



City of Racine

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

*Chair Terry McCarthy, Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow,
Michael Frontier, Keith Hemmig, Kristen Kaprelian, Amy
Schaal, Tom Rosholt, Ben Lehner, Kiana Johnson*

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

5:15 PM Humble Community Center, 2200 Blaine Ave., 53403

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck, Jena Kohlman and Jason Mars

Guests: Bonnie, Dale & Adam Nelson and Caleb Robinson

PRESENT: 7 - Terry McCarthy, Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow, Kristen Kaprelian, Tom Rosholt, Keith Hemmig and Ben Lehner

ABSENT: 1 - Michael Frontier

EXCUSED: 2 - Amy Schaal and Kiana Johnson

12-7802

Subject: Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services Meeting Minutes May 9, 2012

Attachments: [PRCS May 9, 2012 Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Keith Hemmig and seconded by Vice Chair Kristen Kaprelian, to approved the Minutes. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

Public Input

No Public Input.

12-7804

Subject: Director's Report

Attachments: [Director's Report June 13, 2012](#)

The report was distributed.

Chair McCarthy inquired about the Emerald Ash Borer treatment. Interim Director Molbeck stated the Forestry Department is attempting to treat 20 city trees per day, however at this time they have been averaging approximately 12 trees per day.

Tom Rosholt inquired if we were prepared for the Lighthouse Run. Interim Director Molbeck stated it will be a busy weekend. There are three major events planned for this weekend which include the Lighthouse Run, Spike-N-Splash, and the Juneteenth Day celebration. Molbeck said we are prepared.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kaprelian and seconded by Tom Rosholt

that the Report be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

[12-7801](#)

Subject: Board of Cemetery Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Cemetery Commission Minutes - May 21, 2012](#)

Ben Lehner arrived at 5:24 p.m.

A motion was made by Pam Handrow and seconded by Vice Chair Kristen Kaprelian to approved the Minutes. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

[12-7800](#)

Subject: Zoological Report

Attachments: [June 2012](#)

The report was distributed.

A motion was made by Keith Hemmig and seconded by Pam Handrow that the report be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

Update on Humble Community Center

Guest: Community Center Supervisor, Jason Mars

Community Center Supervisor, Jason Mars highlighted some of the changes made at the Humble Community Center since the beginning of 2012. Despite having lower staff levels, the center has not discontinued any programs. The center now closes at 7:00 p.m., which is different from past years.

Currently the Optimist Youth Softball is underway. Mars stated it was tough getting coaches this year. The playground program will begin next week. There are over 60 children signed up to attend Humble Park for this program. Main Gallery planning has been underway. There will be 32-33 participating in 3 different Main Gallery programs this year. 75 kids had applied for the program.

Rosholt inquired if the level of activity is less in the winter. Mars stated the attendance is pretty steady throughout the year. A lot of children come to the community center right after school and there are also some large programs in the fall/winter such as Optimist Basketball.

Chair McCarthy asked how Mars was affected by running two community centers. Mars stated it has been challenging. He's had to rely on part time staff. Having part time staff is crucial especially with additional programming such as pickleball and softball for seniors. Mars stated there has been great team work, and Molbeck has been very helpful.

Hemmig asked Mars what his top five needs were. Mars listed three. 1) More part-time staff. Staffing is huge for mentoring & coverage of the center. 2) Replacement of mechanical type items. 3) Funding for activity equipment and supplies.

Molbeck commented that Mars is doing a really good job. Continued support from the board is very important.

[12-7749](#)

Subject: Communication from the owner of Nelson's Concessions

requesting permission to operate their hot dog/concession business in Island Park, Humble Park, Lincoln Park, Crosswalk Park, and any other recommended parks or locations.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 6-13-12: To assign Caleb Robinson's (Top Dog Hot Dog) existing contract with his permission to Nelson Concession's until the expiration of this contract.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [12-7749](#)

Molbeck explained there is an existing contract at Island Park with Caleb Robinson, Top Dog Hot Dog. He stated it is not currently being utilized. Though due to this existing contract, Robinson would need to grant permission to Nelson's Concession to take over his existing contract which is set to expire at the end of this summer. LeGath asked Robinson if he would be willing to do this. Robinson responded that he would be.

McCarthy was concerned about Crosswalk Park and indicated he would like the contract to run for this year only. Molbeck stated there is already an existing contract for Humble Park with Optimist and would like Nelson Concession's to start out with Island Park only. Bonnie Nelson stated she was okay with this.

A motion was made by Terry McCarthy and seconded by Joey LeGath to assign Caleb Robinson's (Top Dog Hot Dog) existing contract with his permission to Nelson Concession's until the expiration of this contract.

[12-7791](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the owner and operator of Smok'd on the Water seeking permission to erect a tent in the Pershing Park Boat Launch parking lot for the Days of Salmon-A-Rama July 13, 2012 through July 22, 2012.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 6-13-12: To approve the request from the owner and operator of Smok'd on the Water, to erect a tent in the Pershing Park Boat Launch parking lot for the days of Salmon-A-Rama July 13, 2012 through July 22, 2012 with proper permits.

Fiscal Note: Permit fees will apply.

Attachments: [Smok'd on the Water - Pershing Park Parking Lot](#)

Tom Rosholt left at 5:56 p.m.

Robinson stated the tent would take up approximately 4 parking spots at the Pershing Boat Launch parking lot. The tent would be used to cover entertainment, etc. He is also working with Festival Hall to possibly erect the tent there, however the Pershing Boat Launch parking lot would be his alternate location if it's needed.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kaprelian and seconded by Pam Handrow to approve the request from the owner and operator of Smok'd on the Water, to

erect a tent in the Pershing Park Boat Launch parking lot for the days of Salmon-A-Rama July 13, 2012 through July 22, 2012 with proper permits.

Discussion on Re-naming Marquette Street Park

Chair McCarthy updated the board. He advised a meeting had been held to discuss the re-naming of Marquette Street Park. They received information and Schaal did some research. The request does meet criteria. There is a concern that the grandson of William Dyess shares the same name. This is being looked at.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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