

**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL COMMITTEE
BY VIDEO CONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023.
REGULAR MEETING
7:00PM.**

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ATTENDANCE: Darlene Young, Chair.; John Kydes; Jenn McMurrer; Josh Goldstein; Nicol Ayers; Bryan Meek (arrived at 7:15PM); Lisa Shanahan (arrived at 7:37PM); Diana Revulus

STAFF: Robert Stowers, Director, Recreation and Parks; Ken Hughes, Superintendent, Recreation and Parks

OTHERS: Amy Esparza; Ms. Giancaspro; Joseph ; Jill Dunn; Marvedia Tyson; Janet Evelyn; Jerri Toni; Michael Reilly; Kent Tullo; Alisha Scott

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. McMurrer called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

II. MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2023

**** MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS- MS. YOUNG AND MS. AYERS.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation this evening.

IV Old Business

There was no old business discussed this evening.

V New Business

The City of Norwalk reserves the right to cancel the Event for public health or safety reasons as determined by the City of Norwalk in its sole discretion. The City of Norwalk shall not be liable for damages arising from the cancellation of the Event.

1. APPROVE THE USE OF ROWAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELD AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOL – ROWAYTON PTA FOR THEIR ROWAYTON SCHOOL CARNIVAL 2023 TO BE HELD ON MAY 5 AND MAY 6, 2023 FROM 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM. SET-UP TIME TO BEGIN ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023, AT 8:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023, AT 5:00 PM. RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023. APPROXIMATELY 500 PEOPLE EACH DAY.

Ms. Esparza provided a brief overview of the event and said the event will take place the first weekend in May and set up will begin one week prior to the event and are currently working through the permit process.

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF ROWAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELD AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOL – ROWAYTON PTA FOR THEIR ROWAYTON SCHOOL CARNIVAL 2023 TO BE HELD ON MAY 5 AND MAY 6, 2023, FROM 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM. SET-UP TIME TO BEGIN ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023, AT 8:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023,**

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2. APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY COACHMEN ROD & CUSTOM CAR CLUB FOR THEIR CRUISE AT THE BEACH CAR SHOW EVENT TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 16, JUNE 13, JULY 11 AND AUGUST 15 AND RAIN DATES: FRIDAY, MAY 19, JUNE 16, JULY 14 AND AUGUST 18, 2023, FROM 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN 5:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 9:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 200 PEOPLE.

Ms. Giancaspro provided a brief overview of the event and asked if 150 parking spaces can be allotted for the event. Mr. Hughes said that once the parking lot configuration is closer to be completed, he will meet with the event organizers.

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3. APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH PARKING LOT AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NORWALK KARTING ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR GO KART RACING CLUB TO BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS: MAY 20, MAY 27, SEPTEMBER 16, OCTOBER 14, OCTOBER 21, OCTOBER 28, NOVEMBER 4, NOVEMBER 11 AND NOVEMBER 18, 2023, FROM 9:30 AM TO 4:30 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN EVERY SATURDAY 7:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 4:30 PM. APPROXIMATELY 50-70 PEOPLE.

The representative provided a brief overview of the event and said that 2021 was Norwalk Karting's 50th year and they are a non-profit organization and has been a great program for the kids and families.

**** MS. AYERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH PARKING LOT AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NORWALK KARTING ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR GO KART RACING CLUB TO BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS: MAY 20, MAY 27, SEPTEMBER 16, OCTOBER 14, OCTOBER 21, OCTOBER 28, NOVEMBER 4, NOVEMBER 11 AND NOVEMBER 18, 2023, FROM 9:30 AM TO 4:30 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN EVERY SATURDAY 7:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 4:30 PM. APPROXIMATELY 50-70 PEOPLE.**

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4. APPROVE THE USE OF OYSTER SHELL PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NINETY 9 BOTTLES EVENTS FOR THEIR NINETY9BOTTLES CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023, FROM 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN 9:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 6:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 999 PEOPLE.

Ms. Dunn provided an overview of the event and said this is the sixth year the event will be held.

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5. APPROVE THE USE OF VETERANS PARK & MARINA AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY TYSON TOURS & ENTERTAINMENT FOR THEIR 2ND ANNUAL BACK TOGETHER AGAIN WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023, FROM 1:00 PM TO 7:00 PM. RAIN DATE, SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023. SET-UP TIME 11:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 7:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 300 PEOPLE.

Ms. Tyson provided a brief overview of the event and said it is the second year and that it is an event she created to bring friends and family together that had had not been together since COVID. Mr. Hughes asked if the marina will also be used. Ms. Tyson said "no". Mr. Hughes requested that the marina be removed from the application.

