

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2023**

This meeting was held via Zoom.

ATTENDANCE: Banjed Labrador, President; Cruz Cotto, Vice President; Lee Grisby, John Mark Hosier, Lillian Wade

OTHERS: Tatiana Urena, Parks Department; Craig Nadrizny, Public Works Director; Luis Burgos, Parks Department; Lee Nastu, Parks Department; Luann Conine, Recreation; Jen, Phil Blagys, Harborfest; Antaneshia Brantley, Helping Hands Community; Charles Dowd, Sacred Heart University ; Dr. Monette Ferguson, Alliance for Community Empowerment, Inc.; Council Member Matthew McCarthy; Casey Muminovic, Ridgefield Running Company, LLC; Anthony Paoletto, City of Bridgeport; Ajit Piuthiyavettle, Veterans Walkathon Fundraiser; Howard Saffan, Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater, Peter Spain; Richard Taylor, James F. Wiltsie, Fairfield Police Department, Brandon Woods, Rho Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

OPENING CEREMONY / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Labrador greeted everyone and called the meeting to order at 515 p.m.

Commissioner Labrador led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Urena called the roll. A quorum was present. Ms. Urena said that Commissioner Taylor-Moye had an excused absence but added that she might join the meeting if she had the opportunity.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:

• JULY 11, 2023 (REGULAR MEETING)

The following correction was noted:

Page 1, both header and footer. Please change the date of the meeting from July 12, 2023 to July 11, 2023

*** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2023 REGULAR MEETING AS CORRECTED.**

**** COMMISSIONER COTTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2023 REGULAR MEETING AS CORRECTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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.

Commissioner Labrador said that a letter had been received from Callie Delgado thanking the Commission for their assistance with the East Side Day.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Howard Saffan, Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater, Bridgeport, CT, providing an update on the diagram layout for the Sound on Sound Festival at Seaside Park for Saturday, September 30, 2023 and Sunday, October 1, 2023.

Mr. Saffan greeted the Commissioners and said that there had been a review of the Sound on Sound Festival and Live Nation had recommended that they move the site to between the soccer fields and the bath houses. The baseball fields have flooding issues if there was heavy rain. There were also some concerns about sanitation. The apartment building on Atlantic Street will not be bothered by the sound and the Police have said that the traffic issues would be greatly improved. The baseball lighting would no longer be a problem. He displayed an updated drawing and noted that the beach would remain open during the festival. The park will become even more accessible to the public during the festival and there will be a Ferris wheel. Discussion followed about the details.

Council Member McCarthy said that he was the liaison for the Parks Commission and asked for clarification about the accessibility of Soundview during the festival. Commissioner Labrador said that there would be security along the backstage area that would prevent the public from accessing the backstage area. Mr. Saffan explained that everything was subject to Homeland Security and the Bridgeport Police approval.

Commissioner Hosier asked about the details about the Ferris Wheel. Mr. Saffan said that the vendor operates the Ferris Wheel all over Fairfield County and the ride will be placed on an asphalt area. The area will be secured.

Commissioner Hosier had concerns about the Port-a-potties that were used last year. Mr. Saffan explained that they will have flushable toilets at the event to prevent the same problem from occurring.

Commissioner Cotto asked if the applicant had checked with the Police Department and the Health Department. Mr. Saffan said that there had been several meetings with Captain Grech and Lt. Simpson and the Health Department is working with them on this. Another meeting will be held on August 21st or 22nd with everyone.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICATION 1. HOWARD SAFFAN, HARTFORD HEALTHCARE AMPHITHEATER, BRIDGEPORT, CT, PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON THE DIAGRAM LAYOUT FOR THE SOUND ON SOUND FESTIVAL AT SEASIDE PARK FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023.**

**** COMMISSIONER COTTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Anthony Paoletto, City of Bridgeport, Office of the Mayor, requesting to put up a library box at Old Mill Green Park.

Commissioner Labrador asked Mr. Paoletto to give an overview of the project. Mr. Paoletto said that these were library boxes placed at different locations in the City where residents could come and leave books or take one. McLevy Green has one of these small “Little Library” boxes. They would like to partner with Colors of the World and place one at Old Mill Green. Current the organization takes books that the schools are getting rid of and place them in the boxes for residents. McLevy Green is the only box on City property.

Commissioner Labrador asked what would happen if someone put inappropriate material in the box. Mr. Paoletto said that the volunteers have removed inappropriate material in the past.

Commissioner Cotto asked who would be maintaining the boxes. Mr. Paoletto said that Colors of the World would be responsible.

Commissioner Hosier asked how many times a month the volunteers visit the boxes. Mr. Paoletto said they try to go out once a week but will visit the boxes twice a month.

Discussion followed about the placement details. Mr. Paoletto said that they had considered putting it near where the annual tree lighting is held. Commissioner Labrador asked who would be responsible if someone was hit by a car while going to get a book.

Mr. Nadrizny said that it was about location. He suggested that the box be placed on one of the side roads rather than Boston Avenue. He suggested that the area by the Marin School splash pad and the parking lot might be a safe location.

**** COMMISSIONER COTTO MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICATION 2. ANTHONY PAOLETTO, CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, REQUESTING TO PUT UP A LIBRARY BOX BY THE SPLASH PAD AT LUIS MARIN SCHOOL RATHER THAN OLD MILL GREEN PARK.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Phil Blagys, 2470 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Fireworks display for Harborfest 2023 at Seaside Park (by the western field overlooking the harbor) on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a set-up time at 12:00 p.m. and a clean-up at 9:00 p.m. for approximately 50 people or less.

Mr. Blagys, the chair of the Black Rock History Committee greeted the Commission and gave a brief overview of the Black Rock Community Council. The Council is involved with the preservation of the lighthouse. He said that this year was the 200th anniversary of the Lighthouse and this would be part of the celebration of that anniversary. He said that they had a firework display in 2019 and the Fire Department will need to be on site. The only people who will be on site will be the Fireworks Display staff, the Fire Department and the Police Department.

A lengthy discussion followed about the June 2019 permission letter. Commissioner Labrador said that the Parks Board had never approved that display. It was determined that Mr. John Ricci had signed the letter of permission for that display.

Commissioner Labrador asked Mr. Burgos about how much usage that area of the park has during September. Mr. Blagys said that the Firework company only needs a small area of the park blocked off. The discussion followed about the safety during set up and display. Mr. Nadrizny said that the Fire Department and Police would have to approve the display. He added that the set up would be in the overflow parking lot that isn't used very much and Mr. Nadrizny felt that it would be fine. It is quite a distance from the street.

Commissioner Labrador said that they were approving the date and location. The Fire Department and Police will determine exactly where the display launching site should be. Mr. Nadrizny said that the Police will be on site and will lock the gates afterward. Mr. Blagys said that all the viewers would be watching from across the Harbor.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICATION 3. PHIL BLAGYS, 2470 FAIRFIELD AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR HARBORFEST 2023 AT SEASIDE PARK (BY THE WESTERN FIELD OVERLOOKING THE HARBOR) ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. WITH A SET-UP TIME AT 12:00 P.M. AND A CLEAN-UP AT 9:00 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE OR LESS.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. James F. Wiltsie, Fairfield Police Department, Fairfield, CT, requesting to host the Vicki Soto 5k Run on Saturday, November 4 , 2023 beginning from the Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater to Seaside Park and back to the Amphitheater from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for approximately 3,500 people. (Same route as last year.)

Sgt. Wiltsie greeted the Commission and said last year's event was a success and they would like to do it again. Mr. Burgos confirmed that the event had run smoothly with no problems. Sgt. Wiltsie said Mr. Saffan had opened the Amphitheater for the event and the participants enjoyed the event.

**** COMMISSIONER COTTO MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICATION 4. JAMES F. WILTSIE, FAIRFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT, FAIRFIELD, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE VICKI SOTO 5K RUN ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 , 2023 BEGINNING FROM THE HARTFORD HEALTHCARE AMPHITHEATER TO SEASIDE PARK AND BACK TO THE AMPHITHEATER FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 3,500 PEOPLE. (SAME ROUTE AS LAST YEAR.)**

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Charles Dowd, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT, requesting to discuss the installation of permanent power to the scoreboard at Veteran's Park and the installation of pitch clocks.

Mr. Dowd greeted the Commissioners and said that Mr. Zillow, a colleague, was present also. He said that the varsity and club games are played at Veteran's Park. An electronic scoreboard with a generator was installed a few years ago. Using the generator works, but is not ideal. There are issues when games go into overtime and the generator has to be refueled. There are also new rules for NCAA college baseball. They are now requirements for pitch clocks beginning in January 2024. The University is requesting permission to install permanent power and to install pitch clocks on the field. The two clocks allow the umpires to be able to see the clocks. The plan is to trench around the field.

Commissioner Labrador asked if it would impact the school area at all. Mr. Dowd said that they would not impact the school. Mr. Nadrizny said that he had been working with them and all the costs would be covered by the University. Mr. Dowd repeated that the power line would be placed on park land and not near the school.

**** COMMISSIONER COTTO MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICATION 5. CHARLES DOWD, SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY, FAIRFIELD, CT, REQUESTING TO DISCUSS THE INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT POWER TO THE SCOREBOARD AT VETERAN'S PARK AND THE INSTALLATION OF PITCH CLOCKS.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Casey Muminovic, Ridgefield Running Company, LLC, Ridgefield, CT, requesting to host The Bridgeport Mile Run/Walk at Seaside Park on Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with a set-up at 5:30 p.m. and a clean-up at 8:30 p.m. for approximately 200 people.

Ms. Muminovic greeted the Commissioners and said that they had applied last year, but had too short of a time frame to make the event happen. They want to have a one mile race at Seaside and highlight Bridgeport and the schools. Over 200 pairs of shoes have been donated to the Bridgeport Schools.

Commissioner Labrador said that they need to know where the route would be. She said that she had sent a map to Ms. Urena. Ms. Urena displayed the route on the screen. Commissioner Labrador requested that Ms. Muminovic come back two months before the event to finalize the details.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICATION 6. CASEY MUMINOVIC, RIDGEFIELD RUNNING COMPANY, LLC, RIDGEFIELD, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE BRIDGEPORT MILE RUN/WALK AT SEASIDE PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024 FROM 6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M. WITH A SET-UP AT 5:30 P.M. AND A CLEAN-UP AT 8:30 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 200 PEOPLE.
** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Donald Wilson, Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse, 56 Fairview Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host the Sports for Peace Day 2024 & Middle School Sports League for approximately 2,000 people for the following dates:

- 6/1/2024 – McLevy Green – National Gun Violence Awareness Teen Summit on the Greens, 1:00 p.m.
- 6/2/2024 – McLevy Green – Youth Gospel Concert and Outreach, 12:00 p.m.
- 6/3/2024 – McLevy Green – Paint for Peace Kick-Off Event, 4:00 p.m.
- 6/8/2024 – Seaside Park Band Shell & Fields – Sports for Peace Day Sports and Music Festival, 8:00 a.m.
- 6/9/2024 – Seaside Park Band Shell & Fields – Sports Tournament, 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Wilson was not present on the call.

