

CITY OF KENOSHA – BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Monday, May 11, 2009, at the Kenosha Municipal Building in Room 202. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Chairman Ruef.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioner Casey, Downing, and Orth. Commissioner Carpenter arrived after the approval of the minutes. Staff members in attendance were Mary Durkee, Ron Bursek, and Shelly Billingsley.

It was moved by Commissioner Orth, seconded by Commissioner Downing, to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, April 27, 2009. Motion passed 4-0.

1. Request from Rebecca D. Pisula, Kenosha Environmental Awareness Council, to use the Sesquicentennial Bandshell on Saturday, September 26, 2009 for a music festival. *(District 1)*
Public Hearing: No one spoke.
It was moved by Commissioner Downing, seconded by Commissioner Casey, to approve. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Request from the Mary Lou Foundation to hold “Jazzfest” at Celebration Place in HarborPark on Saturday, August 22, 2009, with co-sponsorship. *(District 2)*
Public Hearing: No one spoke.
Staff: Mary informed the commission that the cost would be \$4,040, based on last years equipment and labor costs.
It was moved by Commissioner Casey, seconded by Commissioner Orth, to approve with co-sponsorship. Motion failed 2-3, with Commissioners Carpenter, Downing and Ruef voting nay.
3. Request from KUSD, NAACP, and LULAC to hold a “Back to School Family Celebration” at Celebration Place and area east of the museum in HarborPark on September 12, 2009. *(District 2)*
Public Hearing: No one spoke.
Staff: Mary informed the commission that it would cost approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000.
It was moved by Commissioner Downing, seconded by Commissioner Orth, to approve event without co-sponsorship. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Approval of Fireworks display Agreement By and Between the City of Kenosha, Wisconsin and Pyrotechnics, Inc in the amount of \$41,300. *(District 2)*
Public Hearing: No one spoke.
Staff: Mary informed the commission this is the same amount as last year.
It was moved by Commissioner Downing, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, to approve. Motion passed 5-0.
5. Proposed Resolution to Amend the City of Kenosha Capital Improvement Program by Decreasing Line CO-09-001 (2012) “West Side Frontage Road at County Highway K” by \$400,000 and By Decreasing Line PK-03-002 “Neighborhood Spray Park” by \$50,000 for a Net Overall Decrease of \$450,000. *(City Plan Commission, also referred to Finance Committee and Public Works)*
Public Hearing: Mayor Bosman asked the commissioners for their support. Larry Keating, 1119 60th St, asked the commissioners for their support. Alderman Bogdala, 17th District, co-sponsor of help loan program, this targets the whole city, not certain neighborhoods.
Staff: Ron informed the commission that the impact for parks is \$50,000 for the spray park, which is on hold due to the lack of clarity of the new state laws mandating a full time attendant and chlorinating the water. Commissioner Casey asked about the Highway K project if this was postponed due to the fact that Kenosha Town Center has no plans of going forward. Commissioner Casey thinks this is a good program and that the redevelopment program should be left alone. Commissioner Orth doesn't agree with the removal of funds from the spray park project. The city has already purchased the elements and the spray park should be completed, this is a free activity for the community. Commissioner Orth

Indicated that the intention of changes were for the safety of the children and not to shut the spray parks down. State Representatives are looking at correcting the statute. Commissioner Casey was opposed to the amended. Commissioner Carpenter was in favor of the amendment and that the city needed to work out the details with the state.

It was moved by Commissioner Orth, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, to amend, taking the \$50,000 from the parks out. Motion failed 2-3, with Commissioners Casey, Downing and Ruef voting nay. It was moved by Commissioner Casey, seconded by Commissioner Downing to approve. Motion failed 2-3, with Commissioners Carpenter, Orth and Ruef voting nay.

6. Award of Contract for Project #09-2013 Southport Marina and Kenosha Harbor Dredging to McMullen & Pitz Construction, Manitowoc, Wisconsin in the amount of \$223,000.00. *(Districts 1 & 2) (also referred to Public Works Committee)*
Public Hearing: No one spoke.
It was moved by Commissioner Downing, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, to approve. Motion passed 5-0.
7. Informational Item: 2007/2009 CIP Line Items.
Public Hearing: No one spoke.
It was moved by Commissioner Carpenter, seconded by Commissioner Downing, to receive and file. Motion passed 5-0.
8. Informational Item: Speed Limit on Simmons Island. *(Also referred to Public Safety & Welfare Committee)*
Public Hearing: No one spoke.
Staff: Kevin supplied the commissioner with new maps.
Commissioners deferred this item to the Public Safety & Welfare committee meeting.
9. Informational Item: Introduction of the New Superintendent.
Public Hearing: No one spoke.
Staff: Ron introduced Jeff Warnock as the new superintendent and that he will start May 16, 2009. He informed the commission that there was a candidate from Texas, two from Illinois and two from Wisconsin. Ron also thanked Mary for stepping in as interim superintendent. Jeff informed the commission that he was looking forward to working with them.

