

AGENDA
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 9, 2024 – 5:30 PM

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ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: MARCH 12, 2024 (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. Latoya Johnson, Left Hearts, Inc., 3 Edwin Street 2nd floor, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host the annual Rest in Peace Games on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at **Newfield Park** from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a set-up at 10:00 a.m. and clean-up at 7:00 p.m. for approximately 100 people.
2. Phil Blagys, Black Rock Community Council, 258 Balmforth Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host the Black Rock Fireworks display on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at **Seaside Park – West End Field** from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a set-up at noon and clean-up at 8:00 p.m. for approximately 50 people or less.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ernest Brown, Team Focus Enterprise Entertainment, 77 Huntington Turnpike, Bridgeport, CT, seeking reapproval to host Downtown Thursdays at **McLevy Green** with the **revised** dates of July 25, 2024 through August 15, 2024 and **adding Seaside Park Band Shell** for the final event on Thursday, August 22, 2024. Both events start at 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a set-up time of 3:00 p.m. and clean-up time beginning at 8:00 p.m. Food trucks and vendors for approximately 100 people. *(Note: Previous request to host Downtown Thursdays at McLevy Green from 6/6/24 to 8/22/24 was unanimously approved on the 9/19/2023 Parks Board meeting.)*
2. Marcus Brown, Bridgeport Pride Center, 166 Elm Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host the annual 2024 Greater Bridgeport Pride Festival on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at **Wheeler Park** from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a set-up at noon and clean-up at 7:30 p.m. Food Trucks, vendors, art demonstrations and DJ for approximately 200 people.

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3. Aida Rivera, LoveLink Inc. 664 Bishop Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Latin Unity Community Outreach event on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at **Washington Park** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a set-up time at 9:00 a.m. and clean-up time at 4:00 p.m. for approximately 500 people.
4. Tawanna Newton-Barnhill, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, 725 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Back-to-School Backpack Distribution Community Outreach event on Saturday, August 10, 2024 at **Went Field Park Playground section** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a Food Truck and DJ for approximately 500 people.
5. Matt McGee, East End NRZ Market & Café, 1851 Stratford Avenue, requesting to host a Community Outreach event on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at **Newfield Park** from noon to 8:00 p.m. with a set-up time at 9:00 a.m. and clean-up at 8:00 p.m. with Food Trucks, vendors, and DJ for approximately 200 people.
6. Shereen Dixon, 427 Charles Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Beach Party & BBQ (with alcohol) on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at **Seaside Park West Beach (Far Back area)** from noon to 8:00 p.m. with set-up time at 8:00 a.m. and clean-up time at 7:00 p.m. DJ and tickets will be purchased online for approximately 200-250 people.
7. Rick Landau, Ash Creek Conservation Association, Bridgeport, CT, requests a discussion of damage to mudflats and vegetation at **St. Mary's by the Sea** barrier spit.
8. Beth Santa, Seaside Gateway Trail, Bridgeport, CT, requests discussion and approval of the Seaside Gateway Trail Irrigation System at **Seaside Park**.

REPORTS

1. Commissioner's Report
2. Director's Report – Luis Burgos, Director of Public Facilities

ADJOURNMENT