

**Director's Report
For March 9, 2016**

**Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
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

1. **LC Fountain**

- a. Closed for season. 2016 spring maintenance is expected to begin early April.

2. **Miscellaneous Projects**

- a. Re-stripping & Sealing of Parking Lots: Contractor sealed & stripped lots until they ran out of the seasonal materials. The remaining parking lot will be completed in spring with no increase in cost. No Change.
- b. Washington Park Bowl – West Light Repairs: Conduit installation complete. Waiting on bids for electrical repairs.
- c. Lincoln Park Baseball Lighting: Bids in & within budget projections. Expect the new lights in place by April 30.

3. **Park Shelters**

- a. Washington Park Bowl Restroom Rehab: Field work in process, expect completed plans & specifications by mid-March.
- b. Solbraa Shelter Renovation: Project on hold.

4. **Parks Paving**

- a. Parks Service Center: Field work and engineering has begun for paving the parking area at Parks Service.

5. **Community Centers**

- a. Bryant
 - i. Gym Floor Sanding: Bids in. Project scheduled to start March 29
- b. Chavez
 - i. Bleacher Replacement – Small Gym. Bid accepted. Installation scheduled for mid-April. (No Change).
 - ii. Field work and planning has begun for rehab of room 24.
- c. Humble
 - i. None.
- d. King
 - i. Gym Floor Sanding: Bids in. Project scheduled to start March 14.
- Tyler-Domer
 - ii. None.

6. **Cemeteries:**

- a. Mound & Graceland:
 - i. **CIMS Updates**: Have been making numerous block by block revisions to verify 100% accuracy for the conversion from the original blueprints to CAD drawings to support the CIMS upgrades. In Process. (No Change)
 - ii. **Crypt Repairs**: Crypt repairs for 2016. In process.

- b. Mound:
 - i. Section 5 Road Infill: Plots have been drawn & approved by staff. There are numerous documentation and approval protocols to follow. Completion is expected at the earliest May 2016. Waiting for Attorney's Office to approve of the professional services agreement.
 - c. Graceland:
 - i. 2016 Roads & walks upgrades being reviewed.
7. **Golf Courses**:
 - a. Johnson: No Update.
 - b. Washington: No Update.
 - c. Shoop: No Update.
8. **Wustum**:
 - a. No Update.
9. **Zoo**:
 - a. Roof Replacement Feline/Primate Building: The roof consultant found some issues with the building masonry that must be resolved before the roof is replaced. Tom Eeg has requested this project be delayed until 2016. DPW has submitted the project to IRS for plans & specifications.
 - b. Goat Barn Water & Drains: Plans & specifications are complete. Project has been reviewed by the plumbing inspector & since has been bid. Expected completion is April 22.
 - c. 2016 Zoo Road & Walkways: Plans & specifications are complete, project has been bid. Expected completion is April 30.
10. **Percentage of YTD PFS Hours Charged to CIP**: as of February 29, 2016 = 84.0

Parks

1. **Forestry Division**:
 - a. 4 arborists and the City Forester attended the annual Wisconsin Arborist Association/DNR Conference in Green Bay.
 - b. Arborists completed CPR/First Aid training.
 - c. Responded to 34 reports of storm damage which included several trees and/or branches on cars or houses.
 - d. 114 trees pruned.
 - e. 50 trees removed.
2. **Parks Division**:
 - a. Parks had 3 sidewalk snow events on February 9, 15, and 17.
 - b. Staff is still assembling the new bleachers. We average about 2 sets per week. Six sets are done.
 - c. Chipping of the Colonial trails has been finished for the time being. The south side is completed. The north side will have to wait until the ground has hardened for vehicle safety.
 - d. With warmer weather and snow melt we were able to litter pick many of our parks.
 - e. Delivered several truck/trailer loads of used books from Tyler Domer to Goodwill.
 - f. New graffiti blaster has arrived and set up is underway. The unit needs to be mounted to a large skid with a pump and water tank to make it useable.

Recreation

1. Upcoming events and programs:

- a. Contract talks have begun with the Racine Zoo and Wustum Museum. Both contracts are due to expire December 31, 2016.
- b. The PRCS Track and Field event is scheduled for May 9th at J.I. Case High school.

