



City of Racine

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

Chair Terry McCarthy, Vice Chair Kristen Kaprelian, Joey LeGath, Ken Lumpkin, Pamala Handrow, Michael Frontier, Keith Hemmig, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, Amy Schaal, Tom Rosholt

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

Chairman Terry McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:16 P.M.

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck, Matt Koepnick, Mike Willis, Sam Cicero and Jason Mars

Guests: City Administrator Thomas Friedel

PRESENT: 8 - Terry McCarthy, Michael Frontier, Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow, Keith Hemmig, Kristen Kaprelian, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker and Tom Rosholt

ABSENT: 1 - Ken Lumpkin

EXCUSED: 1 - Amy Schaal

Approval of Minutes for December 14, 2011 Meeting

A motion was made by Pamala Handrow, seconded by Vice Chair Kristen Kaprelian, to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Public Input

No Public Input.

Director's Report

The report was distributed.

A motion was made by Pamala Handrow, seconded by Melissa Kaprelian-Becker to receive and file the report. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

A motion was made by Pam Handrow, seconded by Kristen Kaprelian to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Zoological Society Report

No report was received this month.

Tree Planting Plans and Goals Presentation

Guest Matt Koepnick, City Forester

City Forester, Matt Koepnick, discussed the benefits of city trees, the state of the Urban Forest, Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan, as well as the pros and cons of planting bare root trees versus balled-and-burlaped. He stated due to the current staffing levels and large number of tree removals, they are not currently able to routinely prune trees.

Alderman Melissa Kaprelian-Becker was excused at 6:03 p.m.

Matt Koepnick was asked to report back to the Board quarterly.

Discussion of Board's role in selection of a replacement Director and future reorganization - Alderman Terry McCarthy

City Administrator, Tom Friedel, discussed the process used in selecting a new director for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services. He, along with Chairman McCarthy, instructed the PRCS board members to provide in writing their input for the direction PRCS should take, their vision of the qualities they believe the Director should possess as well as any other feedback.

Michael Frontier proposed the Mayor be invited to attend a future meeting concerning the future of PRCS. City Administrator Friedel indicated this would be possible.

Discussion of reorganization of PRCS

Interim Director, Tom Molbeck, discussed the distribution of community center responsibilities among staff due to the loss of many positions. Michael Frontier inquired if this has caused a reduction of programs. Interim Director Molbeck advised there have not been any reductions at this time. Chairman McCarthy requested that Interim Director Molbeck keep the board apprised of any program eliminations and the impact of the reorganization.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 2012

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