

CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
MARCH 17, 2010

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

STAFF: Ken Hughes

PUBLIC HEARING - 6:45 PM
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS
FACILITY USAGE & PARK FEES FOR 2010 - 2011

Mr. McQuaid opened the public hearing at 6:56 p.m. There were no members of the public present.

** MR. BONDI MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The public hearing was closed at 7:00 p.m.

I Roll Call

Mr. McQuaid called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and called the Roll.

II Minutes of February 17, 2010

** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS
PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

III Old Business

** MR. BONDI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A.
MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED

HAITIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE USE OF VETERAN'S PARK FOR THEIR 7TH ANNUAL CT HAITIAN - AMERICAN DAY CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2010 FROM 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM WITH SET UP FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2010 AT NOON AND BREAK DOWN NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2010 BY NOON. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 3,500.

Mr. Bonenfant said that he was sorry for the trouble in Haiti. He asked if money will be raised from this event. The representative said that this year's event will be a fundraiser to re-build a hospital close to Port au Prince. He said that the City of Norwalk is among the participants in this event.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

** MR. TOBIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE PAVILION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS AT CRANBURY PARK BY LATONIA TAYLOR FOR A FAMILY REUNION TO BE HELD ON JULY 10, 2010 FROM 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150+.

The Committee members did not have any questions. Mr. Bonenfant wished them luck with the family reunion.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

IV New Business

** MR. BONDI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH C.A.F.E. FOR THE USE OF VETERAN'S PARK FOR THE ANNUAL COLUMBIAN FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2010 FROM 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM AND SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010 FROM 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM WITH SET UP FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2010 AT 9:00 AM AND BREAK DOWN NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010 AT NOON. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 5,000+.

Mr. Hughes said that he was concerned about the possibility of holding a two day event. Mr. McQuaid said that as chairman, he was not comfortable with two days and feels that one day worked well. He suggested that the representatives pick one day. Mr. Bonenfant agreed and said that two days is a lot.

A representative said that they wanted to hold a two day celebration because this year marks Columbia's 200th anniversary of their independence from Spain. They said that they will choose Sunday, July 11 to hold the event, although it is the same day as the World Cup. They added that they will be holding Mass at the event.

Mr. Tobin asked if all of the past issues were resolved. Mr. Bondi said that Mr. Moccia said that everything went very well last year. The representative will contact Mr. Moccia to discuss the start time.

** MOTION TO HOLD THE COLUMBIAN FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TO DESIGN, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES IN REGARDS TO RFP #2892-LINEAR PARK FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$13,500.00 FROM CAPITAL ACCOUNT #010000-2352.

Mr. Greene, Director Planning and Zoning explained that the City of Norwalk owns the waterfront property in front of the medical building at 148 East Avenue. He said that there is development money that was given to the City to develop a linear park from behind the former Gibbs building to the Saint Ann's Club. The goal is to link that entire side of the Norwalk Harbor.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

** MR. TOBIN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO EXECUTE A CONSENT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND ANY AND ALL OTHER

REASONABLE AND NECESSARY DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO
THE RUNNING OF RECREATION AND PARKS PROGRAMS FOR
YOUNG CHILDREN AT CRANBURY PARK.

Mr. Hughes explained that a letter of explanation to Mr. Moccia is enclosed in the meeting packet.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

** MR. BONDI MOVED THE FOLLOWING:

A) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK EXCHANGE CLUB FOR THEIR ANNUAL ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW TO BE HELD IN TAYLOR FARM ON SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010 FROM 8:00AM -5:00PM WITH A RAIN DATE OF SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010. SET-UP TO TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010 AFTER 12:00 NOON WITH TEARDOWN NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,500.

B) APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE FOR THE NORWALK EXCHANGE CLUB FOR THE ANNUAL ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW TO BE HELD IN TAYLOR FARM ON SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010 WITH A RAIN DATE OF SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010.

Mr. Bonenfant said that he is a member of the Exchange Club, but is not on the Board. Mr. Tamburro explained that they have been holding this event for the last 6-7 years. Mr. McQuaid noted that the Exchange Club donated the Showmobile to the City of Norwalk

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

V. Discussion

FIELD CODES INCLUDED FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2010 MEETING.

Mr. McQuaid said that at the last meeting, there was a request for field codes. They are included in the meeting packet.

Mr. Hughes said that there are problems with a lot of the fields, following last weekend's storm. He added that Fodor Farm was hit very badly.

** MR. BONDI MOVED TO ADJOURN

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services