2. Youth Activities:

- a. The Snow Sharks program ended with a final trip on February 26. We were able to get all our trips in despite the poor weather conditions in December. We have added new members and are looking forward to next season with a more aggressive recruiting program.
- b. The new High School Basketball Program/League is underway as of February 29 at the Chavez Center. Teams from all 5 community centers will play each other one time during the 5 week regular season. The top two teams will play for the Center Championship on April 4 prior to the NCAA championship.
- c. Registration has begun for the Spring Indoor and Outdoor Soccer programs. The indoor season will be held Wednesdays at the Cesar Chavez Center from March 30-April 27. The outdoor season will be held at Lakeview Park from May 4-June 1.
- d. Planning is underway for the registered and traditional playground program as well as the Lake F/X games, Outdoor Movies in the Parks and fundraisers.
- e. Registration for Youth Softball is underway. PRCS plans to continue working with Mt. Pleasant Recreation by combining leagues this summer.

3. Adult Activities:

- a. The Balance and Beyond program has started another session which runs February 19 – March 18.
- b. City League Basketball Tournament finished March 5. The Championship team will be entered in the Cudahy's Tournament of Champions starting on Saturday, April 2nd.
- c. Summer adult sports leagues registration is ongoing. Softball team registration deadline was February 18. Teams can still register until leagues are filled or until final deadline though are now subject to a \$25 late fee.

4. Miscellaneous:

- a. The RUSD special needs movie program continues to grow as more and more staff and students attend our showings. The February 4 presentation of "Inside Out" was the largest group so far with over 100 total participants. The next movie is "Planes; Fire and Rescue" on March 3 at the Cesar Chavez Center.
- b. The Milwaukee Bucks have continued to contribute tickets to our department through their charitable ticket program. Recent home games included Boston on February 9; Charlotte on February 19 and Houston on February 29.
- c. The department will again collaborate with the Coast Guard Auxiliary to present a Boating Safety Course April 12, 14 and 19 at the Cesar Chavez Center.

Community Centers

1. King Center:

- a. Staff took eight (8) participants to the movies on February 10. The movie they attended was "Kung Fu Panda". We are putting together a summer excursion plan that will include trips to Bud Billiken Parade, Taste of Chicago, and Summerfest and possibly Wisconsin Dells. All dates and times to be determined.
- b. Along with the NAACP, a Black History program was held here at the King Center on February 26 from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. About 65 people were in attendance. The program included skits, spoken word and speakers. Some of the notable speakers were Alderman Shields, NAACP President Frank Humphrey, and Bishop Mark Freeman. The program

served a dual purpose in encouraging individuals to vote as well as honoring our history. There was a display set up in honor of longtime Civil Rights Activist, Ms. Corrine Owens. Individuals were also given the chance to register to vote if they had not done so.

- c. The 32 Annual Black History Youth Achievement Awards was held on February 27 at Memorial Hall beginning at 1:00 pm. Well over 700 students, parents, teachers were in attendance to watch students being honored. Although the numbers were down from previous years, the program still was deemed a success. We will be working closer with RUSD to ensure that more students are nominated to keep the worthwhile event moving forward.
- d. Held Valentine Day activities for the youth on February 11. Activities included making cards, creating flowers out of crepe paper, and cookie decorating.
- e. Was interviewed by Mr. Racine of WRJN on February 23. The purpose was to promote one of the King Centers new programs, Video Game Creation and Development. The group meets on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:30 – 6:00 pm and Thursdays from 4:30 – 5:30. This program will teach the basics in creating their own video game on the computer. This is a nine (9) week program. We are hoping to schedule additional sessions in the future. Mr. Samuel Peete is the instructor. We currently have 4 students registered and attending these sessions.
- f. Work is schedule to begin on the gym floor March 21. The gym will be closed for 2-3 weeks.
- g. Voting was held here on February 16. We only had 59 people cast their vote.

2. **Humble Park:**

- a. PRCS Youth Hoops season came to a close. Staff did a great job. The season was a success.
- b. We are currently taking reservations for AAU practices. All our spots will be filled.
- c. Tai Chi classes are held on Tuesdays from 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm.
- d. Senior clubs continue to use the center 4 days a week.
- e. Zumba will continue at Humble with a \$3.00 donation. Looking at possibly adding more fitness classes to available times at the center.
- f. Tax appointments are underway. We offer free tax service on Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, February 3 through April 6 by appointment only.
- g. Special Olympics held their Valentine Dance February 12. Approximately 75 people were in attendance.

