



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

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

Wednesday, August 8, 2007

5:15 PM

Room 130, City Hall Annex

Call To Order

Chairman Hayes called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

Staff present: Donnie Snow, Jack Schumann, Cathy Petrouske

Excused: Tom Molbeck

PRESENT: 8 - Gaynell Dyess, Liz Mendez, Aron Wisneski, Robert Hayes, Terry McCarthy, Michael Frontier, Jim Kaplan and Debbi Embry

ABSENT: 2 - Van Carson and Endel Williams

EXCUSED: 1 - Don Nielsen

Approval of Minutes for July 11, 2007 Meeting

to Approve the Minutes

Public Input

No Public Input

Director's Report

Snow reported that the Board had been given several hand outs: Recommended Ordinance Change per Cemetery Audit; USGA Report of City of Racine Golf Courses; Cemetery Plan Design information; Proposed CIP information; 2 articles on the Main Gallery program.

McCarthy said he did receive the information sent in the mail on the Golf RFP. Snow said this was for informational purposes only.

The Report was Received and Filed

Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

The Report was Received and Filed

Zoological Society Report

Snow said that Animal Crackers will be sending a special invitation to all elected officials for their August 22nd concert.

The Report was Received and Filed

07-0255

Subject: Request of SkyLink Networks, Inc. to discuss placing a cellular tower at Lockwood Park.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 3-14-07: that the request be deferred.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 5-9-07: that the request be deferred.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 8-8-07: that staff work with the City Plan Commission and other City offices to move forward with Skylinks/T-Mobile to negotiate the plan to have a cell tower at Lockwood Park to include the following conditions: easement arrangement, public input from neighbors, suitable compensation to the City and refer to City Plan Commission.

Fiscal Note: To be determined

Todd Klassy appeared and presented plans and maps of area. He said they would like to have a meeting at the park with neighbors. There may be a new carrier coming to Racine and they could possibly be interested in placing their service on this pole as well. An electrical easement would not be needed if the City would be willing to charge the company for electric used. There are different options for the look of the antennas, i.e., a pod, or placing them on the side of the pole. It is possible that one slot could be made available to the City for it's future use. The tower would not be placed within the limits of the landfill at the park.

Wisneski moved that staff work with the City Plan Commission and other City offices to move forward with Skylinks/T-Mobile to negotiate the plan to have a cell tower at Lockwood Park. Wisneski amended the motion to include the following conditions: easement arrangement, public input from neighbors, suitable compensation to the City. Further recommend to refer to the Plan Commission. Passed unan.

Recommended For Further Consideration

07-0808

Subject: (Direct Referral) Cemetery Board and Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services to meet with Donnie Snow, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, to review and recommend resolution of apparent conflicts in their functional operations as set forth in the Code of Ordinances.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 8-8-07: that the item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A copy of the recommended ordinance changes were distributed.

Wisneski moved that the item be deferred. Passed unan.

Deferred

07-0817

Subject: Communication from the 4th District Alderman requesting the two (2) civil war cannons rightfully be returned to Monument Square.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 7-9-07: The item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-11-07: That the request be deferred.

Fiscal note: N/A

Recommendation of the Landmarks Preservation Commission on 8-6-07: That the two civil war cannons not be returned to Monument Square.

Further that in consultation with the appropriate City authority, the matter be scheduled for discussion at a future Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting to determine an appropriate location for the two (2) civil war cannons.

Fiscal Note: NA

Staff Recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee on 8-13-07: None at this time.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 8-8-07: that the cannons be reinstated to their proper place at Monument Square flanking the monument.

Fiscal Note: Design Fee to be determined

Kaplan said that he had done a lot of research on the history of the cannons and Monument Square and brought articles to show the Board. Further he said that he had received a lot of input and e-mails regarding the history of the cannons. He said he felt the cannons need to be there to get the full effect of the monument. Snow said that a former Board had some other recommendations for the placement of the cannons. The Landmarks Preservation Committee recently voted not to return the cannons to Monument Square. Ald. Weidner said that the person who started the cannon conversation was Sharon Baldukas of the Cemetery Board. Ms. Baldukas was trying to find the value of the cannons. Weidner said that the Cemetery Board would probably welcome the cannons at the Cemetery. Frontier noted that the Board had previously heard that the cannons were not always respected when they were on Monument Square.

Kaplan moved that the cannons be reinstated to their proper place at Monument Square flanking the monument. Ayes: 4 (Kaplan, Mendez, Wisneski, Embry). No's: 3 (Frontier, Dyess, McCarthy) Passed.

Recommended For Approval

07-0876

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District wishing to draft a resolution to expand current recycling rules to include public and private events.

Also refer to Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 8-8-07:
Defer

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deferred

Presentation to the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 2008 5-year proposed CIP

Snow gave each Board member a copy of the 2008 5-year proposed CIP budget. He said that at the next Board meeting the Board would receive a copy of the proposed 2008 budget. McCarthy requested an "exceptional meeting" to discuss the budget.

Motion made by McCarthy to hold an "exceptional meeting" to review the budget before the budget goes to the Mayor. Ayes: 5 (McCarthy, Mendez, Kaplan, Frontier, Embry). No's: 2 (Dyess, Wisneski). Passed.

The meeting will be held on August 16th at 5:30 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Snow gave the Board a Draft "PRCS Procedure for Disposing of Excess Property" and Draft of "Evaluation of Environmental Significance and Recreation Facility Development Needs for City of Racine Park Property Proposed for Disposition" and asked for the Board's input.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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