



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Civic Centre Commission

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Wednesday, May 2, 2012

5:15 PM

Festival Hall-Green Room

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### Call To Order

*The following were present: Chairman Jim DeMatthew, Dave Blank, Nicholas Yackley, John J. McAuliffe, Gary Anderson, Krystyna Sarrazin and Sara Nicholson. Also Present were Civic Centre Executive Director, Rik Edgar; Civic Centre Business Manager Amanda Gain; and members of Hispanic Business Professional Association,.*

### Approval of Minutes for the 2-29-12 Meeting

*Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on motion of Dave Blank.*

### New Business

#### 12-7656

**Subject:** Review of the February and March Financial Statements.

**Recommendations of the Civic Centre Commission on 5-2-2012:**  
To receive and file.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Received and Filed**

#### 12-7655

**Subject:** Civic Centre Commission requests that board members of the Hispanic Business Professional Association (HBPA) meet with the Civic Centre Commission regarding the outstanding debt related to the 2011 Fiesta Mexicana Event.

**Recommendations of the Civic Centre Commission on 5-2-2012:**  
To defer this item to a future meeting.

**Fiscal Note:** The Civic Centre Commission is currently working with HBPA for collection of outstanding funds due.

*Executive Board Members of the Hispanic Business Professional Association (HBPA) were present. HBPA President Guadalupe (Wally) Rendon spoke on behalf of the organization. Mr. Rendon stated they have had multiple fundraiser/events in order to pay down the debt owed to the Civic Centre, but they were not able to clearly state a net profit from any of them.*

*The Civic Centre Commission Members reviewed the profit and loss statement presented by the HBPA for the Racine Fiesta held at Festival Park in 2011 and*

*questioned the continual changing numbers from report to report, as well as the unusually high cost of entertainment. It was stated by the HBPA that they had problems with a subcontracted promoter not providing entertainment as expected. It was determined by the Racine Fiesta subcommittee (Wally Rendon and Richard Goetsch) to hire alternate entertainment which increased their entertainment expenses from \$40,000 to \$64,670. The decision was made without knowledge of the HPBA Board.*

*According to the documentation provided by the HBPA, the 2011 Racine Fiesta has a net loss of \$24,032. The Racine Fiesta subcommittee made the determination to pay their smaller invoices in full and leave a substantial debt owed to the Civic Centre.*

*Racine Civic Centre Executive Director Rik Edgar acknowledged that the HBPA has made payment since the end of the 2011 Fiesta. Those payments received over eight months were just enough to cover the beverage order that was placed on behalf of the HBPA. The Civic Centre did not receive any funds toward paying the rental and labor expenses related to the event until April 30, 2012. As of May 01, 2012, the HBPA has a debt balance in excess of \$18,000 which includes interest payments.*

*The Civic Centre Committee Chair James DeMatthew asked the HBPA to provide a defined plan for repayment which could be presented to the City Officials. If the Plan was accepted and adhered to, then relief on the interest and penalty charges would be reviewed. Wally Rendon agreed to call a special meeting of the HBPA by May 16th regarding the amount due, and keep in correspondence with Jim DeMatthew with any updates or changes.*

*This item will be deferred for further updates at Civic Centre Commission Meetings.*

**Deferred**

[12-7653](#)

**Subject:** Upcoming Civic Centre Events

**Recommendations of the Civic Centre Commission on 5-2-2012:**

To receive and file.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Received and Filed**

[12-7654](#)

**Subject:** CIP Project Updates.

**Recommendations of the Civic Centre Commission on 5-2-2012:**

To receive and file.

**Fiscal Note:** All projects have been allocated for in the current budget.

**Received and Filed**

### **Next Meeting Date**

*The date of the next meeting has not been set at this time.*

### **Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.*