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF VETERANS PARK & MARINA AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY TYSON TOURS & ENTERTAINMENT FOR THEIR 2ND ANNUAL BACK TOGETHER AGAIN WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023, FROM 1:00 PM TO 7:00 PM. RAIN DATE, SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2023. SET-UP TIME 11:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 7:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 300 PEOPLE.**

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Mr. Meek joined the meeting at 7:15PM.

6. APPROVE THE USE OF OYSTER SHELL PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NICE, INC. FOR THEIR SEVENTH ANNUAL NICE FESTIVAL EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023, FROM 11:00 AM TO 10:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 6:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 11:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 500+ PEOPLE.

Ms. Evelyn provided a brief overview of the event and said this will be the seventh year the event has been held and is looking forward to another great year. Ms. Young said that it is a wonderful event that brings all cultures together and she appreciates all of the efforts that Ms. Evelyn has put in over the years.

**** MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF OYSTER SHELL PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NICE, INC. FOR THEIR SEVENTH ANNUAL NICE FESTIVAL EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023, FROM 11:00 AM TO 10:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 6:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 11:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 500+ PEOPLE.**

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7. APPROVE THE USE OF VETS PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NORWALK SEAPORT ASSOC. FOR THEIR OYSTER FESTIVAL EVENT TO BE HELD ON

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 TO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023. SET-UP ON FRIDAY AUGUST 18, 2023, WITH TEAR-DOWN BY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. APPROXIMATELY 40,000 PEOPLE.

Mr. Toni provided a brief overview of the event and said that he had submitted a request to change the set-up date to August 14, 2023, as the number of vendors that participate in the event has increased significantly over the past years. Ms. Young asked how many years the event has been held. Mr. Toni said this will be the 45th year.

****MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF VETS PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NORWALK SEAPORT ASSOC. FOR THEIR OYSTER FESTIVAL EVENT TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 TO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023. SET-UP ON FRIDAY AUGUST 18, 2023, WITH TEAR-DOWN BY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. APPROXIMATELY 40,000 PEOPLE.**

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8. APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY MOUNTAIN WORKSHOP FOR THEIR TEAM BUILDING POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE PROGRAMS EVENT TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 FROM 8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN 7:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN 4:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE.

Mr. Tullo provided brief overview of the event and said they do different team building activities and have been doing it for many years with great success. Ms. Young asked if the attendance has increased so Covid. Mr. Tullo said "yes" they have had a significant increase.

**** MS. AYERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY MOUNTAIN WORKSHOP FOR THEIR TEAM BUILDING POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE PROGRAMS EVENT TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023, FROM 8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN 7:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN 4:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE.**

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9. APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY MOUNTAIN WORKSHOP FOR THEIR TEAM BUILDING POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE PROGRAMS EVENT TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 FROM 8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN 7:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN 4:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 230 PEOPLE.

**** MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY MOUNTAIN WORKSHOP FOR THEIR TEAM BUILDING POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE PROGRAMS EVENT TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 FROM 8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN 7:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN 4:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 230 PEOPLE.**

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10. APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY LUPUS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA FOR THEIR WALK TO END LUPUS NOW CT – NORWALK EVENT TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023, FROM 2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN 7:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN 6:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 250-500 PEOPLE.

Ms. Scott provided a brief overview of the event and said this is the seventh year the event has been held and there were approximately 250 participants last year which was low but are hoping that people are getting ready to come back out and celebrate with them this year. She also said that Ms. Kovacs was very easy to work with and that Mr. Hughes was a big help to her last year.

**** MS. AYERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY LUPUS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA FOR THEIR WALK TO END LUPUS NOW CT – NORWALK EVENT TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023, FROM 2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN 7:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN 6:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 250-500 PEOPLE.**

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11 AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GIACORP, FOR THE OYSTER SHELL PARK FENCE REPAIR PROJECT # 4256, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$230,027.00 FROM ACCOUNT 134010-5796-ARP01.

Mr. Hughes said there are sections of fencing that need to be replaced on the fence along with river at Oyster Shell Park and the project went out to bid and the low bidder was Giacorp. Ms. Ayers asked if the repair is due to vandalism or wear and tear. Mr. Hughes said it is a combination of both as well as a poor design. Mr. Meek said if pressure treated wood will still be used. Mr. Hughes said "Yes". Mr. Meek suggested to also add security cameras to the area. Mr. Hughes said cameras are included as part of the Master Plan for Oyster Shell Park. Mr. Goldstein asked what the life expectancy is of the new fencing. Mr. Hughes said approximately 15-20 years.

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**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Shanahan arrived at 7:37PM.

A. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE OYSTER SHELL FENCE REPAIR PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT # 134010-5796-ARP01.

**** MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE OYSTER SHELL FENCE REPAIR PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT # 134010-5796-ARP01.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GRINDLINE SKATEPARKS, INC FOR THE CALF PASTURE BEACH SKATE PARK PROJECT # 4237, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,411,896.92 FROM ACCOUNTS # 134010-5796-ARP01 AND 0921/0922/0923/0924-6030-5777-C0365.

