

**CITY OF NORWALK RECREATION, PARKS  
& CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: John Kydes (acting chair); Barbara Smyth; Chris Yerinides; Darlene Young; Douglas Hempstead (6:35pm).

STAFF: Ken Hughes, Acting Director of Recreation and Parks

**I. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Kydes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and called the Roll as reflected above.

**II. MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2019**

- \*\* MR. YERINEDES MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2019.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

Mr. Hempstead arrived at 6:35pm.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- \*\* MR. YERINEDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**
  - 1. Approve the use of Cranbury Park Gallaher Mansion and immediate surrounding grounds by Amy Mims for a Wedding to be held Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 3:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight. Estimated attendance 110+.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
  
- \*\* MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**
  - 2. Approve the use of Cranbury Park Gallaher Mansion and immediate surrounding grounds by Elizabeth Capela for a Wedding to be held Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 3:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight. Estimated attendance 140-150.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

- 3. Approve the use of Mathews Park by Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum for the use of Mathews Park for a Treasure Hunter’s Adventure to be held Sunday, June 2, 2019 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM with set up to begin at 11:00 AM and tear down no later than 5:00 PM on Sunday, June 2, 2019. Estimated attendance 200.**

Emerson Straniti from Lockwood Mathews stated that this was a partnership with two organizations, that it would be a treasure hunt both inside the mansion and outside in the park. He noted that there was no rain date, and that they hadn’t determined prizes. Finally, he stated that the event would have an ice cream truck and end by 5pm.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

- 4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum for the use of Mathews Park for their Old-Fashioned Flea Market to be held Sunday, September 15, 2019 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Set up to begin at 7:00 AM with tear down no later than 6:00 PM on Sunday, September 15, 2019. Estimated attendance 1,500.**

Mr. Straniti stated that this was the 14<sup>th</sup> year for this event. He said that last year there were 65 vendors and three food trucks. There is no rain date, and it will be all outside. He stated that vendors could bring their own tents. He said that it was a good event, and last year had good turnout.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Kydes stated that he would have to attend the Council meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers.

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

- 5. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Lupus Foundation of America for the use of Calf Pasture Beach for the Walk to end Lupus Now CT-Norwalk to be held Sunday, October 20, 2019 from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Set up to begin at 9:00 AM with tear down no later than 7:00 PM on Sunday, October 20, 2019. Estimated attendance 750-900.**

Antonella Leone-Giamei stated that this was the third year of the event, and that it has been growing every year. She stated that the event would have about 15 tents, and individually wrapped snacks. She said that the event would start with a Zumba warmup at 2pm, and then the walk around the beach. She stated that she’d been in touch with the police, and since they don’t walk on public roads, but that if it gets bigger, they will need a police presence.

Mr. Hempstead asked about parking for the event.

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Mr. Hughes stated that it wouldn't be an issue since the beach will be closed by then.

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

6. **Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Norwalk Community Health Center, Inc. for the use of Calf Pasture Beach for their Ready Set Walk & Keep Moving Charity Walk to be held Sunday, September 29, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. Set up to begin at 8:00 AM with tear down no later than 1:00 PM on Sunday, September 29, 2019. Estimated attendance 200.**

Betty Cordellos of the Norwalk Community Health Center stated that this is the second year for this event. She said that set up was minimal, that there was a walk and activities like volleyball, frisbee and yoga. Last year first year doing it. Minimal set up no tents, just a walk and then activities, like volleyball frisbee and yoga. She stated that they would stay within the beach, not on public roads. She concluded that 100 people attended last year, and they expect more this year.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION (MS. YOUNG).**

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

7. **Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Boundless Global, LLC for the use of Mathews Park for a Back Pack Give Away to be held Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 12:00 Noon – 5:00 PM. Set up to begin at 9:30 AM with tear down no later than 5:00 PM on Saturday, August 10, 2019. Estimated attendance 100.**

Deirdre Davis stated that this was a backpack giveaway that she had been doing for over twenty years. She stated that it started with children living in public housing and has been a thrill to be able to give children new backpacks. She said the event would include hotdogs and hamburgers, and activities for the kids.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- \*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**
- 8. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Rallye for Pancreatic Cancer Inc. for the use of Calf Pasture Beach for their Rallye for Pancreatic Cancer Car Show to be held Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM with a rain date of Sunday, May 12, 2019. Set up to begin at 9:00 AM with tear down no later than 6:00 PM on Sunday, May 5, 2019 (rain date Sunday, May 12, 2019). Estimated attendance 450.**

