# Director's Report For June 14, 2017

# <u>Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services</u> Play. Every Day.

The mission of the Department of Parks and Recreation is to preserve our parks and open spaces and provide essential recreational programs and cultural services in a safe, professional and friendly manner.

## **Projects**

# **LC Fountain:**

a. Fountain passed initial inspection with minor issues & is operating normally.

## **Miscellaneous Projects:**

- a. Horlick Athletic Field Seal Coat: Complete.
- b. <u>Electrical Upgrades at Pershing Park Athletic Field</u>: Bids accepted. Will be complete before June 30.
- c. <u>Solbraa Park Master Plan</u>: Hired consultant to develop plans & specifications for parking lot, basketball court & pickleball court construction. (no Change)
- d. Park Signage: Bids are in. Waiting for signs to be built & installed.
- e. Rotary Park Signs: Waiting for signs to be built & installed.
- f. CDBG Play Equipment Purchase: Equipment ordered.
  - i. <u>Parks included</u>:
    - 1. Grand-Replacement play equipment & park amenities.
    - 2. Marino Replacement play equipment & park amenities.
    - 3. Hagerer Replacement play equipment & park amenities.
    - 4. Roosevelt/Bryant Harmony Park 5 pieces of musical play equipment.

#### Park Shelter – Rehab:

- a. Matson Shelter:
  - i. Concrete replacement & basketball court bidding is complete. Installation has been delayed due to wet conditions. Concrete contractor failed to complete project & had to be replaced.
  - ii. Door replacement was completed the week of June 6
  - iii. Project completion expected June 15.
- b. Hantschel Shelter: Complete
- c. Solbraa Park Shelter Rehab: Complete

#### **Parks Paving:**

- a. Park Service Parking Lot: Bids are in. Expect completion by June 30.
- b. <u>Gaslight Pointe Walkway Repairs</u>: Bids are in & under budget. Construction to begin June 30.
- c. <u>Myers Parking Lot Paving:</u> Bids are in. Accepted 2 of the 3 portions of the asphalt for installation due to higher than expected costs.
- d. Paving at Multiple Parks: Bidding. Expect completion early September.

## **Community Centers:**

- a. Bryant:
  - i. Gym ceiling fans are installed.
  - ii. Scoreboards ordered.
  - iii. Harmony Park: See Item 2(c)4.

## b. Chavez

- i. Gym ceiling fans are installed.
- ii. Scoreboard ordered.
- iii. Rehab Room 24: Plans complete. Reviewing for July bidding. Construction expected in September. (no change)

#### c. Humble

i. Scoreboards ordered.

#### d. King

- i. Gym ceiling fans are installed.
- ii. Scoreboards ordered.

#### e. Tyler-Domer

i. Scoreboards ordered.

#### **Cemeteries:**

- a. Mound & Graceland:
  - i. Upgrade of drawings to Auto-Cad of Mound Cemetery is complete. Will complete revisions to match CIMS upgrades as they are available. (no change)
- b. Mound:
  - i. Doing field work for paving. Expect to bid before June 30.
- c. Graceland:
  - i. Doing field work for paving. Expect to bid before June 30.

#### **Golf Courses:**

- a. Johnson: None
- b. Washington: None
- c. Shoop: None

#### Wustum:

- a. Parking Lot Sealing: Bids are in. Work to done in mid-August.
- b. Doing field work for:
  - i. Gazebo roof replacement
  - ii. Replacement concrete rear patio
  - iii. Step replacement, home addition

## **PFS Hours:**

a. Percentage of YTD - PFS Hours Charged to CIP as of May 31, 2017 = 92.7%

#### **Parks**

#### **Parks Division:**

- a. Spread mulch at Park Place, Monument Square, North Beach, Pershing Drive, and Lakeview.
- b. Fixed broken posts along parking lot at Colonial Park.
- c. Installed garbage and recycle cans at Myers Park for the Health Department.
- d. Continued with moving and litter routes.
- e. Installed parking bumpers at Pershing parking lot and at Humble Park.
- f. Worked on moving sand at North Beach.
- g. Installed beach matting at North Beach and at Zoo Beach.
- h. Installed beach matting at Rooney Park for kayakers.
- i. Installed sod at the Zoo Administration Building.
- j. Installed lifeguard stands and signage at North Beach.
- k. Helped with prom set up and take down.

