



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

*Chairman Robert Hayes, Alderman Aron Wisneski
Alderman Terry McCarthy, Darryl Carter, Joey LeGath
Michael Frontier, Amanda DeSonia
Pamala Handrow, Ken Lumpkin*

Wednesday, August 18, 2010

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

Chairman Hayes called the meeting to order at 5:25 PM

PRESENT: 6 - Darryl Carter, Amanda DeSonia, Pamala Handrow, Aron Wisneski, Robert Hayes and Ken Lumpkin

EXCUSED: 3 - Joey LeGath, Terry McCarthy and Michael Frontier

Staff present: Donnie Snow, Jack Schumann, Tom Molbeck, Sherri Hilliard

Guests: Ald. Weidner, Claudius A. Adebayo, Jay Christie

Approval of Minutes for the July 14, 2010 Meeting

Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Handrow to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2010 meeting. Passed unan

to Approve the Minutes

Public Input

Ald. Sandy Weidner spoke regarding the Racine Raiders concession contract, which will be up for renewal soon.

The current contract allows the Raiders exclusive rights to sell concessions at Horlick Athletic Field. While Ald. Weidner appreciates the service the Raiders have provided, she believes the Raiders have carried the exclusivity too far by not allowing carry in's to non-Raider games; she also advised the drinking fountains have been turned off at non-Raider functions, forcing participants/spectators to buy water. She indicated she could find nothing in the current contract that states the Raiders can not allow carry in's to non-Raider functions.

Director's Report

Report was distributed.

Director Snow advised that this year's Back to School/Stay in School program has a new partner, SC Johnson. SC Johnson's partnership will allow 3,000 children to

receive backpacks and school supplies. The event, which will be held Monday, August 23 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM, also has returning sponsors Wal-Mart and Domino's Pizza.

Favorable bids have been received for various projects.

Wisneski inquired regarding boiler replacement bids for the Dr. Bryant Center -- were alternate heating methods looked into? Snow advised yes; alternate methods were looked into; however, they were more costly. A more extensive written report will be provided to the Safety and Licensing Committee.

Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Lumpkin to receive and file the report. Passed unan.

The Report was Received and Filed

Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commission

Snow advised the Cemetery Commission has approved sending out Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for the purpose of auditing Mound and Graceland cemeteries. It is expected the RFP's will be mailed to six consultants by the end of next week.

Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Carter to receive and file the minutes of the July 15, 2010, July 19, 2010, July 22, 2010, and August 16, 2010 minutes of the Cemetery Commission. Passed unan.

The Report was Received and Filed

Zoological Society Report

No Zoological Society Report was received this month.

10-5258

Subject: Communication from Claudius A. Adebayo of OIC requesting the City donate or sell at a nominal fee, the parcel of land located at 2138 N. Wisconsin Street (parcel no. 04754000).

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 7-14-10: To defer this item, and invite the Director of the Zoo to appear at the next meeting to express their interest in the parcel.

Fiscal note: N/A.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 8-18-10: To defer to the next meeting.

Fiscal note: N/A.

Snow advised the parcel located at 2138 N. Wisconsin Street is presently being used as a parking lot. He indicated OIC is looking into purchasing the lot for a nominal fee, or having the land donated to them in order to build homes.

Claudius A. Adebayo of OIC appeared, and advised at last month's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board Meeting, he presented the OIC's interest in the property and felt it was very fair to defer the item until this meeting to allow Jay Christie of the Zoo attend to state the Zoo's interest in the property. If OIC were to obtain the property, the entire block would be developed over a 10 year period. OIC is also trying to purchase the old medical building at 500 Walton Avenue for the purpose of a new OIC headquarters. This building, which has been vacant for over three years, would be rehabbed to fit in with the surrounding neighborhood.

Wisneski inquired if Mr. Adebayo had received approval from the City Development Department or the Mayor. Mr. Adebayo advised City Development advised him the parking lot falls under the jurisdiction of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

Lumpkin requested a suspension of the rules in order to allow Jay Christie to speak. Chairman Hayes allowed the suspension of rules request.

Jay Christie, President & CEO of the Racine Zoological Society, appeared and advised that while the OIC project is a good one, parking for Zoo patrons is presently inadequate, particularly for special events like tonight's Animal Crackers concert, and also for weekends. The Zoo requires the parcel at 2138 N. Wisconsin for parking.

Carter asked if Zoo patrons could use the Community Action Agency's parking lot, which is on the other side of the street of 2138 N. Wisconsin. Snow advised the Zoo would have to enter into an agreement with the Community Action Agency to use the lot on an ongoing basis.

Carter asked if the parking lot at the Lakeview Community Center could be used by Zoo patrons. Mr. Christie advised use would be very limited on weekdays. Snow advised there was a proposal a couple of years ago to expand the parking lot at Lakeview. It was decided to not use any green space for parking.

Wisneski advised the Zoo is a City-owned park and the City receives complaints from residents of the neighborhood regarding the lack of parking; i.e., patrons parking on the street, littering, etc.

Snow advised from the Director's perspective, he admires the work of Mr. Adebayo and the OIC. However, the Zoo has a need for the parking.

Chairman Hayes called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Carter, Lumpkin, Hayes. No's: Handrow, Wisneski, DeSonia

Motion failed due to lack of majority.

Deferred

[10-5504](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the President & CEO of the Racine Zoological Society to utilize existing land at 2138 N. Wisconsin Street (parcel no. 04754000) to create a parking lot for the Zoo.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 8-18-10: To receive and file the request.

Fiscal note: N/A.

Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Handrow to receive and file the request. Passed unan.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Ord.14-10

Ord. 14-10

To amend Sec. 70-90(d) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services - Parks and Recreation Areas; Animals Prohibited.

The Common Council of the City of Racine do ordain as follows:

Part 1:

Sec. 70-90(d) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine is hereby amended by adding the following at the end of the section:

“(3) Root River and Lake Michigan Pathway, 10’ paved area only, in respective parks.”

Part 2:

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed by the Common Council:

Approved: _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 8-18-10: Defer.

Fiscal note: N/A.

Sponsors: Terry McCarthy

Snow advised he has spoken to the City Attorney and the language of the Ordinance requires more clarity.

Wisneski moved and it was seconded by Lumpkin to defer. Passed unan.

Deferred

Miscellaneous

Snow commented on the handout provided by the Health Department's readings from Myers Park.

Carter asked if the North Beach buoys could be moved closer to shore. Snow advised that no lives have been lost in the protected area. Further, there are sand bars and the water is very shallow in some areas of the protected area. The young man who drowned earlier this year was not in the protected area, and was also swimming after hours.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

If you are disabled and have accessibility needs or need information interpreted for you, please call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at 262-636-9453 at least 48 hours prior to this meeting.