

**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MARCH 11, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Jerry Petrini, Chairman, Shannon O'Toole-Giandurco, Eloisa Melendez, John Kydes, Fay Bowman (7:05), Michelle Maggio (7:09)

STAFF: Mike Mocciaie, Recreation & Parks Director

ROLL CALL

Mr. Petrini called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and called the roll. A quorum was present.

MINUTES OF FEB, 12 2015

****Ms. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
AS PRESENTED
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present at the meeting who wished to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Petrini said it was Ms. Melendez's 21st birthday that evening.

NEW BUSINESS

**1. AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE TO LIFE GREEN CT FOR THEIR
EVENT TO BE HELD SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 2015**

****MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK PAVILION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY HERBERT EDMONDSON FOR A FAMILY FUNCTION TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, JULY 18 2015 FROM 10:00 AM-8:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.

No one was present at this time.

Ms. Bowman arrived to the meeting at 7:05 pm.

3. APPROVE THE USE OF GALLAHER MANSION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY TIFFANY GARCIA AND SAQUIMB SALEEM FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015 FROM 3:00 PM-12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 175.

No one was present at this time.

4. AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE TO THE LOCKWOOD MATHEWS MANSION MUSEUM FOR THEIR ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO TAKE PLACE SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015.

Mr. Petrini noted as the Ice Cream Social advocates were there last month the motion could be moved.

****MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STAR SHINE EVENT MANAGEMENT FOR THE USE OF VETERANS PARK FOR THE NORWALK FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015 FROM 4:30 PM-8:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2015 AT 12:00 NOON WITH TEAR DOWN NOT LATER THAN 12:00 NOON SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 3,000.

****MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO APPROVE.**

Mr. Petrini asked Mr. Robin Myers to speak a bit about the event. Mr. Myers said the event had been done before in the town of Hamden CT, which got 6,000 attendees the first year, and 12,000 the second. Mr. Myers said he also spoke to the organizer who has already had commitments from 35 trucks. Trucks not registered in the town must get a Norwalk Health Department license. Mr. Kydes noted it was the weekend before the Oyster fest. Mr. Petrini agreed this was a good thing. Mr. Petrini advised Mr. Myers he needed to attend the next council meeting on March 24.

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL TO USE TAYLER FARM FOR THEIR ANNUAL “KIDZFEST TOUCH A TRUCK & MORE” TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015 FROM 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 500.

****MS. O’TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Petrini advised the petitioner someone would need to attend the Council meeting Tuesday, March 24th.

Ms. Maggio arrived at the meeting (7:09).

7. APPROVE THE USE OF GALLAHER ESTATE, TENT & TERRACE BY ALEXANDRA GIL FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 FROM 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.

Mr. Petrini noted he had no item 7 on his agenda and moved on to item 8.

8. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL MARINE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION OR THE ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE NORWALK BOAT SHOW TO BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015, AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 FROM 10:00 AM-6:00 PM DAILY FOR THEIR USE OF CALF PASTURE, TAYLOR FARM, MARVIN SCHOOL AND SHADY BEACH FOR PARKING. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 15,000+.

****MS. BOWMAN MOVED TO APPROVE.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Petrini advised Mr. Rosales that someone representing the show would have to be at the Council Meeting on March 24th.

Mr. Edmonson, petitioner for item 2 arrived at the meeting.

2. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK PAVILION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY HERBERT EDMONDSON FOR A FAMILY FUNCTION TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, JULY 18 2015 FROM 10:00 AM-8:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.

****MS. BOWMAN MOVED TO APPROVE 8:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR

THE USE OF BRIEN MCMAHON CASAGRANDE FIELD FOR THEIR ANNUAL WALK TO CURE DIABETES TO BE HELD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 FROM 6:00 AM-12:30 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000.