**** COMMISSIONER COTTO MOVED TO TABLE APPLICATION 7. DONALD WILSON, BRIDGEPORT YOUTH LACROSSE, 56 FAIRVIEW AVENUE,**

BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE SPORTS FOR PEACE DAY 2024 & MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS LEAGUE FOR APPROXIMATELY 2,000 PEOPLE FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- **6/1/2024 – MCLEVY GREEN – NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS TEEN SUMMIT ON THE GREENS, 1:00 P.M.**
- **6/2/2024 – MCLEVY GREEN – YOUTH GOSPEL CONCERT AND OUTREACH, 12:00 P.M.**
- **6/3/2024 – MCLEVY GREEN – PAINT FOR PEACE KICK-OFF EVENT, 4:00 P.M.**
- **6/8/2024 – SEASIDE PARK BAND SHELL & FIELDS – SPORTS FOR PEACE DAY SPORTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL, 8:00 A.M.**
- **6/9/2024 – SEASIDE PARK BAND SHELL & FIELDS – SPORTS TOURNAMENT, 8:00 A.M.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. Ajit Piuthiyavettle, 78 Kingsbury Drive, Trumbull, requesting to host a Walkathon Fundraiser event for Veterans at Beardsley Park on Thursday, September 14, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a set-up at 9:30 p.m. and clean-up at 5:30 p.m. for approximately 50 people or less.

Mr. Piuthiyavettle greeted the Commissioners and explained that he works for Amazon and lives in Trumbull. Part of the leadership program is encouraging the employees to help the community. In 2022 they focused on homelessness, and this year they would like to focus on the veterans. The goal is to bring awareness and raise funds for the Department of Veterans Affairs. They will be walking on paths for 5K. They will start at Quarry Road in Trumbull, which is public roads and heads south to the Park. A discussion followed about where the walk would start.

Commissioner Labrador expressed concerns about the fact that there were portions of the walk that would be done outside of the Park. It was agreed that Mr. Piuthiyavettle would work with Mr. Nadrizny and Mr. Burgos regarding the route, which will only be within the Park boundaries.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICATION 8. AJIT PIUTHIYAVETTLE, 78 KINGSBURY DRIVE, TRUMBULL, REQUESTING TO HOST A WALKATHON FUNDRAISER EVENT FOR VETERANS WITHIN BEARDSLEY PARK ONLY ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. WITH A SET-UP AT 9:30 P.M. AND CLEAN-UP AT 5:30 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE OR LESS.**

**** COMMISSIONER COTTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Commissioner Hosier asked if the participation was limited to Amazon employees only. Mr. Piuthiyavettle said that it was. Commissioner Hosier asked if others could participate in the future. Mr. Piuthiyavettle said that he would look into it.

9. Antanisha Brantley, 175 Rumford Street, Waterbury, CT, requesting to host a Community Empowerment Bookbag Drive with a DJ on Sunday, August 20, 2023 at Baldwin Plaza from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a set-up at 10:00 a.m. and clean-up 4:30 p.m. for approximately 150 people.

Ms. Brantley greeted the Commissioners and explained that they hold their annual Bookbag Drive. She explained they had requested Baldwin Park because McLevy Green was not available.

Commissioner Labrador commented that Baldwin Park was in a residential area, so the music needs to be monitored. There is very little parking available at that time. Ms. Brantley said that she would prefer to have it at McLevy Green. Ms. Urena said that there was a temporary hold on McLevy Green that day.

There was a concern about the fact that there is an underground garage at Baldwin Plaza. Mr. Nadrizny said that there were no issues. They have the movie nights there. Ms. Brantley said that there will be games and speakers. The Fire Department will be present with one of their trucks.

**** COMMISSIONER COTTO MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICATION 9. ANTANESHA BRANTLEY, 175 RUMFORD STREET, WATERBURY, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT BOOKBAG DRIVE WITH A DJ ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023 AT BALDWIN PLAZA FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. WITH A SET-UP AT 10:00 A.M. AND CLEAN-UP 4:30 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE.**

**** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. Dr. Monette Ferguson, Alliance for Community Empowerment, Inc. 1070 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host an Alliance Staff & Family Wellness picnic with a DJ and catering on Saturday, September 2, 2023 at Beardsley Park from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a set-up at 8:00 a.m. and clean-up at 2:30 p.m. for approximately 300 people in attendance.

Dr. Ferguson greeted the Commissioners. She said that The Alliance was formerly known as ABCDE, and they would be having their first picnic in three years. They need to encourage the staff. They serve 8 towns.

