



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

City Hall
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Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

5:15 PM

Room 130, City Hall Annex

Call To Order

PRESENT: 6 - Andrew Kindsvater, Gaynell Dyess, Julie McKenna, Allison Werner, Gregory Holding and Liz Mendez

ABSENT: 2 - Van Carson and Robert Hayes

EXCUSED: 3 - James Richards, Sandy Weidner and Endel Williams

Approval of Minutes for January 11, 2006 Meeting

to Approve the Minutes

Public Input

Arlene Hennig appeared and asked when the North Beach Oasis contract would be negotiated. Snow said that when the contract is up staff will be looking at some changes as discussed at some past Board meetings. Snow suggested Ms. Hennig contact him if she wished with any concerns.

Jim Rooney appeared and Snow asked him to give him a call regarding a future event at North Beach.

06-1507

Subject: Recreation & Cultural Services Report

Recommendation:

McDorman noted that 195 teams have signed up this year. Staff had hoped that the late fee would speed up the process but it seems some teams/players don't mind paying the late fee.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

06-1508

Subject: Parks Report

Recommendation: Received and filed

Recommended to be Received and Filed

06-1509

Subject: Director's Report

Recommendation: Received and filed

Snow said that he attended his first meeting with Virchow Krause to give them preliminary information for the department audit. Meetings are scheduled with staff for February 13th and 14th. They may request to meet with the Board.

As previously requested Snow looked at the terms of the Jennie Wustum Trust and said monies cannot be used at RAM.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

06-1510

Subject: Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Recommendation: Receive and file

Snow said he attended the Cemetery Board meeting and plans to attend the meetings in the future. Schumann said that as the Cemetery fills up some roads may be available for extra grave space.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

06-1511

Subject: Zoological Society Report

Recommendation: Receive and file

Recommended to be Received and Filed

06-1442

Subject: Communication from Robert Wortock, 215 Meriburr Lane, requesting that a Manger, Christmas tree and Banners be placed on Monument Square and at the Racine Zoo prior to Christmas Eve each year.

Recommendation: Receive and file

Robert Wortock appeared and asked that a Manger, Christmas Tree and banners be placed on Monument Square and at the Zoo prior to Christmas Eve each year. Holding asked Mr. Wortock if, as a resident of Wind Point if he had asked Wind Point for these displays. Mr. Wortock said he did not and that he had spent a lot of time in Racine (his children in school, shopping, etc.). Wortock said the City did have these items at one time and thought the displays could be better managed. Holding said he always found this a "thorny" issue and many churches have different beliefs in celebrating this holiday. McKenna suggested that some churches get together with the DRC to come up with an idea. Dyess said she would like more information. Werner asked if it is a fact that the department budget does not have any surplus money available. Snow said that is correct.

A motion was made by Holding that this Communication be Recommended to be Received and Filed. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Allison Werner, Gregory Holding and Liz Mendez

NOES: 2 - Gaynell Dyess and Julie McKenna

ABSENT: 2 - Van Carson and Robert Hayes

EXCUSED: 3 - James Richards, Sandy Weidner and Endel Williams

NON VOTING: 1 - Andrew Kindsvater

06-1441

Subject: Communication from Alderman of the 10th District requesting a comprehensive study of all Park and Recreation fees be conducted and presented to the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Recommendation: Approve

Ald. Friedel appeared and thanked the Board for their service. He said the Managers were asked to review the fees of the department. He said the City does not want to over charge but be sure the fees are bringing in enough. Friedel asked that the Board look at the fees being charged. McDorman said staff is always looking at the question of setting a fee or going without the activity. Friedel said previously the fee information went directly to Council but now the Board will have input. Holding said he hoped this information would come to the Board in a timely manner. Further discussion was held and Snow said staff can come up with costs to run a program and what the charges have been. Motion to approve further recommended that this item be referred to staff to report back to the PRCS Board on or before August 2006.

Recommended For Approval

06-1443

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting the Mayor and City Clerk enter into an agreement with Pepsi Americas- Pepsi-Cola General Bottlers, being the exclusive provider of beverages at five community centers.

Recommendation: Approve

Snow said that there have not been any other Bottlers that came close to the Pepsi proposal. This agreement would only be for the centers. McKenna expressed concern about nutrition as it is in the schools. The machines at the centers also include water, power aide, Nestea, lemonade and punch.

Recommended For Approval

Discussion of removal of payphone at Pershing Park

McDorman said the pay phone at the Skatepark is under-used and therefore the cost is going up from \$50 to \$75. There are pay phones at Gateway and many kids have cell phones. The issue is being brought to the Board because the Board had directed staff to put the phone in previously.

Miscellaneous

McDorman said that a copy of the new program book was at each place and had been distributed to all the schools. The cost is \$5,500.00 for 23,000 copies.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion made by Dyess to adjourn meeting at 6:31 p.m.

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