3. **Cesar Chavez:**

- a. Met with representative from Eco Justice Center on February 2 about the possibility of holding a class this summer.
- b. Youth Hoops concluded the season. The 5th – 8th grade tournament was held at the Chavez Center Saturday, February 13 and the finals Sunday, February 14. Games were competitive and the Center was full on both days. The Free Throw Contest was also held in small gym on February 14. We raised \$350.00 in donations for youth basketball program with the admission of \$1.00 for adults on February 14.
- c. The movie for RUSD special needs group was held here on February 4. Over 100 were in attendance.
- d. Voting was held on February 16 in big gym.
- e. Met on March 2 with representatives from traveling youth basketball organizations. We are anticipating practices to start the week of March 7 in the evenings. We expect at least 12-15 practices per week which will bring in revenue for PRCS.
- f. Balance and Beyond started another session February 19 in the senior room downstairs.
- g. Adult open recreation is held daily from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. We have 40-50 participants per day.

- h. Youth Softball registration is ongoing at the PRCS Office. Ad in the Journal Times ran on Sunday, February 28.
- i. Working with Rudy Collum on holding a youth basketball camp at Chavez April 2 and 9.
- j. Main Gallery applications became available March 1. Still waiting on CDBG guidelines for 2016 grant applications. Youth who apply must be between 14 and 18 years of age.
- k. Applied for a \$5,000.00 donation on February 15 through an anonymous donor that has sponsored Main Gallery in previous years.
- l. Will be attending the WPRC Spring Conference in Oshkosh on March 10 and 11.

4. **Bryant:**

- a. Feed America attendance was up this month. We had over 400 families receiving food.
- b. The Bryant Center hosted a Masquerade Party for the Performing Arts Program and community children. There were 70 youth in attendance.
- c. The Centers high school students attended a summit on Teen Dating Violence. Staff transported 12 teens to Gateway Technical College for this event.
- d. Staff is still working on the Harmony Park plans. The drawings are ready. We are now looking at funding resources.

5. **Tyler Domer:**

- a. We held the PRCS Bowling Fundraiser on February 21. This year the money will be going towards youth activities. We had lane sponsors, raffle prizes including a TV. 10 teams participated. Everyone had a great time and we learned a lot about how to improve for next year.
- b. PRCS Youth Hoops completed their season. No issues. The staff did a great job and the participants seemed to enjoy the experience.
- c. The Centers are currently taking reservations for AAU practices. Humble is filled. Practices are offered in 8 week increments for \$15.00 per 75 minute practice.
- d. Monday Pickle Ball League has 7 teams and is going well. We will be holding a tournament in March.
- e. Wednesday Drop In Pickle Ball is going good. We have had up to 11 people. We are reaching out to the younger player and have hopes it will become even more popular. We will continue this program through the spring and summer.
- f. Our Cardio Kickboxing class has 12 - 15 participants.
- g. Always using center: quilters, ping pong players, weight lifters, special needs groups, Narcotics Anonymous.
- h. Youth for Christ is meeting at the center all day each Wednesday. They have approximately 50 in attendance.
- i. Dance group meets 3 times per week with approximately 15 to 20 participants.
- j. Each Monday and Tuesday we have the transitional groups from Park High School at the center. Each group has around 10 to 15 youth in attendance.
- k. Panther Pals used the building on February 25. This is a great program and we are happy to collaborate with Park High School.

FACEBOOK LIKES

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2016	2,272	2,304	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PRCS WEBPAGE VISITS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Information Pending with MIS

NEWS RELEASES - FEBRUARY 2016

Bryant Masquerade Party
 Video Game Creation Development Program
 Balance & Beyond - Session 2
 Spring Break Basketball Camp
 Main Gallery Summer Arts Program
 Free Throw Contest Winners

2016 REVENUES

SERVICES	BUDGET	YTD
Community Center Rentals	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Park Revenues	\$20,000.00	\$4,589.87
Miscellaneous Fees - Recreation	\$210.00	\$0.00
Youth Activities	\$63,000.00	\$1,712.00
Adult Activities	\$201,600.00	\$91,428.68
Park & Recreation Rentals	\$13,000.00	\$658.80
Boat Launch Charges	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Contract/Concessions	\$32,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$354,810.00	\$98,389.35

2016 GRANTS

GRANT NAME	\$ APPLIED FOR	\$ RECEIVED
United Way	\$4,440.00	\$0.00
Urban Forestry	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Racine Dominican Mission Fund	\$25,000.00	Pending
TOTALS	\$54,440.00	\$0.00