Commissioner Labrador said that the picnic would work well over by the splash pads and the rest rooms. The music needs to remain clean and at a reasonable level. Dr. Ferguson said that all the food would be free. Commissioner Labrador said that they would have to provide a generator for the music and prevent anyone from touching it during use.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICATION 10. DR. MONETTE FERGUSON, ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT, INC. 1070 PARK AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST AN ALLIANCE STAFF & FAMILY WELLNESS PICNIC WITH A DJ AND CATERING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 AT BEARDSLEY PARK BY THE SPLASH PAD FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. WITH A SET-UP AT 8:00 A.M. AND CLEAN-UP AT 2:30 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 300 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.**

**** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. Brandon Woods, Rho Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., P.O. Box 1446, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a BBQ at Seaside Park – Left of the Arches on Saturday, September 16, 2023 with a DJ from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and set-up at time at 10:00 a.m. and clean-up at 8:00 p.m. for approximately 100 people.

Mr. Woods said that they had hosted a BBQ at Seaside park and the event went very well. They are looking to host another one to celebrate their 70th anniversary. He gave a brief overview of the history of the Chapter. Last year, they had the event closer to the beach, but this year, they would like to have it closer to the arches.

Commissioner Labrador said that there were residences nearby, so the music should be pointed towards the water and remain clean. He reminded Mr. Woods that the Park closes at 8 but the gates at the arches close at 7:30. Mr. Woods said that they could change the ending time to 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Cotto said that there were no alcoholic beverages allowed in the park. Mr. Woods said that they were aware of this. Mr. Burgos said there were no issues with this event.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICATION 11. BRANDON WOODS, RHO UPSILON CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC., P.O. BOX 1446, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A BBQ AT SEASIDE PARK – LEFT OF THE ARCHES ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 WITH A DJ FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. AND SET-UP AT TIME AT 10:00 A.M. AND CLEAN-UP AT 7:00 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. Anthony Marshall, Peace in the Streets, 256 Carroll Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Concert at McLevy Green on Sunday, September 3, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a set-up at 12:00 p.m. and clean-up at 7:30 p.m. for approximately 500 people.

Mr. Marshall was not on the call.

**** COMMISSIONER COTTO MOVED TO TABLE APPLICATION 12. ANTHONY MARSHALL, PEACE IN THE STREETS, 256 CARROLL AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A CONCERT AT MCLEVY GREEN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M. WITH A SET-UP AT 12:00 P.M. AND CLEAN-UP AT 7:30 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 500 PEOPLE.
** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13. Richard Taylor, 112 Westfield Avenue, Ansonia, CT, requesting to host a BBQ / Birthday Party at Seaside Park – near Section 6/7 (pink playground) with a DJ on Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a set-up at 8:00 a.m. and clean-up at 6:30 p.m. for approximately 50 people or less.

Mr. Taylor said that he was simply looking for a birthday party for family members. Commissioner Labrador said that there were three events in the park on August 19th.

Commissioner Labrador asked Mr. Marshall if he was aware they would have to pay to get into the park. Mr. Taylor said that he was. He said that he would be cooking the food. Commissioner Labrador said that the music would need to be clean and moderately loud.

**** COMMISSIONER WADE MOVED TO APPROVE APPLICATION 13. RICHARD TAYLOR, 112 WESTFIELD AVENUE, ANSONIA, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A BBQ / BIRTHDAY PARTY AT SEASIDE PARK – NEAR SECTION 6/7 (PINK PLAYGROUND) WITH A DJ ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. WITH A SET-UP AT 8:00 A.M. AND CLEAN-UP AT 6:30 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE OR LESS.
** COMMISSIONER COTTO SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. Peter Spain, 280 Grovers Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to turn off the 113 blue-pole lights at St. Mary’s by the Sea during the bird-mitigation season from August 15th – November 15th.

Mr. Spain greeted the Commissioners and thanked everyone for their hard work. He said that there were 113 very bright white lights installed in St. Mary’s by the Sea with no communal

input. He suggested that they turn off the lights during the mitigation season for an hour after dusk.

Mr. Nadrizny said that the lights were on photo sensors and would need to be rewired in order to turn them off. That would also require staff to manually turn them off. The lights were brighter when they were installed and since then shields have been installed. He said that they would have to do more research.

