

AGENDA
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING

APRIL 12, 2022 - 5:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: **AUGUST 10, 2021, PARKS BOARD MEETING**

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKS BOARD COMMISSIONER, LEE GRISBY (R)

APPROVE THE 2022 PARKS BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM: The public may call the office of Parks and Recreation at 203-576-7234 and speak with Tatiana Urena to sign-up for Public Speaking by Monday, April 11, 2022, by 4:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Maria I. Valles, Councilwoman 137th District, submitting a proposal to establish a commemorative walkway in **Wheeler Park (aka City Hall Park)** as a 'Walk of Honor' to recognize individuals' achievements in the City of Bridgeport.
2. Maria Pereira, Councilwoman 138th District, submitting a proposal to establish a Dog Park located at **Success Park** on behalf of constituents residing in the JFK Precinct and the Success Park neighborhood.
3. Tyisha Toms, Associate City Attorney, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to move forward with the approval of the partially executed Occupancy Agreement of Isaam Kadi at 1062 Church Hill Road, Fairfield, CT; known as **D. Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course**.
4. Office of Central Grants, Bridgeport, CT, in partnership with Department of Health and Social Services and Parks Dept, Bridgeport CT, requesting to provide an update on the Fitness Court project previously approved for **Seaside Park** and to see approval for a potential 2nd court at **Beardsley Park**.
5. Charles M. Carroll, P.T. Barnum Foundation, Inc. Trustee, Bridgeport, CT, requesting the use of **Kennedy Stadium** to hold the Barnum Festival Champions on Parade Drum Corp Show on Saturday, June 25, 2022. In addition, requesting the use of **Seaside Park** on Saturday, June 25, 2022, for practice fields. Requesting the use of Seaside Park on Sunday, June 26th for the Barnum Festival and Barnum Festival Fireworks.

6. Pascale Butcher, Trifitness, requesting to organize the Seaside Triathlon event on Sunday, June 12, 2022, at **Seaside Park** with a start time at 7:00 a.m. Looking to set up the day before Saturday, June 11, 2022.
7. Deborah A. Caviness, Juneteenth of Fairfield County, requesting the use of the **Seaside Park Bandshell** on Saturday, June 11, 2022, with a set-up time of 8:00 a.m. and clean-up time of 6:00 p.m. for their annual Juneteenth Community Festival with approximately 4,500 people in attendance.
8. Lorraine Gibbons, John Torres, Bridgeport, CT, requesting the use of the **Seaside Park Bandshell** on Thursday, May 19, 2022, for a Mindfulness event for Bridgeport Public School Students from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and a set-up time of 7:30 a.m. and clean-up time of 3:30 p.m. with approximately 100 people in attendance.
9. Don Wilson Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse Sports Academy, Divine Creations, Iyaba Arts, DSSD, Colorful Bridgeport and The Greater Bridgeport STEM Ecosystem for use of **McLevy Green** on Monday June 6th, 2022, from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. for their 'Painting the Greens - Kick-Off Event and Press Conference.
10. Don Wilson, Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse Sports Academy, Peace in the Streets (P.I.T.S), PURE Martial Arts, Rally in Peace (R.I.P) and numerous other community partners to request the use of **Seaside Park** on Saturday, June 11th, 2022, for their 4th annual Sports and Community Day Festival.
11. Don Wilson, BYLSA would like to pilot a "Concession Stand" at **Puglio Park** in the existing Pavilion, starting Monday, March 28 – Wednesday, November 23, 2022, with hours of operation of Monday through Friday – 3 p.m. – 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sunday 12pm - 7pm.
12. Dr. Perry, head of Schools for Capital Prep Harbor Schools requesting to speak to the Board regarding their **sports programs**.
13. Ernest Brown, 77 Huntington Tpke., Bridgeport, CT, requesting to use the **Seaside Park Band Shell** on Saturday, August 13, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a set-up time of 8:30 a.m. and clean-up until 8:30 p.m., to hold a Team Focus Summer Groove concert with approximately 10,000 people in attendance.
14. Efrain Colon, Puerto Rican Parade of Fairfield County Inc., requesting the use of the **Seaside Park Band Shell** to hold the Puerto Rican Day Parade and Festival on Sunday, July 10, 2022, from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a set-up time of 5:00 a.m. and clean-up time of 7:30 p.m. with approximately 15,000 people in attendance.
15. *Carey Hart, Luis Palau Association, requesting to use the **Seaside Park Bandshell or Soccer Fields** to hold a Festival/Concert to include a Kids area, Action Sports, and Food Vendors on Saturday, August 27, 2022, and Sunday, August 28, 2022. **Note: Inquiring if dates can be changed to Saturday, September 10, 2022, and Sunday, September 11, 2022; the weekend before Sound-on-Sound Festival.*
16. *Marcia Neres, Don Raphael LLC, requesting to use the **Seaside Park Band Shell** to host a Don Raphael Festival on Saturday, May 28, 2022 and Sunday, May 29, 2022 (Memorial Day weekend); Saturday, September 3, 2022 to Sunday, September 4, 2022, and lastly, Friday, September 30, 2022 and Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a set up time of 7:00 a.m. and clean-up until 8:00 p.m., with approximately 5,000 to 15,000 people in attendance. **Note: 9/30/22 and 10/1/22 dates are a week after the Sound-on-Sound Festival.*

