

**RECREATION, PARKS &
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
COMMITTEE
CALF PASTURE BEACH
(STEW BIG TOP TENT)
JULY 21, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Richard McQuaid, Chair; Fred Bondi; Richard Bonenfant;
Laurel Lindstrom; John Tobin

STAFF: Michael Mocciaie, Director

I ROLL CALL

Mr. McQuaid called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and called the Roll. He thanked everyone for coming out and weathering the storm.

II MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2010

- ** MR. BONDI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2010 AS PRESENTED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

III Old Business

There was no old business to discuss this evening.

IV New Business

- ** MR. BONDI MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE PAVILION AND GREAT LAWN AT CRANBURY PARK BY JORDAN GUERRERO TO HOST A CAPTURE THE FLAG TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2010 FROM 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 160.**

Mr. Jordan Guerrero explained how Capture the Flag is played. He said that he is a lifelong resident of Norwalk and lives near Cranbury Park.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK SEAPORT ASSOCIATION INC. FOR THE USE OF VETERAN'S PARK FOR THE 2010 OYSTER FESTIVEAL TO BE HELD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2010 FROM 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010 FROM 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM AND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2010 FROM 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2010 WITH TEAR DOWN BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2010.**

**ADMISSION FEES: GENERAL ADMISSION - \$12.00
SENIOR 65+ - \$10.00
CHILDREN 5-12 - \$3.00
CHILDREN UNDER 5 - FREE
ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 50,000.**

Mr. Garfinkle explained the new pricing structure. He said that they are bringing back the Oyster Pavilion and two tall ships. In addition they are bringing in new events.

Mr. McQuaid said that he is a Trustee of the Oyster festival.

Ms. Lindstrom told Mr. Garfinkle that he should have come to the Committee sooner. Mr. Garfinkle agreed.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK HOSPITAL FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR THEIR ANNUAL WHITTINGHAM CANCER CENTER WALK/RUN TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011 FROM 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011 AFTER 12 NOON WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 6:00 PM SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 2,000.**

Mr. Mocciae said that this is another great event being held at Calf Pasture Beach. Ms. Susan Ludwig, representing the Norwalk Hospital Foundation said that this is their eight year holding this event.

Mr. McQuaid announced that the Marvin School Camp is holding a Camp Coins for Cancer event tomorrow to raise money for cancer patients. He said that two of the mothers of their campers are currently undergoing treatment.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. LINDSTROM MOVED TO Approve the use of the Show Mobile by Live Green Connecticut to be held Saturday, September 18, 2010 through September 19, 2010 at Taylor Farm from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM both days.**

This is an approval to use the Showmobile.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE PAVILION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUND AT CRANBURY PARK BY THE NORWALK ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION GIRLS BABE RUTH SOFTBALL (BILL NAPOLETANO) TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2010 FROM 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150+.**

Mr. Mocciaie said that the team is very promising.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. TOBIN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK RIVER ROWING ASSOCIATION TO USE THE VETERAN'S PARK LAUNCHING RAMPS AND PARKING AREA FOR "ROW FOR A CAUSE" TO BE HELD SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010 FROM 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 200.**

Mr. Mocciaie explained that this is another good event especially since November is a slow month at the ramps. Mr. Charles Huthmaker was present to answer any questions.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE USE OF SHADY BEACH BY THE SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH FOR A PICNIC TO BE HELD SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2010 FROM 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM WITH A RAIN DATE OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2010. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.

This item was tabled because there was no one present to answer any questions.

**** MS. LINDSTROM MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF A PORTION OF THE 50 WASHINGTON STREET PARK PLAZA FOR THE FAÇADE DEMOLITION OF 14-16 NORTH MAIN STREET BY HILLSIDE PLAZA, LLC. WORK TO BEGIN WITH APPROVAL.**

Mr. Mocciaie explained that this is the old Avrick building which abuts the 50 Washington Street plaza and is a City park. He said that he has no problem with the contractors using the plaza for staging while they are working on the façade of the building.

Mr. Joe Gable, the general contractor explained the plan to access the building. He said that he will be on site every day. Mr. Mocciaie explained that they have provided the necessary insurance for the project.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LOS CABOS RESTAURANT FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2010 FROM 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM FOR A MEXICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 500-1,000. A FREE CONCERT WITH BE PROVIDED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**

Mr. Jose Conferes said that the idea is to hold a Mexican festival that day. They will be hiring a well known Mariachi band, among other events. They are on the schedule to meet with Stew Leonard's regarding having a full concession at the Beach. He said that they will obtain the liquor permits.

Ms. Lindstrom asked if they will be collecting admission fees. Mr. Conferes said that they will be charging for food. Mr. Mocciae said that he feels this will be a nice event and he would like to see it fit in earlier next season.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. BONDI)**

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CONCRETE CREATIONS, LLC PROJECT #2971 FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT CRANBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$89,500. ACCOUNT # 09116030-5777-C0365**

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT FOR THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$8,500. ACCOUNT # 09116030-5777-C0365

Mr. Mocciae explained that Concrete Creations, LLC is a low bidder. He said that the City standardized their playground equipment. He said that the bidders did not all offer the same product. Mr. Mocciae said that this request is for a completely new playground.

Mr. Bonenfant noted that this is a school playground and Parks and Recreation is paying for it.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

V. DISCUSSION

Mr. Mocciaie said that the concert at the Beach was cancelled tonight because of the bad weather. It has been rescheduled to tomorrow night.

Mr. Mocciaie said that the recently installed lights at the Beach are on a timer. They start from the Coast Guard building and go to the end of Shady Beach.

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services