

**Director's Report
For May 11, 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. Ready for operation – weather dependent. No issues with start-up.

2. **Miscellaneous Projects**

A. Re-striping & 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. Electrical repairs should be complete by May 7.

C. Lincoln Park Baseball Lighting: Bids accepted. Expect the new lights in place by May 30 vs. April 30 due to unforeseen delays. (No Change)

D. Pathway Lighting Replacement: The city wide lighting project will include light replacements for the Lake Michigan Pathway system. Field work on project is continuing. Anticipated completion is late 2016.

3. **Park Shelters**

A. Washington Park Bowl Restroom Rehab: Found suspect ACM material. Test results positive. Building will be abated before continuing with plans. Arrangement for abatement in process.

B. Solbraa Shelter Renovation: Project on hold. (No Change)

4. **Parks Paving**

A. Parks Service Center: Field work for concept plans has begun for paving the parking area at Parks Service. NM&B Consultants will be preparing plans and specifications. (No Change)

5. **Community Centers**

A. Bryant

i. Gym Floor Sanding: Bids in. Project started however it had to be interrupted to hold a boxing event. Project will continue mid-May.

ii. Harmony Park: Provided full size concept plans for development of Bryant Harmony Park. (No Change)

B. Chavez

i. Rehab Room 24: Field work and planning has begun. RBS Architects will be providing plans & specifications. (No Change)

ii. Chavez Gym Lighting Upgrade: The city wide lighting project will include light replacement in both Chavez gyms. Field work on project is complete. Anticipated completion is late 2016.

C. Humble

i. Humble Gym Lighting Upgrade: The city wide lighting project will include light replacement in the Humble gym. Field work on project is complete. Anticipated completion is late 2016.

D. King
i. Gym Floor Sanding: Complete

E. Tyler-Domer
i. Tyler-Domer Gym Lighting Upgrade: The city wide lighting project will include light replacement in the Tyler Domer gym. Field work on project is complete. Anticipated completion is late 2016.

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 in May 2016. The April Cemetery Commission meeting requested additional changes. The changes were completed and are ready for review. NM&B Consultants will be preparing the certified plots.

C. Graceland:

- i. 2016 roads & walks upgrades being reviewed. (No Change)

7. **Golf Courses:**

A. Johnson:

- i. Irrigation Piping Plans: Have requested quotes from several consultants to mark & plot the location of all existing irrigation. (No Change)

B. Washington: No Update.

C. Shoop: No Update.

8. **Wustum:**

A. Landscape Improvements: Hired Corre Group Landscape Architect to develop plans and specifications for grounds improvements at Wustum.

B. Parking Lot Lighting Replacement: Wustum parking lot lighting has been included with the DPW city wide lighting improvements for 2016. Anticipated completion is late 2016.

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: Complete.

C. 2016 Zoo Road & Walkways: Complete.

D. Zoo Lighting Replacement: Zoo lighting has been included with the DPW city wide lighting improvements for 2016. Anticipated completion is late 2016.

10. Percentage of YTD - PFS Hours Charged to CIP as of April 29, 2016 = **86.8%**

Parks

1. **Forestry Division:**

A. Pruned 50 trees.

B. Prepared tree yard to receive trees including setting up of irrigation.

- C. Unloaded and healed in 1,050 bare root trees.
- D. Installed approximately 260 trees in gravel bed (these will be planted in the fall).
- E. Contractor and City crews started planting a total of 790 trees.
- F. Held Arbor Day celebration at Island Park honoring Jens Jensen.
- G. City Forester and Purchasing Agent met with prospective bidders to familiarize them with a potential ash logging project (emerald ash borer management).

2. **Parks Division:**

- A. Did winter to summer change over on trucks and equipment.
- B. Finished setting up ball diamonds for the season.
- C. Put out trash barrels in parks along with picnic tables.
- D. Began re-landscaping 12 medians to get them back to turf only for easier maintenance.
- E. Seasonal employees are all here and we have concentrated on litter picking at all parks.
- F. Grass cutting is in full swing.
- G. Took down snow fence at North Beach and began moving sand.
- H. Took down the tires for the sledding hill at Lockwood Park.

Recreation

1. **Upcoming events and programs:**

- A. First \$2,500 Sponsorship from Landmark Credit Union.
- B. Awarded NRPA/Wal-Mart Out of School Time Grant of \$35,000.
- C. Rubber Duck Derby on Saturday, June 4 Island Park starting at 11:00 am.
- D. PRCS Youth Track and Field Meet was May 9 at Case High School starting at 4:00 pm.

2. **Youth Activities:**

- A. PRCS teamed up with Mt. Pleasant Park & Recreation to form 12 – 14 year old Softball Leagues for boys and girls. Games are played on Thursday evenings.
- B. The Tyler-Domer Community Center won the first high school basketball league championship on April 4. Tyler beat King 49-27. The league was comprised of high school aged youth who were never on any high school roster this year. Based on the positive feedback, PRCS will to offer the program again next year.
- C. The interview process for the Summer Playground Program is complete. Registration began May 3 for all registered programs. Orientation is set, special events are planned and leaders are ready for children.