I. Painted breakroom as part of office remodel.

# **Forestry Division:**

- a. Tree Planting:
  - i. Crews finished planting approximately 1,050 trees.
- b. Tree removals:
  - i. A contractor began removing ash trees at Johnson Park that are infested with emerald ash borer. These trees are adjacent to private property and were removed to mitigate the risk associated with them.
  - ii. A second contractor removed a significant amount of branch and log debris from the Root River that was hung up on the Johnson Park Golf Course bridge. A crane was required to safely and efficiently complete the work.
  - iii. City crews removed approximately 45 inventoried trees.
- c. Tree pruning:
  - i. Approximately 400 trees were pruned. The majority were trees planted within the past 10 years that required pruning to establish good structure and form for future growth.
- d. Storm Damage:
  - i. Crews responded to 75 to 100 locations requiring priority branch and/or tree removal due to high winds. Work began at approximately 9:00 pm on a weeknight and continued for several days.

# **Recreation**

## **Upcoming events and programs:**

- a. The Movies in the Park series begins Saturday, June 17 with the presentation of "The Secret Life of Pets" at Solbraa Park.
- a. Open Mic events at the Dr. John Bryant Community Center continues to be held the second Friday of each month from 6:00 8:00 pm.
- b. The schedule is set for our first annual M.L. King Community Center Hot Summer Nights Concert Series. The concerts are free to the public from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
  - i. Laura Lewis & Company June 29
  - ii. Hog Hayes July 13
  - iii. Back to Maryland July 27

# Youth Activities:

- a. Over 300 youth and 1,000 spectators participated in the PRCS Track & Field event held at J.I. Case High school on May 8. First and Second place finishers moved on to the SEPRC meet on June 7.
- b. In partnership with RUSD, the All Sports Academy program has expanded from two sites in 2016 to five sites in 2017.
  - i. 2017 Sites: Roosevelt, Wadewitz, Julian Thomas, Knapp, and Johnson Elementary schools.
  - ii. Each site will have 40 to 60 youth on a daily basis.
- c. Youth Softball began May 31.
  - i. We have 21 teams total.
  - ii. Youth Softball coaches meeting was held on May 17.
  - iii. We had difficulties finding a volunteer coach for one team. It has now been filled.

# **Adult Activities:**

- a. Sand Volleyball Leagues will play each Monday and Tuesday beginning in June. Monday night league was cancelled due to the lack of registered teams.
- b. 727 bats have been inspected this year. This is 237 less at this time last year.

c. Every Adult Softball League had at least one rainout game with the exception of the Tuesday night league. Rescheduling of the rained out games has been on-going.

#### Miscellaneous:

- b. DRC took over supervising the fountain from PRCS staff on June 1.
- c. We have 13 guards for the 2017 beach season.
  - i. North beach was guarded the weekend of June 3 & 4. We began guarding the beach 7 days a week on June 10.
- d. Main Gallery interviews were held at the Cesar Chavez Community Center the week of May 22; with an expectation to fill 25 positions.
  - i. Main Gallery orientation is scheduled for June 22 at the Cesar Chavez Community Center.
  - ii. We expect to receive \$6,000 from the Racine Unified grant for the 2017 programming.
  - iii. Furniture painting will be held at the Dr. John Bryant Community Center, photography at Diovan Center and multimedia at the Tyler Domer Community Center.
- e. Playground supervisors began prepping for orientation on June 6.
- f. Summer intern, Clay Stevens, will begin in June.
- g. High School sport facility use scheduling concluded at the end of May.
- h. Dozens of RUSD park rentals were taken the last few weeks of school for field days, field trips, etc.

# **Community Centers**

#### King Center:

- a. A Zumba Kids program is in the works with intention to tie it in with the Healthy Kids, Healthy Snack Program. The program would run one time per week for a total of four weeks.
- b. The center's women's basketball league ended with a tournament on Sunday, June 11.

#### **Humble Park:**

- a. Future & Play It Again Playgrounds will be at Humble Park in the a.m.
- b. Tai Chi on Tuesdays has 40 attendees.
- c. Zumba is on-going.
- d. The gym has been cleaned and new lights have been installed.
- e. All AAU practice spots have been filled.

#### **Cesar Chavez:**

- a. Fans were installed in the gym.
- b. Summer open recreation hours will begin June 12.
- c. Senior Pickleball continues to grow.
- d. 15 AAU basketball teams continue to rent practice space through middle of July.

#### Bryant:

- a. The American Soccer Association has invited center youth to participate in their program free of cost with games to begin June 1.
- b. Feed America was a success. We have submitted another grant application in collaboration with Racine Kenosha Community to participate in a summer food program.
- c. Met the Racine Coalition for Peace to discuss the center's role in making Racine better.

