

AGENDA

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING

JUNE 9, 2020 - 5:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted by Zoom/Teleconference. The public may listen into this meeting by calling the following conference line and then entering the conference code:

Dial In Number #: (929) 436-2866
Meeting ID: 951 0976 6318

OPENING CEREMONY

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2020 PARKS BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM:

Due to the public health emergency, public speaking will be by written testimony only**

Please submit written testimony to Ellen.Gerrity@bridgeportct.gov by 4:30p.m.on Tuesday, June 9th***

OLD BUSINESS

1. Kenneth C. Baldwin, Robinson & Cole LLP, 280 Trumbull Street, Hartford, CT, requesting to speak to the Board regarding a proposal to use an undeveloped portion of the **SHU campus acquired by SHU from the City of Bridgeport** and have the City lift the development restriction in the deed to allow for the construction of a tower site and access driveway only, to be developed by Verizon Wireless.
2. Charlie Dowd, Deputy Athletic Director, Sacred Heart University requesting to discuss a potential public/private partnership for the baseball facility at **Veteran's Park**.
3. Mr. Frederick T. Garrity Jr., Director, CT United Ride, in conjunction with the Uniformed Professional Firefighters Association of CT (UPFFA of CT) requesting to update the Commissioners on their new plans for the 20th Annual CT United Ride” **Seaside Park** on Sunday, August 30, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Vinnie Brand owner of The Stress Factory Bridgeport, 167 State Street, Bridgeport, CT and Harlen Haus, requesting to use **McLevy Park** on Saturday, June 20, 2020, as an outdoor dining area for a fundraiser to benefit first responders.

REPORTS

CRAIG A. NADRIZNY, ACTING PUBLIC FACILITIES DIRECTOR

Park Projects:

- **Comfort Station Renovations:** Renovations are nearly complete at Beardsley Park by an outside contractor, and at Seaside Grove and Iranistan & Waldemere by Public Facilities Building Maintenance.
- **Capozzi open space preserve at St. Mary's By the Sea:** Recently several trees were planted, and soil spread for clover seeding as part of a second phase of the public/private partnership with the Ash Creek Conservation Association.
- **D. Fairchild Wheeler Memorial Golf Course:** Re-opened on May 15, 2020. Entrance Planting bed at welcome sign is in the process of being renovated with help from Public Facilities Building Maintenance. Golf Cart lease agreement being prepared by City Attorney's Office for final processing/delivery within the month of June.
- **MANILA PARK PLAYGROUND:** Playground Equipment scheduled to deliver in early July. Preparation work including removal of the existing playground to begin a few weeks prior.
- **Parks Reopening Plan During Covid-19:** Resident Park Stickers sold at Central High School Alternate venue from May 18-20. Beardsley & Seaside Park Checkpoints opened on May 21. Restrooms at Beardsley All Inclusive Playground, Seaside West Beach & Casino Bathhouse opened on May 23, as well as Park Checkpoints were able to start processing credit cards. Park hours extended on June 1, 2020 to 8AM-6PM Daily, with checkpoints open for resident sticker purchases from 8AM – 4PM. Parking capacity has been limited to 30% in first phase as well as other park restrictions such as Bridgeport residents only, wear masks when in proximity to others, social distancing, no grilling, etc. Thank you to all City Departments and City residents who made the Memorial Day Weekend and the first few weeks of the park season opening a success! We thank you!
- **Seaside Park PERRY MEMORIAL ARCH STUDY & ASSESSMENT:** Consultant is to start inspection week with aerial lift second week of June.

Recreation Dept

ADJOURNMENT