



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

City Hall
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Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

Wednesday, April 12, 2006

5:15 PM

Room 130, City Hall Annex

Call To Order

PRESENT: Andrew Kindsvater, Gaynell Dyess, Julie McKenna, James Richards, Allison Werner and Robert Hayes

EXCUSED: Van Carson, Gregory Holding, Liz Mendez, Sandy Weidner and Endel Williams

Approval of Minutes for March 8, 2006 Meeting

to Approve the Minutes

Public Input

No public input.

06-1767

Subject: Recreation & Cultural Services Report

Receive and file

Receive and file.

In regard to #16 of the report, color coding at Lockwood Park tennis courts is done.

Tax help is available at Tyler-Domer Center in 1/2 hour appointments.

06-1768

Subject: Parks Report

Receive and file

Receive and file.

Schumann reported that the electric service at Lockwood Park will be replaced. Also, the old building there will come down.

06-1769

Subject: Director's Report

Receive and file

Receive and file

The City has set up a team to review the first draft of the PRCS audit.

A meeting was held with Mr. Curtin of the North Beach Oasis and some of the issues of the residents in the area were discussed. This year there will be two days without music. Speakers will be turned to the southeast. Closing hours will remain the same unless the Ordinance is changed.

Werner commended the Parks Department on the grooming at the beach. She said there have been fewer beach closings and Milwaukee is now looking into the way that Racine is grooming the beach.

Dyess welcomed Tom Molbeck the new Manager of Recreation & Cultural Services and commended Jeff McDorman for all he has done in that position.

Snow said that the rededication date for Monument Square may need to be pushed back a bit. All Board members will get an invitation to the event.

06-1770

Subject: Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Receive and file

Receive and file.

06-1771

Subject: Zoological Society Report

Receive and file

Receive and file

Jay Christie was present and talked about the lion who left his cage at the Zoo. Christie said the lion never left containment and was not a danger to the public.

06-1647

Subject: Communication from the Racine Zoological Society requesting exclusive use of Lakeview Park for competitors and other needs and the blocking of traffic from on Michigan Boulevard beginning at Lakeview Park heading north to Goold Street and Goold Street west to Main Street.

Also refer to Traffic Commission

Recommendation: Approve

Louie Seabolt appeared and said that the Zoological Society is planning a state championship barbeque and country music concert at the Zoo on July 28 and 29. There could be as many as 30 competitors. They are requesting complete use of Lakeview Park. They have already talked with the Belle City Senior Center regarding the use of the building. Werner questioned if damage should occur. Snow said the Zoological Society would be responsible for any damage that might occur.

Motion made by Werner to approve the communication from the Zoological Society requesting use of Lakeview Park for competitors with conditions to be worked through with the PRCS Department. Passed unan.

Recommended For Approval

06-1735

Subject: Communication from the 13th District Alderman wishing to discuss the relocation of Santa's Chalet in West Racine. The request is to relocate the building to the northwest corner of Washington Avenue and West Blvd.

Recommend: Approve

Ald. Spangenberg appeared. Snow handed out a graph to show area of request. Ald. Spangenberg said the Chalet was once used as a playhouse and was once rebuilt by Racine firefighters after a fire there. The Chalet may also be used as an information center. All costs for the move will be covered by the West Racine Business and Professional Association.

Motion made by Werner to approve the request of the 13th District Alderman to relocate Santa's Chalet to Dr. Pierce Park in West Racine on the Northwest corner of Washington Avenue and West Blvd. at no expense to the PRCS Department.

Recommended For Approval

06-1660

Subject: Communication from Robert Wortock, requesting to discuss the proposal to put Christmas Symbols (decorations) up on Monument Square for 2006 and each year after.

Recommendation: Failed

Robert Wortock appeared and said he had appeared before this committee before and the request was received and filed. Mr. Wortock passed out a picture of Christmas lights on Monument Square from the past. He requested a modest life size nativity scene, banners and a Christmas tree with Christmas symbols. He also asked that the City provide security. Werner said that the City Parks Department has not paid for this in the past. Richards pointed out to Mr. Wortock that he was a resident of Wind Point. Motion made by Werner to receive and file. Ayes: 3 (Werner, Richards, Kindsvater) No's: 3 (Dyess, Hayes, McKenna) Failed Hayes suggested Mr. Wortock ask for the use of space. Snow suggested Mr. Wortock could come back with specific suggestions. Motion made by McKenna to disapprove request as stated in the letter due to financial constraints. Passed unan.

Recommended For Denial

06-1683

Subject: Communication from the Downtown Rotary Club of Racine, requesting the City of Racine to provide a 950 linear feet of wood slat fencing with 95 fencing stands, for the 52nd Annual Post Prom at Festival Hall Saturday, May 20, 2006.

Recommendation: Approved

Rev. Daniel Risch appeared. Snow said staff has worked with this group before and look forward to working with them again. Motion made by Hayes to approve. Passed unan.

Recommended For Approval

06-1701

Subject: Request of the Historic Sixth Street Association to install two electrical ground fault outdoor receptacles at Paul Harris Park. Also two swivel neck photocells. The purpose is to provide power for Christmas lighting and other public events.

Recommendation: Approve

Ed Scharding appeared. Snow said staff has no problem with the request as the cost will be to the Association. Mr. Scharding said the electric service could be used for other events during the year as well. Motion made by Hayes to approve. Passed unan.

Recommended For Approval

06-1734

Subject: Communication from the Rotary Foundation of Racine West, Inc., requesting permission to utilize Samuel Meyers Park for the use of selling beverages, beer, food items and providing live entertainment. The Rotary Foundation is also requesting traffic control between 14th and 16th Street for the dates: July 7 & 8, 2006.

Recommendation: That permission be granted upon the Rotary Club obtaining a Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License and contingent upon approval of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Service Board and the Department of Public Works.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee (4-18-06): Permission be granted to the Racine Rotary West Club to use the City-owned parking lot east of Gateway Technical College and the gravel area immediately east of the Gateway parking lot between Pershing Park Drive and Lake Michigan for the third annual Great Midwest Dragon Boat Festival, to be held July 7-8, 2006.

Further recommends that the parking lane along the east side of Main Street from 11th Street to 14th Street be closed during the event.

Further recommends that permission be granted to the sponsor to use certain city streets on Friday, July 7, 2006, and to close the following streets:

6th Street from Library Drive to Pershing Park Drive
Pershing Park Drive from 6th Street to 11th Street
11th Street from Main Street to Pershing Park Drive

Further recommends, that permission be granted with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed;
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to the event;
- C. Any overtime costs incurred by any City department be charged to the sponsor;
- D. The sponsor shall pay a \$350.00 special event fee.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer, Chief of Police, and Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services provide necessary assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

Fiscal Note: There will be nominal costs to various City departments, on a regular shift basis, to assist in implementing this event.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services: Approve
James DuRocher appeared and handed out diagrams. He said that this will be their third event. The Rotary is planning on at least 80 teams. All three Rotary Clubs work together. Motion made by Hayes to approve. Passed. Abstain (McKenna)

Recommended For Approval

Miscellaneous

Allison Werner said that she will be moving to Madison and therefore resigning from the Board. She said that it has been a pleasure to serve.

Snow thanked Andy Kindsvater who is also going off the Board.

Julie McKenna said she does not know who the Unified Board will appoint to this Board.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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