

AGENDA
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Kenosha Municipal Building - Room 202
Monday, September 12, 2011 - 5:00 pm

Chairman: Michael J. Orth
Commissioner: Jesse L. Downing
Commissioner: Lawrence Green

Vice Chair: Rocco J. LaMacchia, Sr.
Commissioner: Anthony Kennedy

Call to Order
Roll Call

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on August 29, 2011.

C. REFERRED TO COMMISSION

C-1. Request from Lemon Street Gallery to place additional Sculpture in Union Park.

DIRECTOR AND/OR SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS
CITIZEN COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

IF YOU ARE DISABLED AND NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL 653-4052 BEFORE THIS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MAY BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING, AND ALTHOUGH THIS MAY CONSTITUTE A QUORUM OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL WILL NOT TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS MEETING.

CITY OF KENOSHA – BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Minutes – August 29, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Monday, August 29, 2011, at the Kenosha Municipal Building in Room 202. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. The following members were present: Chairman Orth, Commissioners LaMacchia, Downing, and Kennedy. Commissioner Green was excused. Staff members in attendance were Jeff Warnock, Mike Lemens and Shelly Billingsley.

It was moved by Commissioner LaMacchia, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, August 8, 2011. Motion passed 4-0.

- C-1 Request from St. Joseph Catholic Academy to hold a bonfire on Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 7pm – 10pm on Pennoyer Park Beach. **(District 1)**
Stephanie Connelly, 4918 18th Street, spoke. It was moved by Commissioner LaMacchia, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy to approve. Motion passed 4-0.
- C-2 Request from Prayer House Assembly of God to hold a bonfire on Saturday, September 9, 2011 from 5pm – 8pm on Alford Park Beach. **(District 1)**
It was moved by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner LaMacchia to approve. Motion passed 4-0.
- C-3 Request from the Kenosha AFL-CIO for use of park equipment for Laborfest on Monday, September 5, 2011 at St. Therese Picnic Area. **(District 9)**
It was moved by Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Orth passed the gavel to second the motion to approve with 50% sponsorship. Motion passed 4-0.
- C-4 Resolution to Amend the City of Kenosha Capital Improvement Program for 2010 by Decreasing PK00-002 “Southport Beach House” Line “ADA Ramp” by \$60,000 and Creating PK00-002 “Southport Beach House” Line “Building Restoration Design” in the amount of \$75,000 with Outside Funding in the amount of \$15,000 for a Net Change of \$0. **(District 3)**
Shelly Billingsley explained this CIP Amendment goes with the grant agreement approved at the last meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Downing, seconded by Commissioner LaMacchia to approve. Motion passed 4-0.
- C-5 Acceptance of Project 10-1412 Southport Beach House ADA Ramp (7825 First Avenue) which has been satisfactorily been completed by Camosy Construction, Kenosha, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$25,607.59. **(District 3)** *(referred by Public Works Committee)*
It was moved by Commissioner Downing, seconded by Commissioner LaMacchia to approve. Motion passed 4-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Monthly Events

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS: Jeff Warnock will be bringing forward another sculpture for Union Park. He has been working with Lemon Street gallery. He also mentioned

improvements to the drinking fountain in Union Park. Jeff updated the commission on stump removal from the June 30th storm. Most parkway trees are done and crews are now starting at the parks and golf course.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS: Mike Lemens advised the commission that staff met with the DNR at Poerio pond regarding the red swamp crayfish. The DNR will be sending a letter to the city with their recommendations. The City has received notification from the DNR of grant approval for the Recreational Trail Act for Strawberry and Sunrise parks.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Park Commissioners, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:20pm.



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September 9, 2011

TO: Michael Orth, Chairman
Board of Park Commissioners

FROM: Jeff Warnock, Park Superintendent *JW/md*

RE: Lemon Street Gallery

A request has been received from Melanie Hovey from Lemon Street Gallery to place a permanent sculpture in Union Park. The request is also includes placing artwork in the park by working with Washington Middle School to create a visual interest from the street as well as up close. Ms. Hovey will be working with the Park Division on placement of the artwork.

Recommendation: Staff recommends tentative approval of the projects with the contingency that all designs must be brought back to the commission for final approval. The City will not be responsible for any damage to the artwork.



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September 8, 2011

Dear Ald. Orth and members of the Parks Commission,

Lemon Street Gallery & ArtSpace, Inc. is a nonprofit visual arts center that was established in 1999. Since 2008, our organization has been proactive in rallying artists and residents to take responsibility for the neighborhood and "our" Union Park at 7th Ave & 46th St. We call this initiative, KenoshaUnionParkProject, or KUPP. We have planted flower gardens where there were none, provided WiFi, and conducted arts projects and programs around the beautification of the Union Park. Our organization, artists and families from the neighborhood, are responsible for creating the six mosaic planters, and placement of the Bruce Niemi sculpture as the first installment of our KUPP Sculpture Lease Program. We just completed our 4th year of free "plein air" (outdoor) painting classes for children conducted in Union Park.

This Fall we would appreciate the opportunity to add a permanent sculpture in the park. The lead artist for the current project, Kathleen Laybourn, worked for Kenosha *Mayor's Youth Employment in the Arts*. She designed and led students in nine years worth of mosaic murals around our city, as well as a large mosaic at the entrance of, *Fine Arts School* in Racine.

New this year, we've created a formal partnership with Washington Middle School students, most of who live in our neighborhood. We will provide an after school program at the gallery every Monday and Tuesday in Ceramics and Sewing. With Parks Commission approval, we would also like to engage these youth in the creation of additional permanent public art in Union Park. The artwork will be 6 to 8 feet tall, cylindrical, and very colorful, so that it creates great visual interest from the street, as well as up close.

My team and I understand the need to work closely with Public Works, Jeff Warnock and the Parks Department in selecting the most appropriate location. I hope that you will trust us to create a design that will compliment the works already on site.

Best regards,

Melanie Hovey
Executive Director
Lemon Street Gallery & ArtSpace, Inc.