3. **Adult Activities:**

- A. Softball League began on Sunday, May 1.
- B. Softball bat inspections will be done on Tuesdays at 10:00 am at the PRCS office throughout the season. Over a 1,000 bats are expected to be inspected.
- C. A total of 20 teams are registered in the adult Sand Volleyball leagues this summer.
- D. The second session of the Balance and Beyond program ended on April 29. We are looking at the possibility of moving the program to an earlier start time on Fridays to attract more participants.

4. **Miscellaneous:**

- A. Over 100 RUSD staff and students attended the April 7 presentation of "Surf's Up" at the Chavez Center. The final presentation of the school year is "Wreck it, Ralph" on May 5.
- B. The Milwaukee Bucks made it possible for over 500 community members to attend home games during the 2015-16 season through their charitable ticket donation program. We received tickets for the final home game and are already looking forward to next season.

- C. All Adopt-A-River groups were encouraged to perform their first clean-up of the season on Earth Day April 23.
- D. Over 800 pairs of used athletic shoes were collected and recycled through the Reuse Your Shoes program. The shoes were collected as part of Earth Day activities on April 23 at the Chavez and King Community Centers.
- E. Planning continues for the Movies in the Park series, Playgrounds, Fishing Program, Lake F/X games, and National Night Out.
- F. Supervision at the fountain will begin on Saturday, May 7th. The PRCS supervising staff took a water testing refresher course on May 5. Currently working with DRC to schedule the Ambassadors to supervise during the summer months.

Community Centers

1. King Center:

- A. Gym floor is finally completed. Work on the floor began on March 21 and was completed April 8. The floor looks really good; the company did a great job.
- B. The Spring Primary was held here on Tuesday April 5. We had to move voting from the gym to rooms 18 & 19 due to work being done on gym floor. Overall the transition went smoothly with no complaints from the voters or the poll workers.
- C. Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation held a two day workshop on April 18 & 19 from 11:00 am – 1:00pm. The workshops targeted women and mothers who smoke.
- D. On April 23, the Reuse a Shoe program collected about 40 pairs of shoes to be repurposed for low income families and individuals who need shoes.
- E. As part of Earth Day, the center participated in recycle, reuse and repurpose egg cartons. Youth made waste baskets and the Mancala game.
- F. Attorney Timothy P. Crawford will conduct a free informational presentation on legal issues such as will preparation, avoiding probate, power of attorney and more. The informational session will take place on Wednesday, May 18 at 1:00 pm. This event is free and open to the public.
- G. Planning is underway for a men's open basketball tournament. The tournament will be held May 16 – 21. Games will be played throughout the week with the semifinals and championship game on Saturday. Teams will pay a \$130.00 entry fee and will be guaranteed 3 games. There will be trophies for the 1st – 3rd place teams.

2. Humble Park:

- A. Spring elections were held at the center on Tuesday, April 5.
- B. Our spots for AAU practices at Humble are full.
- C. Tai Chi on Tuesdays from noon to 1:00 pm has approximately 40 participants.
- D. Senior clubs continue to use the center 4 days a week.
- E. Zumba will continue with a requested \$3.00 donation. Looking at possibly adding more fitness classes in a few open spots that we have.
- F. Tax appointments have concluded.
- G. It has been confirmed that a traditional playground site will be at the center again this year. We will also have a Future and Play it Again registered program here.

3. Cesar Chavez:

- A. Had over 50 youth participants in the Chavez Youth NCAA bracket challenge. Marcus Theaters gift cards were awarded to the final 4 winners.
- B. Youth basketball camp was held on April 2 and 9 by Coach Rudy Collum. We had over 40 participants in the camp.

- C. I was selected to be on the City's Wellness Committee for 2016. In the process of meeting bi-weekly to review the current wellness program and make suggestions on current and future programming. Our contract is up in 2017 with Wheaton. Currently exploring new and current options for this city wide program.
- D. The CDBG grant application for the Main Gallery 2016 program was submitted.
- E. Received \$5,000 from an anonymous donor for Main Gallery 2016 program.
- F. Racine County/City youth football program held registrations at Chavez on April 18 and 21 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- G. Voting was held on April 5. It was busy throughout day. Chavez Center staff assisted at times.
- H. The movie for RUSD special needs students was held on April 7. Over 100 in were attendance.
- I. Medicare presentation was held at Chavez on April 12. Attendance was low but the service was offered and targeted our senior participants.
- J. Adult City League Softball managers' meeting was held on April 20 at 6:00 p.m.
- K. Adult City League Softball bat inspections had been held on April 23.
- L. Reuse a Shoe program was scheduled on April 23.
- M. DPW held a public meeting on April 25 at the Chavez Center regarding the recycling program.
- N. Main Gallery student applications are in. Review of the applications is underway.
- O. Youth Softball registrations were slow to come in. Have begun forming teams.
- P. At the present time 20 youth traveling basketball teams have rented usage of the Chavez Center for basketball practices during the weeknights.