Mr. Hughes said the design money was approved in the last capital budget and had been working with a design company to design a skate park at Calf Pasture Beach and a few public information sessions were held where 25-30 people had attended. He said it will be a very exciting program and the skate park gets a lot of use and should serve the city for a very long time and will be on the existing footprint and plan to start construction late this spring and have it completed by late fall because due to the amount of concrete work the project could not be done over the winter. Mr. Kydes asked who will be running the camp. Mr. Hughes said it will all be done in-house. Ms. Ayers asked if has been thought about to have a skate park somewhere else in town for those that cant get the beach. Mr. Stowers said "yes" and will be addressed in the Master Plan. Mr. Meek suggested to also add security cameras to this location. Mr. Hughes said the police department currently has a camera over the skate park.

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A. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE CALF PASTURE BEACH SKATE PARK PROJECT # 4237 IN AN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,594.00 FROM ACCOUNTS # 134010-5796-ARP01 AND 0921/0922/0923/0924-6030-5777-C0365.

**** MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE CALF PASTURE BEACH SKATE PARK PROJECT # 4237 IN AN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,594.00 FROM ACCOUNTS # 134010-5796-ARP01 AND 0921/0922/0923/0924-6030-5777-C0365.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13. TECHNICAL CORRECTION: AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FGB CONSTRUCTION FOR PROJECT # RNP 2022-2, CALF PASTURE BEACH PARKING AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,973,035.00 BASED ON THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN OF \$1,365,292.00 (BASE BID); 278,000.00 (ALTERNATE 1A/1B – THERMOPLASTIC MARKINGS BEACH AND WATER), \$36,461.00 (ALTERNATE 2 – MAINTENANCE DRIVEWAY AND WATER MAIN CROSSING); \$135,392.00 (ALTERNATE 3 – SOUTH PARKING LOT), AND \$157,890.00 (ALTERNATE 4 – SHADY BEACH). ACCOUNTS # 0921/0922/0923-6030-5777-C0365, 134010-5796APW09, 134010-5796-APW07.

Mr. Hughes said this item is for the Calf Pasture Beach renovation project that was approved last fall and the only change to is that account number 134010-5796-APW07 was added. He said the project in on schedule and is stated to be completed by May 15, 2023. Mr. Meek asked if these are city or ARPA funds. Mr. Hughes said he believes the added account is ARPA

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE TECHNICAL CORRECTION: AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FGB CONSTRUCTION FOR PROJECT # RNP 2022-2, CALF PASTURE BEACH PARKING AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,973,035.00 BASED ON THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN OF \$1,365,292.00 (BASE BID); 278,000.00 (ALTERNATE 1A/1B – THERMOPLASTIC MARKINGS BEACH AND WATER), \$36,461.00 (ALTERNATE 2 – MAINTENANCE DRIVEWAY AND WATER MAIN CROSSING); \$135,392.00 (ALTERNATE 3 – SOUTH PARKING LOT), AND \$157,890.00 (ALTERNATE 4 – SHADY BEACH). ACCOUNTS # 0921/0922/0923-6030-5777-C0365, 134010-5796APW09, 134010-5796-APW07.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI DISCUSSION

Mr. Stowers provided an update and said that the project at Cranbury Park in progress as well as the project at Calf Pasture Beach. The contract has been signed for the new scheduling system and will be converting to the new system which will take some time and have made the changes as requested to the joint use agreement with the school and have sent it to the law department for review and is hoping to have it in place by September. He said that staff met with Mr. Ellis this morning regarding the fees and charges study, and have brought a staff person on using ARPA funding to lead the accreditation process. He said staff is working with Mr. Travers and Mr. Torre on Tree Master Plan and have received approval to hire an arborist and horticulturist to implement the plan. He said they are also in the budget process and has requested that four temporary employees be converted to fulltime employees and two positions to be reclassified and may need to committee's support. He said they are also working towards some sort of a community center facility for recreation and he will brief the committee at the next meeting.

Ms. McMurrer thanked Mr. Stowers for pushing forward with the recreation center and thanked staff for all that they do. She also said that the Play and Learn camp registration begins on March 1, 2023.

Ms. Ayers also thanked staff for the wonderful job they are doing and said that the city had paid for an efficiency study and asked if any work has been done and if there are items the committee should be aware of and if there is anything on the efficiency study that staff cannot deliver. Ms. Young said she believes that will entail a much larger conversation. Mr. Stowers said that he is working on the staffing levels and are also trying to bring on project-based positions, but he does not feel the efficiency study addressed Recreation and Parks as it should have but he will review it again and report back to the committee. Ms. Ayers requested that going forward the committee will need a comprehensive understanding of how those asks from the study tie into the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd