



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
Krystyna Sarrazin
Christina Mueller
Pamala Handrow
Kiana Johnson
Melissa Lemke

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck, Mike Willis & Jena Kohlman

PRESENT: 8 - Keith Hemmig, Ben Lehner, Joey LeGath, Kiana Johnson, Pamala Handrow, Christina Mueller, Terry McCarthy and Kristen Kaprelian

ABSENT: 1 - Krystyna Sarrazin

EXCUSED: 2 - Amy Schaal and Melissa Lemke

[15-00109](#)

Subject: Approval of the January 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [January 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Kaprelian seconded by Johnson to approve the Meeting Minutes. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Public Input

No public input.

[15-00110](#)

Subject: Director's Report

Attachments: [Director's Report February 2015](#)

Molbeck indicated the recreation staff had met to discuss the direction and focus of each Community Center. The Dr. John Bryant Community Center has been focusing on the performing arts and will continue to do so. The Cesar Chavez Community Center will continue with a heavy emphasis on sports activities. The Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center will be leaning towards audio & visual activities. Humble Park Community Center will be working towards creating a Teen Choice Committee to aid in teen involvement & activities; and the Tyler Domer Community Center is

seeking to collaborate with RUSD & Gateway to focus on high school students & recent graduates to assist with resumes building, jobs, etc.

A motion was made by Kaprelian and seconded Mueller to Receive and File the report. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

[15-00111](#)

Subject: Approval of the Cemetery Commissioner's January 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Cemetery Commission Minutes 1-19-15](#)

A motion was made by Legath and seconded by Handrow to approve the Meeting Minutes. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

[15-00089](#)

Subject: Communication from Ragnar Events requesting use of North Beach overnight beginning the evening of Friday, June 12, 2015 through the morning hours of June 13, 2015 for the 2015 Ragnar Relay and further request permission to have fires contained in pits during the rental period.

Recommendation of the Board of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 2-11-15: To waive municipal code 70.101 to allow use of portions of North Beach only as approved by PRCS staff beginning the evening of Friday, June 12, 2015 through the morning hours of June 13, 2015 and to grant the PRCS Director authority to approve or deny the use of fires contained in pits at North Beach during the above noted rental period.

Fiscal Note: Various park permit fees and deposits.

Attachments: [Ragnar Relay 2015 Route Proposal](#)
[Ragnar Relay NB Proposed Set Up](#)

Molbeck explained the Ragnar Relay has in the past utilized Pershing Park for their event and indicated this location is a great fit; however due to the scheduled road construction of Pershing Park Drive, Ragnar Events has requested use of North Beach as an alternative for their 2015 event. He also explained the PRCS department will work with Ragnar Events in regards to the set up and layout at North Beach. Ragnar Events will be encouraged to return to Pershing Park next year as it seems to work very well for the event as well as for PRCS.

A motion was made Handrow seconded by Mueller to approve the waiver of municipal code 70.101 to allow use of portions of North Beach only as approved by PRCS staff beginning the evening of Friday, June 12, 2015 through the morning hours of June 13, 2015. Further move to grant the PRCS Director authority to approve or deny the use of fires contained in pits at North Beach during the above noted rental period. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

[15-00116](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication to repeal & recreate Section 70-101 - Closing Hours of Chapter 70 Article III. Division of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural
Services on 2-11-15: Defer**

Attachments: Section 70-101 - Closing Hours

Discussion of the drafted ordinance took place.

It had been mentioned the ordinance should read sunset to sunrise versus 10:00 p.m. to sunrise. McCarthy indicated his concern of setting the close time to sunset as this would affect the Lockwood Park sledding hill throughout the winter months. He suggested perhaps it would be best to keep 10:00 p.m. and find an agreeable set end time. Legath agreed the end time should not remain as sunrise as indicated in the drafted ordinance.

Discussion was had about fisherman, runners & bicyclist that may be within a waterfront park or on pathways as early as 4 a.m. Hemmig indicated setting an end time of 4 a.m. was near bar close and believes 6 a.m. is a reasonable time; though suggested exceptions be noted in the ordinance to accommodate the fisherman and those utilizing the pathways for exercise in morning hours.

A motion was made by Kaprelian seconded by Legath to DEFER. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.