Mr. Spain asked if there was a way to use a timer where the power comes into the lights. Mr. Nadrizny said that they needed to do more research. The City electrician said that it would be very expensive to install timers since the lights were on photo sensitive timers. He added that he would like to speak with Chief Porter about safety issues.

Mr. Spain said that there was information in his letter that refutes the safety concerns. He pointed out that they were lighting a closed park from dusk to dawn and they could save some money on electricity. Commissioner Cotto said that there were no gates at St. Mary's by the Sea.

Commissioner Wade asked who would be responsible for the cost of rewiring the lights.

Mr. Spain said that there was regular street lighting all the way up to the last five houses along that stretch. The lamps are in the park. He said that the street has a 15 mile an hour speed limit, the street is actually in the park. Commissioner Hosier said that it was a City street. Mr. Spain said that he would forward a letter from the City Engineer about this to Commissioner Hosier. He added that the parking was by permit only which comes from the City.

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY MOVED TO TABLE APPLICATION 14. PETER SPAIN, 280 GROVERS AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO TURN OFF THE 113 BLUE-POLE LIGHTS AT ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA DURING THE BIRD-MITIGATION SEASON FROM AUGUST 15TH – NOVEMBER 15TH.**

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Commissioner Labrador said that there was an item to add to the agenda regarding 2390 Easton Turnpike, which is located on the Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course. Commission Hosier said that he had just received a copy of the lease agreement. He was concerned that he hadn't had a chance to review it completely and would like to table the item.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM REGARDING 2390 EASTON TURNPIKE, WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE FAIRCHILD WHEELER GOLF COURSE TO THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IN ORDER TO HAVE THE CITY ATTORNEY PRESENT FOR THE DISCUSSION.**

**** COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

Mr. Nadrizny explained that the matter had been brought to the Parks Board's attention and the City Attorneys were working on the lease.

Commissioner Hosier said that he made his motion too quickly because they need to add the item to the agenda before deferring it to the next meeting.

Commissioner Labrador explained that the Commissioners had previously approved the development of the lease and the attorney was bringing the item back to the Commission for review.

Commissioner Wade stated that the attorney had not submitted the paperwork to the Commissioners on time.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER WITHDREW HIS MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEM REGARDING 2390 EASTON TURNPIKE, WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE FAIRCHILD WHEELER GOLF COURSE TO THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IN ORDER TO HAVE THE CITY ATTORNEY PRESENT FOR THE DISCUSSION.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REGARDING THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR 2390 EASTON TURNPIKE, WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE FAIRCHILD WHEELER GOLF COURSE.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Commissioner Labrador said that the City attorney had submitted the information they had asked him to research.

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM REGARDING 2390 EASTON TURNPIKE, WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE FAIRCHILD WHEELER GOLF COURSE TO THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IN ORDER TO HAVE THE CITY ATTORNEY PRESENT FOR THE DISCUSSION.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Commissioner Labrador apologized to the City attorney for his oversight on this matter.

Ms. Urena said that Mr. Wilson was present on the call. The Commissioners discussed it and decided that they would hold the item as tabled until next month. Mr. Wilson apologized to the Board.

Ms. Urena said that Atty. Skyers was now on the call. The Commissioners discussed it and decided that they would hold the item as tabled until next month.

REPORTS

Director's Report – Craig A. Nadrizny, Director of Public Facilities

A staff member presented the Director's Report which was displayed on the screen.

Ms. Conine said that the summer camp has one more week to go. There was a recent camp trip to the Port Jeff Ferry. She said that the Mayor's Annual BBQ for the seniors will resume on August 30th. The rain date is September 1st. The various updates were also displayed on screen.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Labrador said that he would like to meet with the Park staff about some concerns about the ball fields. He thanked the crews that were maintaining the fields and the other staff who were doing check points, life guarding and other outside tasks.

Commissioner Wade said that she would not be present next month.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COMMISSION COTTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes

Telesco Secretarial Services.