FUNDRAISING

EVENTS	RAISED
Bowling Event (2/21/16)	\$3,013.04
TOTAL FUNDS RAISED:	\$3,013.04

2015 Programming

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31

YOUTH	YTD RES	YTD NON-RES	TOTAL	2014 TOTAL (R/NR)
Coach Rudy Basketball Camp (Discontinued)	n/a	n/a	n/a	9/0
Fast Break Camp	22	15	37	14/7
Flag Football	6	1	7	3/4
Free Fishing Clinic	10	22	32	n/a
Indoor Soccer	23	4	27	n/a
Outdoor Soccer	23	6	29	n/a
PLAYGROUNDS	YTD RES	YTD NON-RES	TOTAL	2014 TOTAL (R/NR)
Kiddie Korner Playgrounds	60	27	87	43/32
Future Playgrounds	67	30	97	113/32
Play It Again Playgrounds	58	25	83	47/12
BIGS Playgrounds	22	11	33	n/a
TOTAL PLAYGROUNDS	207	93	300	203/76 (R/NR)
Sand Soccer	12	0	12	n/a
Sand Volleyball	25	35	60	31/29
Softball 12 - 14 Years	70	5	75	46/2
Softball 4 Years - 5th Grade	189	39	228	220/29
Spring Break Basketball Camp	5	3	8	13/0
Spring Fever Basketball Scrimmage	4	2	6	1/1
YOUTH HOOPS	YTD RES	YTD NON-RES	TOTAL	2014 TOTAL (R/NR)
Grades 2 - 4 Chavez	146	87	233	146/114
Grades 2 - 4 Humble	121	87	208	90/70
Grades 5 - 8	295	83	378	385/118
TOTAL YOUTH HOOPS	562	257	819	475/302
Youth Hoops Skills Clinic	19	10	29	17/19

ADULT/SENIORS/MISC	YTD RES	YTD NON-RES	TOTAL	2014 TOTAL (R/NR)
Balance & Beyond (Seniors only)	24	1	25	n/a
Boater's Safety Course	0	0	0	3/13
Match Ladder Play	2	0	2	2/0
Start Restart Tennis Lessons	10	12	22	3/4

ADULT LEAGUES	YTD Participants	YTD Teams	2014 (P) Total	2014 (T) Total
Basketball	90	9	98	12
Kickball	171	15	132	11
Sand Volleyball League	184	29	222	34
Softball - Fall	230	20	184	16
Softball - Summer	2263	176	2409	184
Tournament - Basketball	0	0	63	6
Tournament - Softball -Summer	121	7	300	20
Tournament - Volleyball	0	0	39	6
Volleyball	423	64	441	69

DR. JOHN BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER												
2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	875	995	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	2,048	2,633	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	870	908	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	2,909	1,387	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6,702	5,923	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANNUAL ATTENDANCE												
	SENIORS	YOUTH	ADULT	MISC	TOTAL							
2014	9,376	21,894	8,301	11,038	50,609							
2015	9,343	26,574	8,876	13,822	58,615							
2016	1,870	4,681	1,778	4,296	12,625							

CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER												
2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	1,363	1,386	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	9,955	4,869	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	1,619	1,656	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	4,005	2,094	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16,942	10,005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANNUAL ATTENDANCE												
	SENIORS	YOUTH	ADULT	MISC	TOTAL							
2014	15,156	56,989	13,753	6,661	92,559							
2015	15,465	53,666	11,931	11,211	92,273							
2016	2,749	14,824	3,275	6,099	26,947							

HUMBLE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER												
2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	275	468	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	6,133	2,064	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	103	309	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	0	246	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6,511	3,087	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANNUAL ATTENDANCE												
	SENIORS	YOUTH	ADULT	MISC	TOTAL							
2014	5,286	23,884	9,963	2,575	41,708							
2015	3,993	28,373	1,947	634	34,947							
2016	743	8,197	412	246	9,598							

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY CENTER												
2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	1,118	927	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	3,085	2,344	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	461	470	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	181	316	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4,845	4,057	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANNUAL ATTENDANCE												
	SENIORS	YOUTH	ADULT	MISC	TOTAL							
2014	9,924	17,969	7,925	1,731	37,549							
2015	12,627	21,981	10,350	2,221	47,179							
2016	2,045	5,429	931	497	8,902							

TYLER DOMER COMMUNITY CENTER												
2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	301	280	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	2,948	2,052	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	411	346	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	0	154	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3,660	2,832	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANNUAL ATTENDANCE												
	SENIORS	YOUTH	ADULT	MISC	TOTAL							
2014	2,545	23,428	11,789	1,285	39,047							
2015	2,048	20,500	6,149	907	29,604							
2016	385	3,900	547	154	4,986							