****MS. BOWMAN MOVED TO APPROVE
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Petrini advised the representative for the event that someone would have to attend the Council Meeting on March 24th

10. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW ENGLAND AUTO MUSEUM TO USE THE GROUNDS AT MATHEWS PARK FOR AN AUTO SHOW TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2015 FROM 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000.

****MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO APPROVE.**

Mr. Petrini noted this was a new event. The representative said he had been running the show in Darien for the past 9 years. Mr. Kydes noted the NE Auto Museum was looking for a home and considering Norwalk.

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Petrini advised the auto show petitioner someone would have to be at the Council Meeting on March 24th.

Mr. Petrini was informed there was an Item number 7 on a different copy of the agenda and the petitioners were at the meeting.

7. APPROVE THE USE OF GALLAHER ESTATE, TENT & TERRACE BY ALEXANDRA GIL FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 FROM 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.

****MS. BOWMAN MOVED TO APPROVE.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Petrini requested a member of the committee make a motion to suspend the rules.

****MR. KYDES MADE A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND
ADD AN ADDENDUM OF 2 ITEMS.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. APPROVE THE USE OF SHADY BEACH BY GLOBAL IMPACT PRODUCTIONS FOR THE “WILLIAM RAVEIS RIDE & WALK” TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 FOR 6:00 AM -11:00 PM. ESTMATED ATTENDANCE 125-200.

****MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE.**

Ms. Maggio asked if it was a fund raiser. The petitioner replied it was fundraiser for cancer research. It was 25 mile bike ride from Fairfield to Calf Pasture and back. Riders would stop for water etc. in Norwalk before heading back to Fairfield. .

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUR PUBLISHING COMPANY TO USE TAYLOR FARM FOR A “PARADE OF PETS” TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015 FROM 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM WITH A RAIN DATE OF SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015 AT 6:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 6:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 200.

****MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO APPROVE.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Petrini advised the petitioners someone would need to attend the Council Meeting on March 24th.

Mr. Moccaei indicated Nicholas Bova (Professor Careca) had just arrived to promote a worthwhile event, even though it didn't have to come to the committee because the attendance would be under 100. Professor Careca said he was a Norwalk native who had just opened his own Brazilian Capoeira martial arts and dance studio for kids and adults. He said he loved his home town and wanted to have an event at the flat of Oyster Shell Park on Friday, June 12 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, with Brazilian drumming, food, and martial arts demonstrations. Estimated attendance was 40. The committee was supportive of his plan.

Mr. Petrini noted the petitioner for Item 2 had arrived.

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****MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION

Review Existing Department Fees for a Public Hearing to be Scheduled Prior to Next Month's Meeting

Mr. Moccai said he said it would be fine for the fees to be kept constant for another year or so. He said last year the fees went up and the city took in approximately \$245,000 in revenue from events in Calf Pasture and Vets Park. He said he was concerned the city would lose people if they went up too high. Mr. Petrini noted a few clerical errors on the report involving the non-resident off-peak beach parking. Mr. Mocha said they would be corrected, as all fees should be the same as in 2014. The committee agreed. Mr. Petrini thought perhaps fees could be raised the following year. There was some discussion about mitigating the geese population at the beach in a non-lethal manner.

Hands for Life Event

Mr. Mocciae said the town was in the helping mode, noting the concussion initiative had taken off well and was getting national attention. In the same spirit, there was an event in Stamford last year called "Hands for Life," teaching basic CPR which attracted over 5,000 people. Weston and Wilton are doing a similar event in May and Norwalk is planning a similar event in June and would like twice as many people. Mr. Mocciae said there would be corporate sponsorships and schools and Norwalk hospital would be involved. He said 150 trainers would be needed and it would be free of charge. He said it is just hands on training with no mouth to mouth, and there would be a secondary certificate given to those how complete the program. Ms. Maggio asked how hard it would be to find trainers. Mr. Moccai said with the hospital involved it would not be a problem. He also said dummies would be used. The event would take place on June 21, Father's Day weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

****MR. PETRINI ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:37 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

A. Lund
Telesco Secretarial Services