

***DIRECTORS REPORT  
FOR  
THE JULY 12, 2006  
BOARD OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES***

1. The PRCS Board decision to require the North Beach Concessionaire to: restrict music to three days a week (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and holidays; no music played after 9:00 p.m.; no drinks served after 9:00 p.m.; and volume of music adjusted to comply within the law for motor vehicle music (Bob Turner Ordinance) was overruled at the Common Council meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Council received and filed this item after a number of comments by Aldermen on the issue.
2. The proposed 2007-2011, CIP has been revised. Two items, Pershing Soccer Bleachers Replacement and Pershing Locker Room Renovation have been removed from the five year capital projects list into a "Projects Awaiting Financing Beyond 2011" category.
3. Recently, during discussion of the Zoo Master Plan we learned that in 1985 DNR approved a grant to the City to acquire four properties at the Zoo. Federal Land and Water Conservation Funds were used to purchase these properties. The project number is 55-01503 and involved three properties on North Main Street and one on Goold Street. The properties were acquired to provide public open space surrounding the Zoo. As part of this acquisition deed restrictions were placed on those lots prohibiting them from being converted to uses other than public outdoor recreation without the prior approval of the DNR and the Federal Department of Interior. A further complication is that the entire Zoo facility was placed within the boundary of the grant project and is therefore under the same restrictions regarding converting outdoor recreation area to other uses. On June 9<sup>th</sup> the Zoological Society met with Tom Blotz to discuss this issue and how best to proceed with the master plan.
4. I met with PRCS Management team and the City Administrator on July 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the PRCS Audit recommendations and the recommendations that we will attempt to accomplish this year.
5. I attended and made brief remarks at the GED/HSED graduation held at Gateway on June 13<sup>th</sup>. There were 18 graduates from the Dr. M.L. King Community Center GED/HSED program. The projected number of individual graduates to be achieved by the end of the year is 35-40 graduates.
6. The following bids have been received:
  - a. (2) 4x4 pickup trucks, Holz Motors Inc. \$33,482  
(3) 4x4 pickup trucks with plows, Ewald Chevrolet Buick, Inc. \$68,475
  - b. A lawn groomer (power rake for cleaning large area), Reinders, Inc. \$13,058
  - c. A 16 foot wide mower, Reinders, Inc. \$72,472
  - d. A 44 inch wide mower, Gielow's, \$3,892.40
  - e. New flag poles Johnson Golf Course, Pershing boat ramp, Pershing Monument and soccer field, Graceland Cemetery entrance, Mound Cemetery Crypts and Horlick Athletic Field ball diamond, Flag Center, Inc. \$11, 495

- f. Replace fencing and gates at Park Service, Century Fence Co., \$4,996
7. The following are presently being bid:
  - a. Replacing the bridge at Johnson Golf Course by the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, estimate \$240,000. This project will be done in the winter.
  - b. Concrete replacement at Wustum Museum Storage Building, estimate \$3,000.00
  - c. Asphalt paving at the Zoo and Graceland Cemetery, estimate \$24,000.00
8. The new football field lights at Horlick Athletic Field were completed June 22, two days before the first Racine Raider game.
9. Juneteenth Day was held on Saturday, June 17. Over 2,000 people enjoyed socializing, listening to music and sampling food. There were 26 booths that provided food, merchandise or information regarding their organization. Four bands made up the entertainment, and playground leaders kept the youth occupied with activities. The events were a success. Well supported by the Racine Police Department.
10. The Outdoor Movies in the Parks has returned this summer. The first movie took place on Friday, June 16 at Solbraa Park. Over 100 people enjoyed watching "All Dogs go to Heaven 2". The schedule will continue on Thursday, June 29 at Matson Park "The Wild Thornberry's", Friday, July 21 at Cesar Chavez Community Center "Mouse Hunt" and Tuesday, August 1 at Tyler-Domer Community Center "Yours, Mine & Ours". All movies will begin at dusk.
11. The Summer Lunch Program is back. Children can receive a free lunch at either John Bryant, M.L. King, Cesar Chavez or Tyler-Domer Community Centers, Monday through Thursday until August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lunches are served from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. to children 12 years of age or younger. No registration required.
12. The first season of Sand Volleyball is underway. League play takes place at North Beach Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Leagues consist of Women's (Recreation and Competitive) Coed and Men's 4's. Matches are played at either 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.
13. Meetings attended this month:
  - Zoological Society
  - Hantschel Memorial Committee
  - CDBG
  - Cemetery Commission

Respectfully submitted,

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Director