

**CITY OF NORWALK  
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 11, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Travis Simms, Chair; Richard Bonenfant; John Kydes;  
Shannon O'Toole Giandurco; Steve Serasis;  
Michael Corsello (7:03 p.m.)

STAFF: Michael Mocciae, Director

Mr. Simms called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and called the Roll. A quorum was present.

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2016**

**\*\* MR. SERASIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. KYDES)**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present this evening who wished to speak.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**\*\* MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**1. APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER MANSION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY KALECIA CAIN FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017 FROM 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.**

Ms. Cain was present.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Corsello joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**\*\* MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS:**

**1. A) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WILLIAM RAVEIS CHARITABLE**

**FUND TO USE CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR THE WILLIAM RAVEIS RIDE & WALK TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017 FROM 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AT 8:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN NOON ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 500.**

**B) APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY THE WILLIAM RAVEIS CHARITABLE FUND FOR USE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017 FOR THE WILLIAM RAVEIS RIDE & WALK.**

Two representatives were present.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Simms asked the representatives to attend the next Common Council meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\* MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

**2. APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK PAVILION I AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY THE BRIEN MCMAHON CLASS OF "1982" REUNION MARVEDIA TYSON TO HOST A REUNION BBQ TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017 FROM 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150+.**

Ms. Tyson and Ms. Peoples were present

Ms. Tyson explained that this is their 35<sup>th</sup> class reunion. They are trying to combine it with Norwalk High School. Ms. Peoples said that this is a farewell barbeque. They are aware of the guidelines. She said that they would like to have a tour of Brien McMahon on Friday. Mr. Mocciae explained that they would have to contact the Board of Education. Ms. Tyson asked how they would get permission to park at City Hall for their Saturday cruise. Mr. Mocciae told her that she would have to contact the Mayor's office.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MARK SCHLEGEL TO HOST A RALLAYE FOR PANCREATIC CANCER AUTO, MOTORCYCLE SHOW TO BE HELD AT CALF PASTURE BEACH ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017**

**FROM 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE AT 6:00 AM ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2107. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 450.**

Mark and Pauline Schlegel were present. Mr. Bonenfant noted that Ms. Schlegel is his cousin.

Mr. Schlegel explained that they are trying to create more awareness for pancreatic cancer and create a fundraiser for Dr. Frank's pilot program to develop a blood test for early detection. Currently there is no early detection test.

Mr. Serasis said that this is a good cause. Mr. Schlegel described the event that will end up at the beach where there will be a full car show. He said that they are in the early stages of developing the event.

Mr. Schlegel said that Connecticut has the highest incident in the nation of sporadic pancreatic cancer. Ms. Schlegel added that this is the least funded and the only cancer with no early detection. Mr. Schlegel said that the Norwalk Hospital Association is behind this 100%. All information that will be distributed will be reviewed by them.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Simms wished Pauline and Mark Schlegel all the best with this event and asked them to attend the next Common Council meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\* MR. CORSELLO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**4. APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK PAVILION I AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY THE NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOR A SUMMER PICNIC TO BE HELD THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017 FROM 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100-150.**

Mr. George Grover was present. He explained that they have held this event for the past 20 – 25 years.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**5. APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER MANSION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY HAYLEE**

**GLAD FOR A BIRTHDAY PARTY TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017 FROM 6:30 PM – 11:30 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.**

A representative was present.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JB SPORTS FOR THE USE OF VETERANS PARK FOR THE CT FOOD BANK MILES FOR MEALS 5K TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017 FROM 6:30 AM – 11:30 AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 400.**

A representative was present. He explained that they held their event for the first time last year. He described the race route and said that it has been approved by the Police. All of the residents in the area will be notified of any road closures and the Police will be stationed at the major intersections. Volunteers will be stationed at the other intersections.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Simms asked the applicant to attend the next Common Council meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

The following item was tabled, because a representative was not present.

7. Approve the use of the Cranbury Park Gallaher Mansion and immediate surrounding grounds by Paul Calzone for a Wedding to be held Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 2:00 PM – 11:00 PM. Estimated attendance 120.

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**8. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER MANSION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY LEE GARDELLA FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018 FROM 12:00 NOON – 5:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.**

Mr. Gardella was present.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. SERASIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**9. APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER MANSION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY INEZ DAVILA FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 FROM 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 115.**

Ms. Davila was present.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The following item was tabled because a representative was not present.

10. Approve the use of the Cranbury Park Gallaher Mansion and immediate surrounding grounds by Meghan Killilea/Jonathan Galli for a Wedding to be held Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 2:00 PM – 11:00 PM. Estimated attendance 130.

#### **V. DISCUSSION**

There was no discussion this evening.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. CORSELLO MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further discussion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services