4. **Bryant:**

- A. Voting took place at Bryant with a great turnout on April 5.
- B. Feed America give away was held on April 13; again we helped about 400 families. The next date will be May 11.
- C. The Golden Gloves Boxing tournament was a success. More than 400 were in attendance. The last event was April 30.
- D. Parent teacher conferences for Dr. Jones School had been held at the center for those parents experiencing transportation issues. 40 families used this service.
- E. Earth Day celebration was held on April 22. Each child that participated received a certificate for the event.
- F. The gym floor renovation is still underway. We all are excited for it to be completed.

5. **Tyler Domer:**

- A. Spring election was held on Tuesday, April 5.
- B. Playground leader interviews are complete. Approximately 50 kids were interviewed. All open spots have filled.
- C. We have a new dance group using the center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- D. AAU practices spots are all filled.
- E. Pickle Ball drop in is held indoors on Mondays and Wednesdays. When the weather improves, the program will move outside.
- F. Cardio Kick Boxing 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 on Wednesdays; all day. Attendance is at approximately 55 each Wednesday.
- I. Dance group meets 3 times per week with about 15 to 20 participants.
- J. The transitional groups from Park high school are here each Monday & Tuesday. Each group has 10-15 youth.
- K. Panther Pals used the building on April 21.

- L. High School baseball, soccer, softball and tennis are all up and running. Doing the best we can to keep up with the fields due to weather conditions.
- M. Hired a new scorekeeper for Horlick Field. We are still seeking to hire one for Pershing.
- N. We will have Main Gallery, Traditional playgrounds and a lunch program here at the center this summer.

FACEBOOK LIKES

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2016	2,272	2,304	2,358	2,412	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

*Analytics Still Pending with MIS 4/28/16 jk

NEWS RELEASES - APRIL 2016

Adopt a River	Youth Softball - Late Fee Begins
Reuse Your Shoes - Earth Day	Playground Program Registration Begins
Brewer Tickets Giveaway - April 19	Elder Law Presentation - King Center
Lifeguard Applications Extended	Brewer Tickets Giveaway - May 9
Senior Softball	Fishing Days with MA Dailey
Start-Restart Adult Tennis	
Track & Field	

2016 REVENUES

SERVICES	BUDGET	YTD - April	YTD - May
Community Center Rentals	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,443.97
Park Revenues	\$20,000.00	\$5,565.64	\$6,663.32
Miscellaneous Fees - Recreation	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Youth Activities	\$63,000.00	\$3,886.00	\$5,370.00
Adult Activities	\$201,600.00	\$100,291.75	\$108,151.70
Park & Recreation Rentals	\$13,000.00	\$1,134.54	\$1,610.39
Boat Launch Charges	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contract/Concessions	\$32,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$70,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$354,810.00	\$117,877.93	\$195,239.38

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
NRPA/WalMart	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
TOTALS	\$89,440.00	\$35,000.00

FUNDRAISING

EVENTS	RAISED
Bowling Event (2/21/16)	\$3,013.04
Movies in the Park	\$1,500.00
Youth Softball	\$500.00
Main Gallery	\$5,000.00
Rubber Duck Derby	\$500.00
TOTAL FUNDS RAISED:	\$10,513.04

DR. JOHN BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER

2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	875	995	886	961	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	2,048	2,633	2,567	1,376	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	870	908	853	132	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	2,909	1,387	1,221	2,101	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6,702	5,923	5,527	4,570	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	3,717	8,624	2,763	7,618	22,722

CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER

2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	1,363	1,386	1,413	1,347	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	9,955	4,869	2,715	2,927	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	1,619	1,656	1,405	1,394	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	5,533	5,668	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	5,509	20,466	6,074	6,099	38,148

HUMBLE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	275	468	273	365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	6,133	2,064	1,681	1,233	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	103	309	232	241	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	0	246	0	1,303	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	6,511	3,087	2,186	3,142	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	1,381	11,111	885	1,549	14,926

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	1,179	852	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	3,085	2,344	2,160	996	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	461	470	618	352	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	181	316	186	405	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4,845	4,057	4,143	2,605	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	4,076	8,585	1,901	1,088	15,650

TYLER DOMER COMMUNITY CENTER

2016 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SENIOR	301	280	342	348	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOUTH	2,948	2,052	1,637	1,653	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADULT	411	346	444	441	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISC	0	154	300	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3,660	2,832	2,723	4,942	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	1,271	8,290	1,642	2,954	14,157