Mark Schlegel of Rallye for Pancreatic Cancer stated that this is the third year of the event, and that it has raised \$60,000 to date. He noted that all of the money gets donated for research and awareness. He also said that sponsors have been generous.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- \*\* MR. YERINEDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**
- 9. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Mountain Workshop for the use of Calf Pasture Beach for their Team Building Day to be held Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM with a rain date To Be Determined. Set up to begin at 7:00 AM with tear down no later than 4:00 PM on Thursday, May 23, 2019. Estimated attendance 300.**

Tim Hawkes with the Mountain Workshop stated that the company does team building activities with schools and have been working with Norwalk since 2005. He stated that there would be about 300 students from Fairfield, with a lunch catered by Stew Leonard's.

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**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION (MR. HEMPSTEAD)**

- \*\* MR. YERINEDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**
- 10. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Mountain Workshop for the use of Calf Pasture Beach for their Team Building Day to be held Tuesday, September 10, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM with a rain date To Be Determined. Set up to begin at 7:00 AM with tear down no later than 4:00 PM on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Estimated attendance 300.**

Mr. Hawkes said this was the same as Item Nine.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION (MR. HEMPSTEAD).**

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

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- 11. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Norwalk Exchange Club for the use of Taylor Farm for their Antique Car Show to be held Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM with a Rain Date of Sunday, May 5, 2019. Set up to begin on Thursday, April 25, 2019 (Rain Date Thursday, May 2, 2019) at 8:00 AM with tear down no later than 6:00 PM on Sunday, April 28, 2019 (Rain Date Sunday, May 5, 2019). Estimated attendance 1,000.**

Jerry Toni stated that this was a partnership with the Gateway Car Club. He said that proceeds would go to prevention and treatment for abused children.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

- 12. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with the Seaport Association to use Veterans Park for the Annual Oyster Festival to be held Friday, September 6, 2019 from 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM, Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM, Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Set up to begin at 8:00 AM on Friday, August 23, 2019 with tear down no later than 5:00 PM on Saturday, September 30, 2019. Estimated attendance 30,000.**

Jerry Toni of the Norwalk Seaport Association stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Hughes and the crew for their assistance and cooperation in making this event a success.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

- 13. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with New England Auto Museum for the use of Mathews Park for their Father's Day Car Show to be held Sunday, June 16, 2019 from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Set up to begin at 4:00 PM with tear down no later than 5:00 PM on Sunday, June 16, 2019. Estimated attendance 100 – 200.**

Nick Ord of the New England Auto Museum stated that this was the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the event and that it always falls on Father's Day. He noted that the estimated attendance number is the number of cars, not attendees. He stated that the number is contingent on the weather. He noted that they charge car owners to attend, but the public is not charged.

He said there would be one or two food trucks, and ice cream. He noted that he would like information on a signing day, as it is hard to get all of the necessary signatures.

Mr. Hughes stated that that comes from the Mayor's office, and that they are aware and working on it, he said he would let Mr. Ord know.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

14. **Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with the Norwalk Karting Association for the use of Calf Pasture Beach for the Spring and Fall 2019 Season to be held on the following dates from 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Spring 2019 – March 23, 30 April 6,13,20,27 May 4, 11, 18/Fall 2019 –  
September 14, 28 October 5,12,19,26 November 2, 9, 16  
Please note: Dates may not be available depending on scheduled events. If rain on Saturday; Sunday may be available. Estimated attendance 50-100.**

Tom Donahue, Joe Bairaktaris and Richard Velez told the committee that this was the 49<sup>th</sup> Season of the Norwalk Karting Association. They stated that it is a non-profit organization, that any money they make is invested in equipment. They said they were family and safety oriented.

Mr. Donohue stated that they used to have a race called the Mayor's Cup, and would love to work with the council to bring that back

Mr. Hughes stated that he would work with the Association on rain dates.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**VI. DISCUSSION**

There was no action on this item.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. YERINEDES MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Grassilli  
Telesco Secretarial Services

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