



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

Chairman Terry McCarthy
Kristen Kaprelian
Amy Schaal
Keith Hemmig
Ben Lehner
Joey LeGath
Kiana Johnson
Krystyna Sarrazin
Pamala Handrow
Christina Mueller

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

5:15 PM

Wustum Museum, 2519 Northwestern Ave.

Call To Order

Vice Chair Kaprelian called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck, Mike Willis, Jena Kohlman & Robert Rafel

Guests: Bruce Pepich, Wustum Museum

PRESENT: 6 - Kristen Kaprelian, Amy Schaal, Ben Lehner, Joey LeGath, Krystyna Sarrazin and Pamala Handrow

EXCUSED: 4 - Keith Hemmig, Terry McCarthy, Kiana Johnson and Christina Mueller

[13-9325](#)

Subject: Approval of the August 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [PRCS Meeting Minutes August 14, 2013](#)

A motion was made by Pam Handrow and seconded by Joey LeGath to approve the minutes. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote.

Public Input

Alderman Jeff Coe requested board support of the Meredith's family request.

[13-9326](#)

Subject: Director's Report

Attachments: [Director's Report September 11, 2013](#)

The report was distributed.

A motion was made by Amy Schaal and seconded by Ald. Krystyna Sarrazin to receive and file the report. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote.

[13-9328](#)

Subject: Approval of the Cemetery Commissioners August 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Cemetery Meeting Minutes August 19, 2013](#)

A motion was made by Pam Handrow and seconded by Amy Schaal to approve the minutes. The motion PASSED by voice vote.

[13-9348](#)

Subject: Approval of the Cemetery Commissioners August 29, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Cemetery Meeting Minutes August 29, 2013](#)

A motion was made by Pam Handrow and seconded by Joey LeGath to approve the meeting minutes. The motion PASSED by voice vote.

[13-9353](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Meredith family appealing the decision of the Cemetery Commissioners on August 29, 2013 denying their request to purchase and plat a circular parcel of land at Mound Cemetery for burial sites.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks Recreation & Cultural Services on 9-11-13: To approve the Meredith's family request to survey/plat & purchase the requested circular parcel of land at Mound Cemetery for twenty burial sites, subsequent to it is found not to be an indian burial site. The Meredith family to incur all costs.

Fiscal Note: The Meredith family to incur all costs. There to be no cost to the City.

Attachments: [Meredith Mound Cemetery Request \(3\)](#)
[Mound Cemetery Circle](#)

Duke Meredith spoke on behalf of the Meredith's family; outlining their wish to obtain this parcel of land for burial sites and their appeal of the Cemetery Commissioners August 29, 2013 denial of said request. It is felt by the Meredith's the reasoning for the denial is unsubstantiated.

Sharon Baldukas provided historical information in regards to the area and provided maps to the board. Baldukas recently discovered this to be a recorded indian burial ground. This information had not been available at the time of the Cemetery Commissioners denial. Baldukas also noted there are State & Federal regulations restricting any disturbance of indian burial grounds.

Molbeck stated he had contacted the Wisconsin Historical Society, and was advised this area could be an uncataloged mound. It was recommended he speak to the state archaeologist whom was unavailable at that time. Molbeck stated the request would be a revenue source and a way to enhance the area. The Meredith family would need to be responsible for costs incurred to have the area analyzed to determine if it is in fact a mound. If found to be an indian burial site, the Meredith family would no longer be allowed to survey/plat and purchase the area.

Baldukas noted by law Potawatomi would need to be contacted as well.

If proven to be an indian burial ground, the Meredith family understands the sanctity

and would no longer pursue the purchase of this parcel of land.

A motion was made by Pam Handrow and seconded by by Amy Schaal to approve the Meredith's family request to survey/plat & purchase the requested circular parcel of land at Mound Cemetery for twenty burial sites subsequent to it is found not to be an indian burial site and all costs are incurred by the Meredith family.

[13-9327](#)

Subject: Zoological Report

Attachments: [Zoological Report September 2013](#)

The report was distributed.

A motion was made by Pam Handrow and seconded by Joey LeGath to receive and file the report. The motion PASSED by voice vote.

