



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

City Hall
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Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

5:15 PM

Room 130, City Hall Annex

Call To Order

Also present: New Board member Debbi Embry

Administrative: Jack Schumann, Tom Molbeck, Cathy Petrouske

EXCUSED: Donnie Snow

GUESTS: Arlene Hennig, Steve Nenonen, Christy Hall

PRESENT: Gaynell Dyess, Aron Wisneski, Robert Hayes, Terry McCarthy, Michael Frontier and Jim Kaplan

ABSENT: Van Carson, Liz Mendez, Endel Williams and Don Nielsen

EXCUSED: Andrew Kindsvater

Approval of Minutes for August 9, 2006 Meeting

Acting Chairman Hayes welcomed new Board member Debbi Embry.

A motion was made by to Approve the Minutes

Public Input

Arlene Hennig appeared and said that on Labor Day North Beach Oasis pointed there speakers toward Michigan Blvd. and the music was loud. She felt the Resolution regarding this should be part of the contract.

06-2491

Subject: Director's Report

Receive and file

McCarthy asked about the removal of snow from alleys in light of the budget cuts. Schumann said this remains the responsibility of the Parks Department but due to budget cuts may be delayed.

Discussion was held regarding budget cuts. Positions eliminated in this budget are due to attrition.

Receive and file.

Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

No meeting of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners was held prior to this meeting.

Zoological Society Report

Executive Director Jay Christie will appear on Fox 6 Wake Up on September 20th.

Receive and file.

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.

Item also referred to the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

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.

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 9/13/06: That the contract not be amended.

Fiscal note: N/A

City Administrator Steve Nenonen appeared and said that this item had been discussed between Mayor Becker and former City Attorney Dan Wright. Nenonen said he will meet with City Attorney Rob Weber regarding this item but has not had a chance to discuss this with the Mayor. Kaplan said he feels it is a bad decision to side step City policy. McCarthy said he feels that the contract should be looked at in general.

Motion made by McCarthy that the contract not be amended. Passed unan.

Further discussion was held. McCarthy said that living near public land is to expect some public activity.

Motion made by Frontier 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. Passed unan.

A motion was made by Communication Recommended For Denial

06-1852

Subject: Communication from the Racine Zoological Society requesting permission to sell Malted Beverages at the Zoo's concession stand on a daily basis.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 5/8/06: That the item be deferred until the 05/22/06 License & Welfare Committee meeting.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 5/22/06: That the item be referred to the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services and then returned to the License & Welfare Committee with the recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 6/12/06: That the item be referred to the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services and then returned to the License & Welfare Committee with the recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 6/14/06: Defer

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 9/13/06: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal note: N/A

Zoo Executive Director Jay Christie asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

Motion made by McCarthy that the item be received and filed.

A motion was made by Communication Recommended to be Received and Filed

Miscellaneous

Acting Chairman Hayes appointed a Nominating Committee: Mike Frontier, Aron Wisneski, Gaynell Dyess.

Christy Hall appeared and handed out information about the North Beach Oasis to new members present.

Kaplan invited all to attend an event at the Dr. M.L. King Center on Wednesday, September 20th at 5:00 p.m. positive input for youth.

Frontier asked that an item be placed on the October agenda - Presentation of 40 assets for kids in Racine.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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