



# City of Racine Meeting Minutes

City Hall  
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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*

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Wednesday, December 13, 2006

5:15 PM

Room 130, City Hall Annex

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### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 6 - Gaynell Dyess, Liz Mendez, Terry McCarthy, Michael Frontier, Jim Kaplan and Debbi Embry

**ABSENT:** 5 - Van Carson, Aron Wisneski, Endel Williams, Robert Hayes and Don Nielsen

*Also present: Donnie Snow, Jack Schumann, Tom Molbeck, Cathy Petrouske*

### Approval of Minutes for November 14, 2006 Meeting

**to Approve the Minutes**

#### Public Input

*No Public Input*

#### 06-2941

Subject: Director's Report

Receive and file

*Snow reported that staff has been working closely with the IS Department to purchase recreational software from Vermont Systems. Training will be set up for staff. Maintenance costs are covered in this years budget and will be planned for in future budgets.*

*\$5,000. 00 has been earmarked from Weed and Seed to involve Police officers in community center activities (Bryant and Tyler-Domer).*

*Receive and file.*

#### Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

*No minutes at this time.*

#### Zoological Society Report

*A written report was handed out at the meeting.*

06-2832

Subject: Communication from Jay Christie, President and CEO of Racine Zoological Society, requesting permission to meet with the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services to discuss the possibility of utilizing existing parkland at Lakeview Park to create a parking lot for the zoo.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 12-13-06: that the request be approved in principle and staff work to meet the proposals of the Board to maximize green space with camouflage of site.

Fiscal note: N.A.

*Jay Christie and Wolf Korndoerfer appeared and presented a drawing to the Board. Christie said the Zoo needs parking that is safe and convenient. Further, he said that there have been problems with the remote parking lot. The original request was for 72 spaces but has now been downsized to 39 spaces. There are plans for camouflage of the area with some type of plantings, etc.*

*Motion made by McCarthy to approve in principle and staff work to meet the proposals of the Board to maximize green space with camouflage of site. Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

06-2874

Subject: Request from Leadership Racine group to meet with the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to place public art and additional signage on the Lake Michigan and Root River pathways.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 12-13-06: that the request be approved in concept and the Downtown 7 group work with staff.

Fiscal note: N/A

*Jeff Coe and other member of Leadership Racine Downtown 7 group appeared requesting to place signage and possible public art on the Lake Michigan Parkway. The work would have historical relevance and hopefully get people interested in downtown. Snow said staff would work with the group.*

*Motion made by Frontier to approve in concept and the Downtown 7 group work with staff. Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

06-2847

Subject: Request of First Choice Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program for the use of Captain's Cove - 6th Street Facility for training of participants in basic construction skills for employment opportunities.

Staff recommendation: No recommendation at this time.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 12-13-06: that the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal note: N/A

*Ola Baiyewu appeared and asked that the request be withdrawn.*

*Motion made by Dyess to receive and file. Passed unan.*

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

06-2700

Subject: Request of the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to meet with the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to discuss a proposed addendum to the North Beach Oasis Concession agreement.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 12-13-06: to approve the proposed addendum to the North Beach Concession Agreement and recommend to the Common Council to approve as well.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*A copy of the proposed addendum to the North Beach Oasis contract was distributed. Snow said it is not required to post music license nor is it at any other department facility.*

*Snow said Mr. Curtin has received a letter and addendum. Some points are: Live music may be played on holidays and on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Sound amplifying equipment will be pointed to the southeast.*

*Comments from the public.*

*Arlene Hennig: When neighbors came to the Board originally about this subject, some members did not even know about the contract. The Director approved later hours for the Oasis. Taverns must post their licenses why not Mr. Curtin.*

*Christy Hall: The wrist band system was not ever started at the Oasis; now the Director says it is not needed. There has been a big trailer parked there with a beer name. It is not family friendly.*

*Citizen: This contract should be bid out.*

*Wolf Korndoerfer: Mr. Curtin has taken a place that was run down and that had many problems and turned it into a very nice and fun place to be.*

*Peggy Hood: The volume of music has greatly improved.*

*City Attorney Rob Weber appeared. Weber said Mr. Rooney, of the neighborhood association thought the agreement and addendum should be posted. Further, he said the wrist band system is not required by the contract.*

*Frontier suggested a sub-committee to monitor the situation. Snow said that there is a Program and Protest Committee that could deal with this situation.*

*Paul Curtin appeared and pointed out two very positive articles (Milwaukee Journal and Racine Journal) in regard to the Oasis. He said all his licenses are on file with the City.*

*Snow said that when this contract expires it will be bid.*

*Motion made by McCarthy to approve the proposed addendum to the North Beach Concession Agreement and recommend to the Common Council to approve as well. Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

06-2779

Subject: Request of the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to meet with the Public Safety and Licensing Committee to discuss the request of Paul and Shannon Curtin to exercise their option for a five year extension to their contract for concession operation at the North Beach Oasis.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 11-14-06: that the communication be deferred to the next meeting.

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 12-13-06: that the request be approved and be referred to the Public Safety and License Committee.

Fiscal note: 15% of gross receipts to City.

*Motion made by Frontier to approve and refer to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee. Passed unan.*

**Recommended For Approval**

Miscellaneous

*Chairman Hayes appointed committees as follows:  
Personnel: Don Nielsen (Chair), Gaynell Dyess, Aron Wisneski  
Buildings & Grounds: Terry McCarthy (Chair), Van Carson  
Program & Protest: Bob Hayes (Chair), Mike Frontier, Jim Kaplan  
Naming Committee: Debbi Embry (Chair), Liz Mendez  
Civic Centre Rep.: Endel Williams*

**Adjournment**

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