# <u>Tyler - Domer:</u>

- a. The Pickleball Drop In program will continue.
- b. The center is a traditional playground site.
- c. The summer free lunch program will begin on June 15 each Monday through Thursday from noon to 2:00 p.m.
- d. Main Gallery will be using the center.
- e. Always using center: quilters, ping pong players, weight lifters, special needs groups, Narcotics anonymous, dance group, Panther Pals.
- f. All AAU basketball practices spots have been filled.
- g. Average 40 to 50 adults using the gym on a daily basis.
- h. The ARC has been using the building for board meetings twice a month

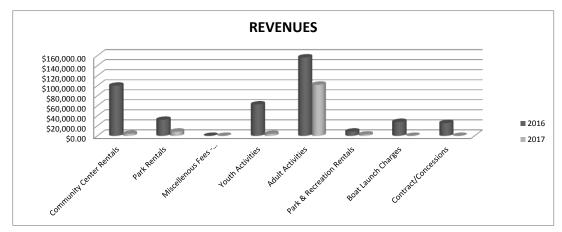
#### **Special Events & Marketing**

- a. <u>Juneteenth Day Celebration</u> is scheduled for June 17 at the Dr. John Bryant Community Center.
- b. <u>PRCS Event Calendar</u> will be mailed with the water bill for the last time this month. The mailing will reach 12,000 households.
- c. <u>Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament</u> is scheduled for July 15 & 16 at Gateway Technical College.
  - i. Proceeds will benefit PRCS youth programming.
  - ii. Racine Police Department and Racine Fire Department will be on-site during the event
  - iii. The Racine Journal Times published an article on the event on Monday, April 24th.
  - iv. PRCS will have radio spots on 102.9 The Hog and Jammin' 98.3 to promote the event. 98.3 will also be on-site during the event.
  - v. The mail-in registration deadline is June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The online registration deadline is June 26<sup>th</sup>. Register now for this event by visiting <a href="https://www.macker.com/local/racine-wi">https://www.macker.com/local/racine-wi</a>
  - vi. PRCS is currently looking for additional sponsors, vendors and volunteers for this exciting weekend event. This is a great opportunity to promote and highlight the City of Racine and surrounding area with an estimated 5,000 people at the tournament site.
  - vii. A big thank you to our sponsors who are already on board. These include: Domino's, Real Racine, Landmark Credit Union, McDonald's, Gateway Technical College, Chick-fil-A, Jammin' 98.3 and 102.9 The Hog.
  - viii. Working on finding volunteers for Gus Macker tournament. So far have contacted High School Administrators, High school coaches, Racine Volunteer Center, Racine AAU organizations among others. This will be a great challenge as so far we have not received any responses.

#### **Volunteers**

- a. Melissa Warner, Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps' members along with volunteers took part in removing first year garlic mustard and sprucing up the Colonial Park area.
  - i. It took 62 individuals to complete this effort on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all those involved.

REVENUES				
	2016 PROJECTED REVENUES	2016 ACTUAL REVENUE	2017 PROJECTED REVENUES	2017 YTD ACTUAL REVENUE*
Community Center Rentals	\$10,000.00	\$10,089.00	\$11,000.00	\$4,169.21
Park Rentals	\$20,000.00	\$32,094.57	\$20,000.00	\$8,508.50
Miscellenous Fees - Recreation	\$210.00	\$70.00	\$210.00	\$35.00
Youth Activities	\$63,000.00	\$62,687.14	\$68,000.00	\$4,068.00
Adult Activities	\$201,600.00	\$156,488.93	\$193,500.00	\$102,030.10
Recreation Rentals	\$13,000.00	\$8,567.41	\$13,000.00	\$2,768.96
Boat Launch Charges	\$15,000.00	\$27,873.66	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Contract/Concessions	\$32,000.00	\$25,408.63	\$32,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$354,810.00	\$323,279.34	\$352,710.00	\$121,579.77



GRANT NAME	\$ APPLIED	\$ RECEIVED YTD				
United Way	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	GRAN	NTS ANNU	JAL COMPA	RISON
Urban Forestry - Logging Project	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00			_
Real Racine - Special Events	\$5,000.00	\$4,700.00	\$200,000.00			_
CDBG - Main Gallery	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00			_
CDBG - Forestry	\$0.00	\$0.00				■ \$ APPLIED FOR
SC Johnson Maxi Grant	\$9,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$100,000.00			■ \$ RECEIVED
RUSD - Performing Arts Instructor	\$2,675.00	\$2,675.00	\$50,000.00			_
			\$0.00			_
				2016	2017	
TOTALS	\$47,175.00	\$14,875.00				

EVENTS/SPONSOR	2017 RAISED				
Bowling Event	\$4,543.00		DONAT	IONS/FUNDRAISING	ANNUAL
Performing Arts Donations	\$2,989.00			COMPARISON	
Misc - Landmark Credit Union N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A	\$1,500.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$80,000.00 \$60,000.00 \$40,000.00			
N/A N/A	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$20,000.00			
N/A	\$0.00		2016	2017	
TOTAL FUNDS RAISED:	\$9,032.00				

