesting a committee be formed to look into the possibility of restoring Myers Park Beach to a swimmable beach. Passed unan.*

#### Discussion of previous requests from the Board:

1. What reports does the Board want from Community Centers?
2. How will Community Center reports be reviewed by the Board?
3. Should Board meetings be held at the Community Centers?

*Molbeck showed samples of attendance reports that could be distributed to the Board. Frontier felt it was important the Board members have this information so that they may converse with citizens and advocate for the department's programming. LeGath said that the attendance at the centers is impressive. Molbeck said that centers are rented for private parties and the revenue for that is around \$13,000.*

*Starting in 2010, five of the 12 months, the Board meeting will be held at a community center. Neighbors should be notified when the meeting is in their neighborhood center.*

#### Discussion of season pass policy at the golf course.

*Discussion was held regarding the season passes at the golf course. Snow said that the pass ends at a certain date because it is not certain if there will be golf after that point. If the time of the pass were extended the price would need to go up. Snow said that Johnson Park is known as a premier place to golf in the area and has received praise for the maintenance and care.*

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

**The Report was Received and Filed**

#### Miscellaneous

*Frontier commended Daryl Carter for his mentoring of youth.*

*Joey LeGath invited the Board to a holiday social at his home at 1423 Hickory Way on January 13, 2010 following the Board of PRCS meeting.*

#### Adjournment

*There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.*

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