[13-9218](#)

Subject: Communication from Real Racine requesting permission to use city right-of-way on Sunday, September 22, 2013, for "The Biggest Loser Run/Walk".

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 8-13-13: That the Real Racine be granted permission to close city right-of-way, as listed below, for "The Biggest Loser Run/Walk" on Sunday, September 22, 2013, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in accordance with their request.

Lake Avenue from 4th Street to 5th Street;

4th Street from Lake Avenue to Festival Park;

Christopher Columbus Causeway (County) down and back to Lake Michigan Pathway (City) to Main Street;

Main Street from Gaslight Drive to Dodge Street;

Dodge Street from Main Street to Michigan Boulevard;

Michigan Boulevard from Dodge Street to Reichert Court (right lane);
Reichert Court from Michigan Boulevard to Lake Michigan Pathway;
(right lane);

Lake Michigan Pathway from Michigan Boulevard (S) to Michigan Boulevard (N);

Michigan Boulevard from Augusta Street to Lombard Avenue (right lane);

Lombard Avenue from Michigan Boulevard to Main Street (right lane);

Main Street from Lombard Avenue to Goold Street (left lane);

Goold Street from Main Street to Michigan Boulevard (left lane);

Michigan Boulevard from Goold Street to Hoffert Drive (left lane);

Hoffert Drive (City park) from Michigan Boulevard to Barker Street;

Barker Street from Hoffert Drive to Main Street;

Main Street from Barker Street to 2nd Street (right lane);

2nd Street from Main Street to Wisconsin Avenue (right lane);

Wisconsin Avenue from 2nd Street to Water Street (right lane);

Water Street from Wisconsin Avenue to Marquette Street (turn around and return to College Avenue);

College Avenue from Water Street to 6th Street (left lane);
6th Street from College Avenue to Pershing Park Drive (left lane);
Pershing Park Drive (City park) from 6th Street to 11th Street (left lane);
11th Street from Pershing Park Drive to Main Street (left lane);
Main Street from 11th Street to 14th Street (left lane);
14th Street from Main Street to Wisconsin Avenue (left lane);
Wisconsin Avenue from 14th Street to DeKoven Avenue (left lane);
DeKoven Avenue from Wisconsin Avenue to Grand Avenue (left lane);
Grand Avenue from DeKoven Avenue to 21st Street (left lane);
21st Street from Grand Avenue to Wisconsin Avenue (left lane);
Wisconsin Avenue to small portion of Main Street (left lane),
Cross over and continue north on Wisconsin Avenue to 16th Street (right lane);
16th Street from Wisconsin Avenue to Main Street (right lane);

Main Street from 16th Street south to dead end then turn around;

Main Street from 16th Street to 12th Street (right lane);
12th Street from Main Street to Lake Avenue (right lane);

Lake Avenue from 12th Street to 11th Street;

11th Street from Lake Avenue to Lake Michigan Pathway (right lane);
Lake Michigan Pathway from 11th Street to 4th Street;
4th Street from pathway to Lake Avenue.

Further recommend that permission be granted with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed and a \$75.00 processing fee paid.
- 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 \$1,050.00 special event fee.
- F. Sponsor shall be responsible for submitting a Temporary Traffic Control Plan to the Engineering Department for approval; and providing and removing all temporary traffic control devices and detour signs.
- G. Sponsor shall provide a detour plan for the closure of all State Connecting Highways, arterial and collector streets to the City Engineer for approval.

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.

Further recommends that this item be referred to the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

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

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 9-11-13: To receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Biggest Loser.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Amy Schaal and seconded by Pam Handrow to receive and file the communication. The motion PASSED by voice vote.

Guest Speaker: Bruce Pepich, Wustum Museum

Bruce Pepich, Executive Director & Curator of Collections, provided a handout to the board and discussed the history of the Wustum family dating back to 1838. Pepich spoke of the Museum's early years to major changes in operations in the 1980's as well as other major developments such as the expansion to the M & I Bank building downtown. Also discussed current operations, visitors, and the success of serving the community.

Adjournment

There be no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.