

AGENDA
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

JULY 12, 2022 – 5:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: **JUNE 14, 2022 (REGULAR MEETING)**

PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM: The public may call the office of Parks and Recreation at 203-576-7234 and speak with Tatiana Urena or email her at tatiana.urena@bridgeportct.gov to sign-up for Public Speaking.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Maria Pereira, Councilwoman 138th District, updates and motion of approval on the Dog park fencing at Success Park for separate areas and access for large and small dogs.
2. Dylan Gallup, Water Lantern Festival, Inc., 881 West 700 N #102, Logan, UT, requesting to host a Water Festival Lantern Festival at **Seaside Park – West Beach** on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. with approximately 2,000 people in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Deborah A. Caviness, Juneteenth of Fairfield County, Inc., P.O. Box 5007, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host the 2023 Juneteenth Parade and Festival at **Seaside Park Casino Bath House and Band Shell** on Saturday, June 10, 2023 with the exact parade logistics as previous years.
2. Scott Burns, Councilman 130th District, requesting to discuss options to solve constituent's concerns with the overnight activities at **St. Mary's by the Sea**.
3. Scott Burns, Councilman 130th District, requests a proposal to convert a portion of the **West Side II Park** from a natural grass surface to an artificial turf surface.
4. Scott Burns, Councilman 130th District, requests to host a Celebratory event for **St. Mary's by the Sea** 100th year existence in late September or early October of 2022.
5. Matthew Swinton, 68 Hewitt Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a BBQ with a DJ-on-site at **Johnson Oak Park (Gazebo Area)** on Sunday, July 31, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with approximately 0-50 people.

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6. Howard Saffan, Sound on Sound Music Festival, 500 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to move its performance dates to September 30, 2023 and October 1, 2023 due to holiday conflicts in 2023 at the **Seaside Park Band Shell**.
7. Pete Spain, 280 Grovers Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, will provide a brief update on the restoration of the 1.7-acre Preserve at **St. Mary's by the Sea** which began in 2018 in collaboration with the Ash Creek Conservation Association, the community, the Parks Commission and Parks Department.
8. Deborah Sims, East End NRZ Market & Café, 1851 Stratford Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host an Anti-Violence event with vendors and a DJ-on-site at **West Side II Park** on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with approximately 150 people in attendance.
9. Deborah Sims, East End NRZ Market & Café, 1851 Stratford Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host the East End Reunion with a Food Truck and DJ-on-site at **Newfield Park** on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with approximately 200 people in attendance.
10. Rhozha Pessoa, Well Connected/Kayla Heart Foundation, 3456 Madison Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a 5K Suicide Prevention Walk and Wellness Fair at **Seaside Park – Casino Bath House** on Saturday, September 9, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
11. Tawanna Barnhill, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, 725 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Free Community Outreach event with a Food Truck and a DJ-on-site at **Wentfield Park** on Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with approximately 100 people in attendance.
12. Nancy Barlow, Ridgefield Running Co., 423 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT, requesting to host a Run/Walk at **Seaside Park** on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with approximately 200 people in attendance.
13. James F. Wiltsie, Vicki Soto Memorial Fund, Inc., 158 Knowlton Street, Stratford, CT, requesting to host the Vicki Soto 5K Walk/Run from **Amphitheater to Seaside Park and back to Amphitheater** on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with approximately 3,500 people in attendance.
14. Tracy Thomas, MVP TV Network, LLC, 8486 Campbellton Road, Douglasville, GA, requesting to host a Musical Concert at **Seaside Park Band Shell** on Saturday, September 3, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with a set-up a day before on Friday, September 2, 2022 and a tentative clean-up day on Sunday, September 4, 2022 for approximately 3,500 to 5,000 people in attendance.
15. Samantha Cheatham, 60-C Terrace Circle, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Parents vs. Kids Field Day with Bounce-House and DJ-on-site at **Seaside Park by Soccer Fields** on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with approximately 250 in attendance.
16. Rosa Torres, No Xcetions A.C., 58 Balsam Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Domestic Violence Awareness Fundraising event at **Seaside Park (backside of the Casino Bath House)** on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with approximately 75-100 people.

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17. David Usedo, Bridgeport Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church, 980 Sylvan Avenue, requesting to host a Community Outreach “Outdoor Musical” event at **Seaside Park Bandshell** on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with approximately 0-50 people in attendance.
18. Toni Lombardi & Celina Fernandez-Ayala, FaithActs for Education, 857 Post Road, Suite 310, Fairfield, CT, requesting to host a Community Event to Kick-Off Voting Campaign at **Beardsley Park** with Food Trucks and Vendors at Beardsley Park on Sunday, July 17, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with approximately 100 people in attendance.
19. Carmen Castro, 1457 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting **Free-of-Charge Entry** for a Birthday Party at **Beardsley Park** on Saturday, July 30, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for approximately 0-50 people.
20. Yolanda Carmon, Miracle Center Ministries, 528 East Main Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting **Free-of-Charge Entry** for a Baptism at **Seaside Park** on Saturday, August 6, 2022 (Rain Date: Saturday, August 27, 2022) from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with 50 people in attendance.

REPORTS

Commissioner’s Report

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

ADJOURNMENT