



**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL COMMITTEE
BY VIDEO CONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026.

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 PM.



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ATTENDANCE: Darlene Young, Chair; Broderick Sawyer, Vice Chair; Nicole’ Eaddy; Jesse Buccolo; Richard Dellinger; Johan Lopez (arrived at 7:05 PM)

ABSENT: Nicol Ayers

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

OTHERS: Fritzsareth Gilmore; Sue Brown-Gordon; Daniel Loftus; Kevin Profit; Morris Redd

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Sawyer called the roll, and all those listed were present.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: May 13, 2026

**** MR. DELLINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation this evening.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed this evening.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF VETERAN'S PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY EJ'S H.E.A.R.T. FOR THEIR WALK FOR ELIJAH TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 11TH, 2026 FROM 7:00 A.M TO 12:00 P.M. APPROXIMATELY 80 PEOPLE.

Ms. Gilmore provided a brief overview of the event.

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF WASHINGTON STREET PLAZA AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY SUSAN BROWN GORDON FOR THEIR SONO ARTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 2026 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. APPROXIMATELY 475 PEOPLE.

Ms. Brown-Gordon provided a brief overview of the event.

**** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF MATHEWS PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY THE NORWALK CONSERVATORY FOR THEIR BROADWAY IN THE PARK SERIES TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 2026, FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. WITH SET-UP ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2026, AND TEAR-DOWN BY SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH. APPROXIMATELY 275 PEOPLE.

Mr. Loftus provided a brief overview of the event.

**** MR. LOPEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF RYAN PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY KINGDOM RESTORATION FOR THEIR NORWALK COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 25TH, 2026 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. APPROXIMATELY 300 PEOPLE.

Mr. Profit provided a brief overview of the event.

- ** MS. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH AND THE IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY MORRIS REDD FOR THEIR GREGORY BURNETT, SR. MEMORIAL 5K & FUN RUN TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2026 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. APPROXIMATELY 249 PEOPLE.

Mr. Redd provided a brief overview of the event.

- ** MS. EADDY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. DISCUSSION

Mr. Dellinger asked if there would be another tour of the recreation center for the city council members. Mr. Stowers said “Yes,” and he will be sending out invites to the city council for available dates and times.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. DELLINGER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd