



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

*Gaynell Dyess, Van Carson, Liz Mendez,
Alderman Aron Wisneski, Endel Williams,
Robert Hayes, Terry McCarthy, Don Nielsen,
Michael Frontier, Jim Kaplan, Debbi Embry*

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

5:15 PM

Room 130, City Hall Annex

Call To Order

Also present: Jack Schumann, Tom Molbeck, Cathy Petrouske

Excused: Donnie Snow

PRESENT: Gaynell Dyess, Liz Mendez, Robert Hayes, Terry McCarthy, Michael Frontier and Jim Kaplan

ABSENT: Van Carson, Endel Williams and Don Nielsen

EXCUSED: Aron Wisneski and Debbi Embry

Approval of Minutes for September 13, 2006 Meeting

The minutes of 9/13/06 were corrected to include: Item 06-2221 should have included also stated further recommend that the contract between the City of Racine and the North Beach Oasis be reviewed in totality to implement possible changes in light of strong concerns of constituents in the neighborhood.

to Approve the Minutes

06-2221

Subject: Communication from the Mayor requesting that the North Beach Oasis contract be amended to provide for payment by concessionaire for designated North Beach improvements in lieu of revenues to the City.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee 07-24-06: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 8/9/06: The request be deferred.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee 09-11-06: The item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 9/13/06: That the contract not be amended. Further recommend that the contract between the City of Racine and the North Beach Oasis be reviewed in totality to implement possible changes in light of strong concerns of constituents in the neighborhood.

Fiscal note: N/A

Further move that the contract between the City of Racine and the North Beach Oasis be reviewed in totality to implement possible changes in light of strong concerns of constituents in the neighborhood.

Recommended For Denial

Public Input

Arlene Hennig appeared and asked that the second motion of item 06-2221 on 9/13/06 be reported to Council.

06-2628

Subject: Director's Report

Receive and file.

Kaplan commended staff on the response to Saturday burials at the Cemetery.

Frontier asked if a report will come back to the Board once the North Beach Oasis contract is reviewed. Schumann said there will be a report to the Board. Kaplan said perhaps the City Attorney should be invited at that time as well.

Receive and file.

06-2603

Subject: Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Receive and file.

Zoological Society Report

Receive and file.

06-2515

Subject: To discuss concerns regarding deteriorating neighborhood conditions in the Lincoln Heights/Lincoln Park neighborhoods.

Recommendation of Committee on Housing & Neighborhood 9-28-06
That this communication be referred to Public Works and Services Committee; the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board; and the Traffic Commission.

Further that the Committee on Housing & Neighborhood defer action on this item until it receives the recommendations from the above mentioned committees.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee 10-10-06
The communication be referred to the Traffic Commission.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 10-11-06
The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal note: N/A

Bernie Hoff and said some of the concerns have to do with parking at Lincoln Park for safety reasons. Another concern is bathrooms not being available at Lincoln Park. Schumann explained that softball umpires have keys and for youth sports responsible persons may pick up a key as well.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

06-2594

Subject: Direct Referral: Christian Symbolism on Monument Square in Downtown Racine during the Christmas Season 2006 and each year thereafter as outlined in letter.

Recommend the request be approved.

Fiscal note: \$25.00 processing fee to the City & \$300.00 deposit to be returned.

Robert Wortock appeared and revised the request to delete the phrase...and each year thereafter as outlined in the letter. Wortock said that the request is for a Nativity Scene and four banners and a Christmas tree if space is available. Electricity is requested as well. The group in this coalition includes several churches (a list was passed around). An account has been set up for the project. Schumann advised they would have to go to Public Works if using the light poles at the Square. Wortock request to waive the \$300.00 deposit fee but withdrew request based on time limitations.

Motion made by McCarthy to approve and commend Mr. Wortock for the activity.

Recommended For Approval

06-2645

Subject: Discussion of 2007 Operating Budget and Fees & Charges.

Defer to the next meeting.

Schumann said that staff was required to come in with a zero increase budget. Further he said utility costs are projected to increase by 15% and labor costs by 3%. Fees and charges include a 10% across the board increase. Discussion was held regarding energy projections.

Motion made by McCarthy to defer to the next meeting.

Developmental Assets - A Profile of Our Youth Summer 2006 - Mike Frontier

Frontier handed out a summary "Developmental Assets: A Profile of Youth". Discussion was held regarding points of the report. Because of some of the alarming information in the report, Frontier said he felt it is very important to harness any funds available and why Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services is so important.

This report is on file in the PRCS Department office.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Motion made by Dyess to defer to the November meeting.

Miscellaneous

Due to the Annual WPRA Conference for staff in November, motion made by Frontier to change the date of the November Board meeting to November 15, 2006.

Frontier requested that Schumann e-mail the Board what the difference would be if there were a savings due to energy projections.

Kaplan invited all to attend the dedication of the Bike Path at North Beach Oasis on October 21st at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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