17. Katherine Morris, Founder of UCCO, requesting to hold a Seaside Sounds for Environmental Justice event at **Seaside Park Band Shell** either on Sunday, June 19, 2022, or Friday, July 15, 2022, to raise awareness of environmental justice issues and ecosystem while increasing pride in the community and its culture in an educational, cultural, and fundraising celebration.
18. Ivette Cabrera, Norma Pfriem Breast Center, requesting the use of **Seaside Park Band Shell** for a Mental Health Walk on Sunday, May 15, 2022; a Zumba in the Park on Saturday, June 18, 2022; and Stroll for Strength on Sunday, October 2, 2022.
19. Laura Pennock, Black Rock Pilates Studio, 2889 Fairfield Ave., requesting the use of **St. Mary's by the Sea** to hold their annual Early Morning Pilates Class every Saturday beginning May 7, 2022 through October 1, 2022, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. with a max of 50 people in attendance.
20. Patrick Dickson, CEO of 16 Root Entertainment, requesting the use of the **Seaside Park Band Shell** for a four (4) day Cultural Music Festival from Wednesday, July 27, 2022, through Saturday, July 30, 2022. Gates to open at 4:00pm on Wednesday and Thursday; and 2:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Requesting approval and permits for the sale of alcohol and food of the West Indian Culture and others.
21. Daniel Vieira, President, LivFree, requesting to host the 4th annual LivFree baseball tournament from teams all over Connecticut to play games at **Seaside Park** at Diamonds 1, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15. Starting Friday, September 30, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, October 1, 2022, and Sunday, October 2, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. with a start-up time of 8:00 a.m. and clean-up time of 10 p.m.
22. Ted Thomas, Ted Thomas Dance Foundation, requesting to hold a a Fairfield County Dance Festival at **McLevy Green** on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, and Thursday, July 14, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with a set-up time of 1:00 p.m. and clean-up time of 8:30 p.m. with approximately 150 people in attendance.
23. Benjamin Saldana, GBAPP INC., requesting to host a Community Rally at **McLevy Green** on Friday, June 24, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a set-up at 10:00 a.m. and a clean-up time at 4:00 p.m. Approximately 50-100 people in attendance for Pride Month. Also requesting the street closure of Bank Street.
24. Nina Gibson, of BRCC, requesting to host Black Rock Day at **Ellsworth Park** on Sunday, June 12, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The event will consist of their annual Road Race, Parade and Festival with approximately 500 people in attendance.
25. Tracey Nerkowski, Recovery Network of Programs, requesting to hold an Agency Annual Picnic "Summerfest" at **Seaside Park by the Bathhouse & surrounding area** on Friday, June 10, 2022, and a rain date of Friday, June 17, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a set-up time of 8:30 a.m. and clean-up at 3:00 p.m. with approximately 200 people in attendance.
26. Keith Jackson, Downtown Thursday and Bridgeport Arts and Culture Council, requesting to hold consecutive events at **McLevy Green Park** every Thursday beginning July 21, 2022, through August 18, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a set-up time of 3:00 p.m. and clean-up of 8:30 p.m. with approximately 2,000 people in attendance.

27. David Daniels III, Bridgeport Jazz Fest Partners, requesting to hold a concert at **McLevy Green Park** on Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with an approximately 500 people in attendance.
28. Ramona Santelises, The Dominican-American Coalition of Connecticut (DACCT) Non-Profit, requesting to hold a Children’s Day Community event at **Seaside Park Diamond #15** on Sunday, June 5, 2022, from 12 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a set-up and clean up time of 2 hours before and after the event with approximately 150 people in attendance.
29. Tristan M. Haller, Connoisseur Media CT, requesting to present two (2) golf tournaments at the **Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course**. The “Star 99.9 Anna and Raven Open” on Friday, July 15, 2022; and the “991 PLR Mike Lapitino Golf Tournament” on Friday, August 12, 2022.
30. Leon Kennedy, requesting the use of **Seaside Park (Section 4)** on Saturday, April 16, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a set-up time of 12:00 p.m. and clean-up time of 6:00 pm for a family BBQ with a DJ onsite for approximately 75 people in attendance.
31. Christina Smith, Groundwork Bridgeport, requesting a 5K Walk and Run event at **Seaside Park** on Saturday, May 21, 2022 with a set-up time of 7:00 a.m. and a clean-up time of 11:30 a.m. There will be approximately 150 people in attendance.
32. Lauren Beth “LB” Stein, LBSpinners Artz, requesting the use of **Baldwin Plaza** for a Community Spinjam on multiple dates, every Thursday from April 28th to September 29th, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with a set-up time of 4:30 p.m. and clean-up time of 10:30 p.m.

REPORTS

Commissioner’s Report

Director’s Report – Craig A. Nadrizny, Acting Public Facilities Director

ADJOURNMENT