



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

City Hall
730 Washington Ave.
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Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

5:15 PM

Room 130, City Hall Annex

Call To Order

Also present new Unified School Board member Don Nielsen.

PRESENT: Andrew Kindsvater, Gaynell Dyess, Gregory Holding, Liz Mendez, Sandy Weidner, Endel Williams, Robert Hayes and Terry McCarthy

EXCUSED: Julie McKenna and Van Carson

Approval of Minutes for April 12, 2006 Meeting

Chairman Kindsvater welcomed new members Terry McCarthy and Don Nielsen.

to Approve the Minutes

Public Input

No public input at this time.

06-1894

Subject: Recreation & Cultural Services Report

Receive and file

Molbeck reported that all community centers are now hooked up on the City Cori system.

06-1890

Subject: Parks Report

Receive and file

Schumann said that staff has asked License and Welfare to reject bids for bleachers at Horlick Athletic Field.

Janitorial contracts for the five community centers will now be under one contract.

06-1891

Subject: Director's Report

Receive and file

Snow said the tentative date of May 23 for the rededication of Monument Square is in question but the Board will get an invitation to the event when it is held.

Snow reported that the first draft of the PRCS audit has been received and reviewed. When a final draft is received the Board will receive a copy.

The budget process has begun and a copy of CIP items given to each Board member. McCarthy requested that the CIP information be placed on the agenda for June.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[06-1893](#) Subject: Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Receive and file

*Weidner asked if there are still 17 trees scheduled to be planted at the Cemetery.
Schumann said there is.*

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Zoological Society Report

Jay Christie and Chuck Johnson appeared and gave a update of things happening at the Zoo including that they will have training regarding animal abuse in cooperation with the Racine Police Department.

[06-1854](#) Subject: Communication from the Spirit of Racine Triathlon requesting the use of North Beach Park on July 23, 2006 for their annual race.

Recommendation: To approve the request of Racine County Visitors and Convention Bureau to use designated areas of North Beach on July 19 - 14, 2006 for the Spirit of Racine Triathlon resulting in the assessment of the appropriate special events fee.

Fiscal note: \$485.00 special events fee to the City

Adam Smith appeared and said this will be their fourth event in Racine. Holding commented that he visited the event last year and visitors were quite impressed with Racine. Motion made by Holding to approve the request of Racine County Visitors and Convention Bureau, to use designated areas of North Beach on July 19 - 14, 2006 for the Spirit of Racine Triathlon resulting in the assessment of the appropriate special events fee.

Fiscal note: \$485.00 special events fee to the City.

Recommended For Approval

[06-1807](#) Subject: Communication from the Racine Theatre Guild requesting the free use of the Stage on Wheels for the first annual RTG Children's Theatre Festival on Sunday, July 30, 2006, from 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Also refer to the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee 04-24-06: That the item be denied

Ayes: Aldermen James T. Spangenberg; Thomas Friedel; and Sandy Weidner,

Noes: Alderman Pete Karas

Abstain: Alderman Aron Wisneski

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 5-10-06: That the request be received and filed.

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommended to be Received and Filed

06-1869

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Easter Seals Kindcare requesting to collaborate and form a partnership with the Racine Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department.

Recommendation: Recommends the request from Easter Seals Kindcare be approved.

Fiscal note: N/A

Michelle Schaefer appeared and spoke on behalf of the collaboration with PRCS to provide programs for citizens in Racine with disabilities. Snow said staff will need to look into this kinds of collaboration especially with budget cuts occurring. Usually this is started on a one year basis.

Motion made by Hayes to approve the request of Easter Seals Kindcare.

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommended For Approval

06-1775

Subject: Communication from the Event Chairman for the North American Championships sailing competition requesting to use two parking lots by North Beach on August 12-18, 2006.

Transit & Parking Commission Recommendation: Refer this to Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services: To approve pending Council approval for overnight camping and the organization work with staff.

Fiscal note: \$275.00 special event fee to the City.

Gary Chu appeared and said they are anticipating 100 boats, motor homes, etc. This year there will boat rides for spectators. Snow said that to his recollection all went well for this event in the past. Discussion was held regarding the use of the Walker site (Snow will check on this with the Mayor's office) also discussion of overnight camping.

Motion made by Hayes to approve pending Council approval for overnight camping and the organization work with staff.

Fiscal note: \$275.00 to the City.

Endel Williams excused at 6:20 p.m.

Recommended For Approval

06-1838

Subject: Communication from the Board of Directors of the Friends of Seniors, Inc. wishing to discuss the present lease agreement with the City of Racine.

Recommendation: That the item be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services: That the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal note: N/A

Ald. Ray DeHahn appeared on behalf of the Friends of Seniors. This item went to the Finance and Personnel Committee and was denied. Holding said the organization was given a contract with staggered terms and the contract is in effect.

Motion made by Holding to receive and file communication

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Ord.18-06

Ordinance No. 18-06 to amend Sec. 70-101 of the Municipal Code relating to Parks - Closing hours.

To amend Sec. 70-101(a) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services - Parks; Closing hours.

The Common Council of the City of Racine do ordain as follows:

Part 1:

Sec. 70-101(a) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine is hereby amended by inserting after "law enforcement officers," the phrase, "city concession contractors and employees thereof for a period not more than 45 minutes after park closing but only while actively engaged in their work,".

Part 2:

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed by the Common Council:

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

Recommendation: That the amendment to Ordinance 18-06 be received and filed.

Attorney Christy Hall appeared and spoke about the Ordinance amendment. Hall said the Oasis was suppose to have a 9:00 p.m. last call and be closed by 10:00 p.m. but there has been violations. Hall said she met with Donnie Snow and City Attorney Dan Wright. Further, she said she feels this amendment is a way to accommodate the concessionaire. Hall said this is a residential neighborhood and the residents are trying to be good neighbors. McCarthy asked if there is anyone working in this capacity at any other park. Snow said there was not. Snow said this Ordinance will stay unless it is amended. Mr. Curtin has said that he needs time to clean and restock the next day. Linda Sargent appeared and said that she feels this is more of a bar than a concession and that it is not for families but for drinking. Further she said there is a lot of broken glass on the beach. Holding said there is a restriction on glass bottles. John Sargent spoke and said he can not sit down to a quite dinner when the music is playing. Hall said the Police to respond when requested. Jim Rooney spoke as part of the Michigan Blvd. Association requesting the Board receive and file the amendment. Further, he said the residents have been coming to this Board for four years.

Motion made by Weidner to receive and file amendment.

Snow summarized the result of the meeting he and Tom Molbeck had with Mr. Curtin. Ald. Kaplan commended the committee and audience for the way they dealt with this issue.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Ord.11-06

Ordinance No. 11-06 to amend Secs. 102-57(3) and 102-58(e) of the Municipal Code relating to Vegetation - Planting.

To amend Secs. 102-57(3) and 102-58(e) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Vegetation - Permits for public utilities and contractors; Planting.

The Common Council of the City of Racine do ordain as follows:

Part 1:

Sec. 102-57(3) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine is hereby amended by deleting the last sentence of the paragraph.

Part 2:

Sec. 102-58(e) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine is hereby amended by replacing the word "Elms" with the following "American Elm, Siberian Elm and Slippery Elm".

Part 3:

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed by the Common Council:

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

Recommendation: That the amendment to Ordinance 11-06 be adopted.

Recommended For Adoption

Miscellaneous Business

The Secretary requested to e-mail or call the Board members in the future to save on time and money.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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