CITIZEN/COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: Jeff Shipley of Bike Kenosha 9810 8th Avenue, spoke regarding his proposal to open a bicycle rental business along the lakefront. He requested that the commission hold a special meeting before Common Council Monday, May 18, 2009, he would like the approval so that the rentals can begin by Memorial Day. Commissioner Carpenter said that she had received several phone calls regarding moving funds for the loan program from the streets when the funds should be use for pot holes. Commissioner Orth that merits of this commission is for the parks not the Redevelopment Authority and that there will be a lot of disappointed children with the closure of spray parks.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Park Commissioners it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to adjourn at 6:04 pm.

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ART STRONG, DIRECTOR

May 14, 2009

TO: Don Ruef, Chairman
Board of Park Commissioners

FROM: Mary Durkee, Park Supervisor *Mary Durkee*

RE: Bicycle Rental

A request has been received from Jeff Shipley of Bike Kenosha to set up an area for bicycle rental business near the lakefront. I have spoken with Alderman Moldenhauer and he is in support of this venture. I would recommend a one-year trial. The Legal Department has indicated that we can use the same concessionaire agreement with a few changes as we did recently with Ben and Jerry's.

Mr. Shipley and his business attorney, Neil Guttormsen will be at the meeting to present their plan and also answer questions from the commission.

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March 8, 2009

Mr. Art Strong
Superintendent of Parks
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Dear Mr. Strong,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me on the phone the other day regarding a bicycle rental business venture near the lakefront of Kenosha. As per the conversation I am submitting a brief concept of this venture to you for further review and consideration.

"Bike Kenosha" is a start-up enterprise that would provide bicycle rental's (tandem or single speed cruisers) for a two hour minimum fee that would promote a "green" and a great way for locals and tourists to explore the Kenosha downtown and lakefront attractions and shops. A map high-lighting the lakefronts bike paths and the areas points of interest as well as local establishments in the downtown would be the key to all rentals in generating this activity. A point of operation near the lakefront where people can easily access the rentals is preferred, locations such as Wolfenbuttel Park (farmers market or east end of the museum parking lots), near Southport Marina public parking. If a park location is not feasible then I have a store front on south 6th Ave. in front of the Kenosha Theater I have been offered to operate out of (This would require signage to be placed strategically daily and removed daily to get customers to the location).

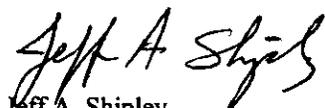
The business will be operated from a new 6 X 12 foot fully enclosed trailer that would be towed to and removed from the point of operation daily. The business will be fully insured and underwritten specifically for bicycle rental (Insurance is already approved by an underwriter provided through my insurance agent - the Trottier Insurance Agency here in Kenosha). All rentals will provide a quality maintained bicycle by means of utilizing a PM checklist on all bicycles before they are rented. All renters will be given instruction on the use of bicycle equipment and all traffic laws. All transactions will be completed through the use of a wireless network laptop computer with a scanner and will require a credit card and a driver's license along with a signed legal agreement to rent. All rentals will include a helmet and a bike lock. Other items that can be rented will include youth bikes for ages 8-11, kids tow trailers and peddlers as well as infant seats (as long as the infant can hold its head up). No participants under the age of 18 would be able to rent bicycles unless accompanied and signed for by an adult claiming responsibility for the minor. Any participants suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs would be refused rental.

I am a Kenosha native and believe in the turn-around of the downtown area as well as enjoy the beauty and recreation of the lakefront and its parks with my family. I have a strong business management background and can provide a growth service product for the community as well as a fun and healthy recreational activity for all ages to enjoy.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

I look forward to hearing from you soon on what is required to implement this venture in Kenosha.

Sincerely,


Jeff A. Shipley
Yelpihs LLC, d/b/a Bike Kenosha