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## Meeting Minutes - Draft WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

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Thursday, September 26, 2013

6:00 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center  
1625 Northport Dr.

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### I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Chair David Carpenter and there was a quorum present.

Present: 6 -

Larry Palm; Anita Weier; Nikki J. Sanders; Sharon Rounds; David E. Carpenter and Terrence D. Tiedt

Excused: 3 -

David L. Wallner; Paul J. Van Rooy and Soncerethia Clair-Thomas

### II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Tiedt, second by Alder Weier, to approve the minutes of May 23, 2013.

Motion passed by voice vote with one editorial correction in the spelling of Rosemary Bass' name.

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### III PUBLIC COMMENT

No registrations

### IV REPORT OF CHAIR

A. Letter of Commendation for Brad Weisinger  
David Carpenter presented the letter to the Subcommittee for approval.

MOTION by Alder Anita Weier, SECOND by Terry Tiedt, to accept the commendation letter for Brad Weisinger with corrections for spelling and one grammatical error.

Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Alders Weier and Palm will discuss an appropriate presentation of the letter or something similar for presentation to Brad Weisinger at a future Common Council meeting.

**B. Youth Representatives - Update**

The selection process was discussed. Tiedt said that the subcommittee might need permission or approval from the Madison Metro School District for participation on a committee outside of school. Alder Palm stated that the youth should be a user of the WPCRC. Janet Dyer added that there are many high school youth that work at the Center during the summer as MSCR camp counselors. It was suggested that the Student Government Association could be contacted at the high school level. Eric Knepp stated that the committee member ordinance does not indicate an age limit for serving on committees. Nikki Sanders said that meetings could be held at WPCRC for youth interested in serving on the subcommittee.

**MOTION** by Alder Larry Palm, **SECOND** by Nikki Sanders, to table the process for adding youth to the WPCRC Advisory Subcommittee until after a new facility manager is hired. Motion carried with 4 aye votes. Alder Weier is noted as voting No.

Sanders reported that there will be a half day Youth Empowerment Summit on October 24 at WPCRC sponsored by MSCR and NPC. The students that attend this summit might be a good pool to draw from for youth members of the WPCRC Advisory Subcommittee.

**V REPORT OF FACILITY MANAGER**

**A. Administrative Reports - May, June, July, August**

No questions or discussion regarding written reports.

**B. Bird City - September 29**

The event was held at WPCRC from 10 am - 3 pm. The entire Parks Division was involved and the community rooms had various displays sponsored by Wild Warner, Madison Audubon Society, and other types of groups. Eric Knepp introduced the Bird City Coordinator and stated that the Parks Division was very happy to be a part of this large event that attracted adults as well as youth.

**C. Community Supper - September 29**

The supper was held from 5pm - 7pm and was well attended by Northside families. Burgers, brats and potato salad were served and had been donated by local restaurants.

**D. December 7 - HolidayFest Arts and Crafts Show**

Carpenter reminded the committee that volunteers are always needed and very much appreciated. Most of the help is needed in the kitchen for the concessions area but other tasks are also available.

An Antique Show had been planned for mid-October but was cancelled after the retirement of Brad Weisinger who had greater knowledge and experience with that type of event.

**E. Status Update on Recruitment of Warner Park Facility Manager**

Eric Knepp reported that the position will be a year round position for management of Warner Park only. Parks studied the position and discussed the responsibilities with Brad Weisinger who managed both the pool and WPCRC. The position will be posted within a week and will appear in the Wisconsin State Journal and WPRA communications.

Stephanie Franklin is the head of Parks non-profit foundation and Knepp said she is hopeful for a broad pool of applicants. The candidates will take part in the usual testing component and then be questioned by two different interview panels with two different sets of questions. There will also be different park commissioners serving on each panel. Interviews may begin in early November with the hiring process completed as soon as possible.

Anyone from the WPCRC Advisory Subcommittee that is interested in any involvement with the hiring process will be considered. Committee members can contact Diane Dabbert, Kevin Briski or Eric Knepp. It is very important to City Parks to have a diverse group of people on the panels.

Ald. Palm stated that the WPCRC Advisory Subcommittee should be part of the selection process and serve on the hiring committees and be involved every step of the way with the selection process. David Carpenter, Nikki Sanders, Alders Palmer and Weier all expressed interest in serving on one of the hiring committees.

The pool is tied in with Community Services management and is hiring now.

**Other Discussion:**

A new logo design is still a question.

Alder Palm said he wants the WPCRC Advisory members to be more pro-active, similar to the members of the Olbrich Botanical Society. Palm stated that Olbrich has very active volunteers. Sanders stated that WPCRC needs another gym and perhaps the subcommittee and the Circle of Friends could begin fund raising for that purpose. The gym is always in demand at WPCRC.

Knepp noted that there seems to be a gap between the Advisory Subcommittee and the Park Commission. WPCRC Subcommittee has both immediate and long term goals, e.g. roof repair would be an immediate goal. Palm stated that the gap would be something to discuss with the new director and Warner Park staff needs policy direction from the Park Commission.

Carpenter added that the subcommittee needs to help with plans for the facility and take a more active role.

The Circle of Friends is not structured as a fund raising body and the bylaws are questionable regarding raising money.

Ald. Weier attended the Neighborhood Resource Team meeting and there were comments made about the WPCRC ID cards. The topic of ID card use will be placed on a future agenda for the subcommittee to discuss.

Terry Tiedt noted that he works with hundreds of youth and they have not had many problems with the ID cards. Tiedt has a simple process to follow for his program involving parents signing up their children and Northeast Side Youth Basketball pays for the ID's.

## VI REPORTS OF AFFILIATES

### A. MSCR - May, June, July, August

No discussion regarding the information in the reports.

Sanders stated that her son had participated in MSCR Summer KIDS KAMP and told her it was the best camp he had ever attended.

### B. NESCO - May, June, July, August

Jim Kreuger announced that Jan Somerfeld is now the NESCO representative on the WPCRC Advisory Subcommittee. Her predecessor was Paul Van Rooy. Somerfeld was unable to attend tonight's meeting but will be at the November meeting.

September 28 is AppleFest and NESCO has been very busy this week getting everything ready for this event. The used Book Sale is already taking place in the WPCRC Meeting Room and Dry Craft Room.

October 19 is the date for the Family Caregiver Resource Fair which will be held in the WPCRC gym and community rooms from 9am - 12 pm. This is the third fair for Caregivers and admission is free.

NESCO and MSCR have teamed up to sponsor a new exercise class at WPCRC. This class will be for LGBT Seniors. There will be monthly discussion groups and the class is scheduled for the Winter Session.

A concrete sidewalk will be constructed by Madison Parks leading from the fire exit door in community room 3 to the paved walkway. This will make it much easier for seniors, especially those using wheelchairs, to exit in case of fire. The City will construct and pave the path. NESCO offered to fund raise in order to help pay for the cost if the City felt it necessary. Alder Palm asked if sidewalks should be constructed from each of the community rooms. There was no further discussion at this time.

Krueger noted that a policy is needed for the front desk if an intruder enters the building or possibly a person with a gun. Some type of method to communicate this type of situation to the rest of the building is needed.

### OTHER DISCUSSION:

Surveys on facility expansion could be taken regarding the addition of another gym. The survey could include WPCRC users and non-users and what type of expansion they would favor, if any. Alder Palm will try to get money for this addition in the City budget.

VII ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Alder Palm, second by Tiedt, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.