

**CITY OF NORWALK  
RECREATION, PARKS &  
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 12, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: Michael Corsello, Chair; John Kydes; Barbara Smyth;  
George Tsiranides; Chris Yerinides; Travis Simms (7:16 p.m.)

STAFF: Ken Hughes, Acting Director of Recreation and Parks

**I. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Corsello called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and called the Roll as reflected above.

**II. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2018**

The minutes did not indicate what time Mr. Simms joined the meeting.

- \*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES PENDING THE  
ADDITION OF MR. SIMMS' ARRIVAL**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public wished to speak.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- \*\* MR. YERINIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MULTIPLE MYELOMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE USE OF TAYLOR FARM FOR THEIR MMRF TEAM FOR CURES 5K WALK/RUN TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019 FROM 7:30 AM – 12:00 NOON. SET UP TO BEING AT 8:00 AM ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000 – 1,200.**

A representative was present and described the event. The representative said their goal is over \$300,000 with 90% going to research.

In reviewing the course, the Committee members recommended using course B.

**\*\* MR. YERINIDES MOVED TO AMEND THE ITEM TO USE COURSE B AS PRESENTED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* THE MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**2. DATE CHANGE: FROM SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019 TO SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MARITIME AQUARIUM/KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL FOR THE USE OF OYSTER SHELL PARK FOR THE MARITIME AQUARIUM/KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL PLOGGING 5K EVENT TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019 FROM 8:30 AM – 12:00 NOON. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 7:30 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 1:00 PM ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 300.**

Mr. Hughes explained that one of the groups needed to change the date. He said the department has no problem with this.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Simms joined the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GORDON FINE ARTS FOR THE USE OF 50 WASHINGTON PLAZA, WASHINGTON STREET, NORTH/SOUTH MAIN AND SURROUNDING STREETS, ALONG WITH VETERANS PARK (PARKING) FOR AN ARTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2010, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE AT 6:00 AM FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 8:00 PM SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,500.**

A representative was present and described the event. She said they are working on parking and understands they may have to be flexible. She said that each year they made efforts to talk to the merchants. Mr. Corsello said this is a great event for Norwalk.

Mr. Simms said that as a member of the Recreation and Parks Committee for about nine years, they have always done a phenomenal job.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Corsello asked the representative to attend the January 8, 2019 meeting.

**\*\* MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GORDON FINE ARTS FOR THE USE OF MATHEWS PARK FOR THE NORWALK ART FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019 FROM 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM EACH DAY. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019 AT 7:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 7:30 PM ON SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2018. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 400.**

The representative said they have a nice relationship with the museums in Mathews Park.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH N.I.C.E. INC. FOR THE USE OF OYSTER SHELL PARK FOR THE ANNUAL N.I.C.E. FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2019 FROM 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM. SET-UP TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2019 AT 6:30 AM, WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 4,000.**

Ms. Janet Evelyn, representing the festival said they were there to ask about extending the hours of the festival a little longer. She said the reviews have been outstanding. Extending the hours will allow people who are unable to come out during the day to attend the festival. In addition, extending the hours will allow more of the community to attend in the event.

Mr. Kydes asked Ms. Evelyn if they could do without the financial investment from the City. She said as the event grows, they trying to get more corporate sponsorships. This year they will be doing an effort to garner donations. They will have a suggestion of a

\$5.00 donation and children under 12 will be free. She said that everyone will be able to attend at no cost; this would just be a suggested donation.

Mr. Simms said that when Ms. Evelyn first approached this Committee with this idea, the Committee members and the Director thought it was a great use of the park and beneficial to the City. He said he feels the City should continue to partner with this event.

Mr. Tsiranides asked Ms. Evelyn if she thought there would be problems with the mall construction. She said they put out a lot of good information on their website. They will also have a live feed to the parking lots so people can see the available spaces.

Ms. Evelyn said a core value of the festival is that it is available to all. Donations are not required. Mr. Kydes asked where they get their funding. Mr. Hughes said it comes from the Recreation and Parks operating budget.

Mr. Kydes talked about the noise carrying over to East Norwalk. Ms. Evelyn said this year they are reversing the stage away from the residential side.

Mr. Simms said he does not see this event as being any different than the Oyster Festival and believes the hours are well within the time frame of the noise ordinance. Ms. Evelyn said they will react to any complaints about noise and adjust accordingly.

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO AMEND THE TIME OF THE EVENT TO 11:00 A.M. TO 11:00 P.M.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Corsello asked Ms. Evelyn to attend the January 8, 2019 Common Council meeting.

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

**4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MID FAIRFIELD CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER INC. FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR THEIR ANNUAL PENGUIN PLUNGE TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019 FROM 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM WITH SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 9:00 AM AND TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.**

The representative described the event and said they are a Norwalk based organization.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Corsello asked the representative to attend the January 8, 2019 Common Council meeting.

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

**5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK YMCA CAMP SUNRISE FOR THE USE OF SILVERMINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR THEIR SUMMER CAMP TO TAKE PLACE MONDAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2019 – AUGUST 16, 2019 FROM 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.**

The representative said they have been holding this event for 10 years.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JS ENDURANCE FOR THE USE OF VETERANS PARK FOR THEIR SONO HALF MARATHON/5K TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019 FROM 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM WITH SET UP TO BEGIN AT 6:00 AM AND TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,500.**

The representative described the event and noted that this is their fifth year. He said it gets better each year. They work with 40 – 50 business in Norwalk and their goal is to minimize the impact on the residents. He said they will work on the course and see with the Police Department suggests. Mr. Simms recommended that they communicate with Troop G in Bridgeport of the State Police.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**7. APPROVE THE RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2019: JANUARY 9TH, FEBRUARY 13TH, MARCH 13TH, APRIL 10TH, MAY 8TH, JUNE 12TH, JULY 10TH, AUGUST 14TH, SEPTEMBER 11TH, OCTOBER 9TH, NOVEMBER 13TH, DECEMBER 11TH.  
ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN ROOM 231.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**10. APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PROTECTIVE NETTING FOR BRIEN MCMAHON BASEBALL FIELD, SOLE SOURCE, TO FORENET INC., FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$23,557.00.  
ACCOUNT #0916-6030-5777-C0568**

Mr. Hughes explained that there have been problems with foul balls going into neighbor's yards. A brief discussion ensued.

The item was tabled to give Mr. Hughes an opportunity to discuss this item with the Legal Department.

#### **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Discussion on a preliminary draft policy, contract negotiations regarding, and personnel matters concerning parking at several City properties.**

The Committee members went into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

The public was excused and left the meeting room.

#### **9. AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Possible action on new parking policy and procedures at several City properties

The Committee members came out of Executive Session at 8:36 p.m.

V. **DISCUSSION**

During Executive Session, no motions were made, and no votes were taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services